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## APO seeks public reaction to its draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan

*St. Cloud*– The Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization (APO), a regional transportation planning agency, is seeking the public’s reaction to its draft 2045 metropolitan transportation plan, MAPPING 2045.

The APO is responsible for updating the region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which documents existing transportation conditions and establishes a set of goals, objectives, and projects to improve how the transportation networks operate in the future. Projects included in the MTP become eligible for Federal transportation funding.

“We spent the last few years collecting data and listening to the public’s concerns about transportation. Now it’s time for the public to let us know if we heard them correctly, and if we are focusing resources on addressing the most important transportation issues,” said Brian Gibson, APO Executive Director.

The draft document is available for download from the APO’s website: <http://www.stcloudapo.org/2045-mtp.html>. A printed copy can be obtained by contacting the APO.

The public is invited to provide their reactions in a number of ways:

1. The APO has prepared an online survey to capture their reactions to the draft plan: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23Z5VJM>.
  - a. Surveys that are specific to individual jurisdictions are also available:
    - i. Saint Cloud- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RJRPJF5>
    - ii. Saint Joseph- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VG9QPQR>
    - iii. Waite Park- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6MLFGD>
    - iv. Sartell- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/79V67R7>
    - v. Sauk Rapids- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7C6MMM5>
    - vi. Stearns County- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7SLPFDM>
    - vii. Benton County- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NS5XDD>



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- viii. Sherburne County- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73Q52QK>
2. The APO has scheduled a series of public input events around the region to meet with residents and hear their thoughts. The events are designed so that people can stop by at their convenience and spend as little or as much time as they like providing their input. The schedule of events is listed below and can be found on the APO's website [www.stcloudapo.org](http://www.stcloudapo.org):
- Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019 - Lake Wobegon Trailhead (Corner of First Avenue NE and First Street E, St. Joseph), 4-6 p.m.
  - Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019 - Metro Bus Mobility Training Center (700 W St. Germain St, Saint Cloud), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - Monday, Aug. 26, 2019 - Metro Bus Downtown Transit Center (Corner of First Street and Fifth Avenue S, St. Cloud), 5-7 p.m.
  - Friday, Aug. 30, 2019 - Healthy Living Trailhead in River's Edge Park (Waite Park), 5-7 p.m.
  - Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019 - Open house at the APO Office (1040 County Road 4, St. Cloud), 3-7 p.m.
  - Friday, Sept. 13, 2019 - Lake George (St. Cloud), 4-6 p.m.
  - Monday, Sept.16, 2019 - St. Cloud City Hall (400 Second St. S, St. Cloud), 2:30-4:30 p.m.
  - Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019 - Waite Park Senior Center (19-13th Ave. N, Waite Park), 9 a.m. to noon.
  - Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 - Coborn's (1725 Pinecone Road S, Sartell), 4-6 p.m.
3. Residents can also provide their input by sending an email to Transportation Planner Alison Voigt (Henning) at [henning@stcloudapo.org](mailto:henning@stcloudapo.org).

Public comments received by Friday, September 13, 2019 will be documented and considered in the finalization process of the plan.

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### ***About the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization***

Founded in 1966, the Saint Cloud APO serves as a comprehensive, intergovernmental transportation planning agency for the Saint Cloud Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). Working in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), the APO is responsible for transportation planning in the entire urbanized area and is independent of individual cities and counties within the region.

APO membership is comprised of the following jurisdictions: Benton County, Sherburne County, Stearns County, City of St. Cloud, City of St. Joseph, City of Sartell, City of Sauk Rapids, City of Waite Park, and LeSauk Township. St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission – more commonly referred to as Saint Cloud Metro Bus – is also a member.



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The APO's MPA also spans the communities of Rockville, St. Augusta, St. Stephen, Brockway Township, Haven Township, Minden Township, St. Joseph Township, St. Wendel Township, Sauk Rapids Township, and Watab Township.

