

**Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 7, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization's (APO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Stearns County Public Works. Joseph Mueller, APO's Senior Planner, presided with the following members present:

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| Jodi Teich | Stearns County |
| Jon Halter | Sartell/SEH |
| Todd Schultz | Sauk Rapids |
| Matt Glaesman | Saint Cloud |
| Steve Foss | Saint Cloud |
| Kurt Franke | State Non-Motorized Transportation Committee |
| Kelvin Howieson | MnDOT Dist #3 |
| Steve Voss | MnDOT Dist #3 |
| Joseph Mueller | St. Cloud APO |

Additionally, the following people were also in attendance:

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| Doug Diedrichsen | Saint Cloud APO |
| Alex McKenzie | Saint Cloud APO |
| Dorothy Sweet | Saint Cloud APO |

CONSIDER MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2017

Mr. Glaesman motioned to approve the TAC meeting minutes of October 5, 2017, and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mr. Kurt Franke encouraged the TAC members to publicize and share the news that Saint Cloud won a Bronze Award for Bicycle Friendly Community in the Spring of 2017. Mr. Franke announced that he was recently appointed a member of the Minnesota State Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee from District #3, and will keep the TAC updated. Mr. Franke is also the Vice-Chair of the St. Cloud Transportation Infrastructure Advisory Board. A Bike Building Workshop is being planned and TAC and APO members may be receiving invitations. Mr. Franke wanted to raise our awareness about the many people who use the bike trails all year around. Much hard work goes into building, plotting and designing bike trails and sometimes in the winter they are not cleared off or taken care of.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SAINT JOSEPH CSAH 75 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING STUDY:

Mr. Mueller summarized the details of the recently completed Saint Joseph CSAH 75 Pedestrian Crossing Study by SRF. The Saint Joe City Council has approved and accepted the study findings. Ms. Teich stated she had sent her concerns about the study to Commissioner Perske. Some of the questions, comments and concerns raised by TAC members included impacts on the Wobegon Trail, snowmobilers, retaining walls, where people and pedestrian crashes have occurred, where major trips are generated, whether more sidewalks are needed, and how pedestrians will get to the site especially on the south side. Mr. Mueller said the study presented several options and the cost of

each option. Ms. Teich expressed concern about the timeline for this project to move forward since CSAH 75 is scheduled for resurfacing next year.

Ms. Teich motioned to approve and accept the findings of the Saint Joseph CSAH 75 Pedestrian Crossing Study, and Mr. S. Foss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGET SETTING:

Mr. Alex McKenzie, APO Planning Technician, summarized the requirements, goals, and options for the safety performance measure target setting. For 2018, MPO's are required to establish their **H**ighway **S**afety **I**mprovement **P**rogram (HSIP) targets by February 27, 2018. The five required performance measures, which are based on using a 5-year rolling average, are:

1. Number of fatalities
2. Rate of fatalities (Per 100 Million VMT)
3. Number of serious injuries
4. Rate of serious injuries (Per 100 Million VMT and
5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries

The APO has the option of supporting and using the MnDOT targets or creating our own targets. Three tables were presented to the TAC which displayed data used to forecast the proposed targets.

The proposed safety targets for the APO calendar year 2018:

- Traffic Fatalities – 7.8
- Fatality Rate – 0.598/100MVMT
- Serious Injuries – 13.9
- Serious Injury Rate – 1.070/100MVMT
- Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries – 7

MnDOT targets for 2018 are as follows:

- Traffic Fatalities – 375
- Fatality Rate – 0.62/100MVMT
- Serious Injuries – 1,935
- Serious Injury Rate – 3.19/100MVMT
- Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries – 348

The APO decided to set targets at what they are now and not choose higher targets. A new requirement with the TIP will require an explanation how we will meet any new targets that may be set. If we do not meet targets, there is no penalty at this time. The State/MnDOT set targets are more statewide and include roads that are more high speed. Mr. McKenzie described the projection process for five years. It was noted that serious injuries are going down which is due to newer cars on the road having more and better safety features than older cars. Several members spoke in favor of using the APO/local targets and felt it would make it easier when creating projects.

Ms. Teich motioned to use the APO's targets for 2018, and Mr. S. Voss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TIP SOLICITATION:

Mr. Doug Diedrichsen, APO's GIS/Multi-Modal staff, announced that TIP solicitation will be coming out soon. Copies of the TIP table will be included for your review. In a recent meeting with Bobbi Retzlaff and Steve Voss regarding the TIP, the APO learned that several items can be removed and reformatted, and the TIP will be reduced in length and easier to read and understand. Mr. Voss stated that some new targets will be coming out on December 11. He also stated that the District 3 ATP could be targeted approximately \$9.6 million for FY 2022 under MnDOT's ATP Managed Program, of which the APO would receive 20.53% or roughly \$1.97 million. Since MnDOT develops a 4-year STIP and the APO will be developing a 5-year TIP this cycle, the APO could use the 2022 targeted amounts for developing its 2023 program. The ATP Managed Program consists of the federal funds under the Surface Transportation Program Block Grant (STPBG) program that MnDOT provides to the ATPs for the programming of local projects.

As TAC members discussed TIP application deadlines and the fact that the new members of the APO staff had never done a TIP solicitation before, it was realized that the deadline needed to be pushed up considerably since City resolutions would be needed with the applications. Mr. Diedrichsen said he would do what he could to get the information out to the TAC members as soon as possible. (Mr. Diedrichsen was able to get the required information to the TAC members by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the TAC).

Mr. Voss said at the January 11 ATP meeting the new funding guidelines will be announced. The Jan 11 ATP meeting will be held in Saint Cloud. January 12 is the deadline for the Letter of Intent for Transportation Project applications. Mr. Mueller said that at this time Sartell is the only one to submit a Letter of Intent. Ms. Teich suggested that we may want to notify the jurisdictions not present at the meeting that a resolution is required if they submit any projects. Mr. Voss agreed to send Mr. Diedrichsen the information that Jon Mason has sent out regarding TIP solicitation.

OTHER BUSINESS/OPEN FLOOR:

Mr. Voss requested that the 33rd Street amendment to the TAP project should be added to the agenda, and Mr. Mueller responded that this was already on the agenda.

The TAC members discussed recent reports that in 2018 the Metro area will be receiving a greater share of corridor funding and that the remainder of Minnesota will receive much less. Several members expressed their concern, and it was suggested that the APO cities and counties and the APO may want to submit comments about their opposition to the new distribution method. The comments are due December 21 for anyone planning to submit comments. Mr. Mueller stated that he will bring this matter to the attention of the Executive Director.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.