

Area Transportation Partnership 7 (ATP 7)

Minutes of September 9, 2016 Meeting – MnDOT, Mankato

Members Present:

Mark Anderson, Lisa Bigham, Chad Fowlds, Terry Genelin, David Henkels, Steve Koehler, Jack Kolars, JinYeene Neumann, Greg Ous, Gordy Regenscheid, Fred Salisbury, and Matt Widboom

Members Absent: Bob Apitz, Chris Frederick, Jeff Johnson, and Darrell Pettis

Others Present: Ronda Allis, Rebecca Arndt, Chris Cavett, Annette Fiedler, Stefan Gantert (Blue Earth County), Seth Greenwood, Jake Huebsch, Jan Klassen, Sam Parker, Josh Pearson, Bobbi Retzlaff, Dan Sarff, and Debra Yates

Steve Koehler welcomed everyone.

According to the ATP Operating Procedures, “Each year the ATP-7 shall select a chair and vice-chair from their membership at the first meeting after September 1.” Steve Koehler is currently serving as the Chair and Jack Kolars as Vice-Chair. Both were willing to continue serving in that capacity for another year. Greg Ous asked members if anyone else was interested in serving as chair or vice-chair. Hearing no other interest, Greg thanked Steve and Jack for their willingness to serve and reconfirmed their appointments for another term.

The minutes of June 24, 2016 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Ronda Allis distributed an updated “ATP meeting schedule and timeline for ATIP development”. Seth Greenwood noted that the document still referenced for the former TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) from MAP-21, and not the new TA (Transportation Alternatives) as defined under the FAST Act. Ronda will make this change and distribute an updated version at the October ATP meeting.

At the June 24, 2016 ATP meeting, members reviewed the ATP Operating Procedures and made some modifications. Ronda distributed a copy of the proposed changes to ATP members and asked for their input. A final copy, including the proposed changes, will be distributed at the October ATP meeting.

STIP status

MnDOT STIP/CHIP Development Timeline - ATP members were provided a copy of a document that was created by Central Office and recently distributed at the Minnesota MPO Summer Conference. Lisa Bigham explained that this document provides an overview of the STIP development process and how the CHIP and ATIP fit into that process.

STIP Amendments - Deb Yates reviewed a STIP amendment and an Administrative Modification with ATP members. Deb also noted that there may be another STIP amendment (at the October meeting) related to the west gap project on Highway 60.

Review 2021 solicitation process

Ronda Allis discussed the upcoming FY 21 solicitation schedule. ATP subcommittees are in the process of updating their respective forms in preparation for the solicitation. The TA (Transportation Alternatives) LOI (Letter of Intent) is scheduled to open on September 30, 2016 and close on October 31, 2016. The STP-Small Urban, STP-Rural, and full TA is expected to be open for applications in December

2016.

STP-Small Urban

Steve Koehler noted that the STP-Small Urban subcommittee met on August 19th. There are three forms that STP-Small Urban applicants must complete. The subcommittee has reviewed one of the forms and will meet one more time to review the remaining two forms. A complete update of proposed changes will be presented to the ATP in October.

Lisa Bigham noted that because of the higher dollar amount in this category (due to Transit being paid centrally) there is more at stake and more opportunities to partner with cities and maximize the federal funds.

STP-Rural

Gordy Regenscheid will be meeting with the County Engineers on September 21, 2016 to review the three forms for the STP-Rural application process. They will also be prepared to share their proposed changes at the October 14, 2016 ATP meeting.

TA

The TA subcommittee met at the St. James truck station on August 25, 2016. JinYeene Neumann informed ATP members that the subcommittee reviewed all forms related to the FY 21 TA solicitation process. The majority of the forms are produced by Central Office, but TA subcommittee members had some minor suggested changes. The subcommittee focused on Sections 5 – 8 of the full TA application, which are criteria that are specific to ATP-7. JinYeene reviewed the proposed changes with ATP members. The proposed changes will be incorporated into the final application.

Transit

On March 17, 2016 TPIC approved a change in the way that transit buses are funded. In the past, ATPs would designate a portion of their STP-Small Urban funds to transit. To create statewide equity, bus replacement funds have been made available to the Office of Transit to fund all transit system bus replacements throughout the state. Funding has been identified through 2021. Jan is anticipating that the transit services in ATP-7 will likely see a slight increase in the total number of buses operating (4 or 5 additional buses).

Jan shared that the counties of Le Sueur, Nicollet, and Blue Earth are working with VINE Faith in Action to operate a new transit system in the three counties. Also, the cities of Le Sueur and St. Peter will be merging into one system.

Presentations

Draft Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan – presented by Bobbi Retzlaff

Draft 20-year State Highway Investment Plan – presented by Josh Pearson

Draft Greater Minnesota Transit Investment Plan – presented by Noel Shughart

Comments on all three draft plans are due by October 14, 2016. More information can be found at www.minnesotago.org.

Regional transportation updates

- RDC – Annette Fiedler, SWDC, will be working on 6 SRTS planning projects in her region as well as 1 or 2 Active Living plans. The RDOs will also begin working on the Local Human Services Transit Coordination Plan updates in the near future.

Sam Parker, Region Nine Development Commission, said they have 3 SRTS planning projects in their region. They will also be assisting the Office of Transit by updating the Local Human Services Transit Coordination Plan.

- MAPO – Jake Huebsch, Transportation Planner, distributed informational sheets on the Riverfront Drive and Belgrade Avenue corridor studies that are currently underway.

Other business

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 14, 2016.