

Area Transportation Partnership 7 (ATP 7)

Minutes of November 13, 2015 Meeting – MnDOT, Mankato

Members Present:

Mark Anderson, Lisa Bigham, Terry Genelín, David Henkels, Steve Koehler, Jack Kolars, JinYeene Neumann, Greg Ous, Darrell Pettis, Gordy Regenscheid, Fred Salisbury, and Matt Widboom

Members Absent: Bob Apitz, Chad Fowlds, Chris Frederick, and Jeff Johnson

Others Present: Ronda Allis, Rebecca Arndt, Erik Baxstrom, Sara Dunlap, Annette Fiedler, Seth Greenwood, Jake Huebsch, Byron Jost, Jan Klassen, Jake Reuter, Dan Sarff, Mengjie Song, Paul Vogel, and Debra Yates

Steve Koehler welcomed everyone.

The minutes of September 25, 2015 were reviewed and approved as presented.

ATP Operating Procedures were distributed to members. The updated procedures included all changes that were suggested by members at the September 25th ATP meeting.

2016-2019 STIP status

Lisa Bigham distributed the 2016-2019 STIP to ATP members. It was approved by FHWA and FTA on October 28, 2015.

STIP Amendments/Admin Modifications – Deb Yates

Deb Yates reviewed the list of STIP amendments and Administrative Modifications that have been processed since ATP-7 met in September.

2017-2020 STIP funding guidance

Lisa noted that the STIP funding guidance for 2017-2020 has been approved by TPIC and should be available to the Districts in early December 2015. She does not anticipate any changes to the ATP managed funds. Once the guidance is available it will be posted on the ATP website so members can review.

FY 20 solicitation schedule

Ronda Allis reviewed the FY 20 solicitation flowchart with ATP members. The FY 20 solicitation process officially kicked off on October 1 when the TAP LOI (Letter of Interest) opened. The full solicitation (STP-Small Urban, STP-Rural, TAP, and Transit) is scheduled to open on November 16, 2015 and the application deadline is January 8, 2016. ATP subcommittees will review their respective applications in January/February 2016 and will submit their recommendations to the ATP for inclusion in the Draft ATP, which is due to Central Office in April 2016.

MnSHIP/SMTP outreach presentation – Jake Rueter and Erik Baxstrom

Jake Reuter presented information to ATP-7 members on the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMTP) update that is currently underway. The SMTP is updated every four years and sets the transportation policy

framework for the state. The final plan is due to the legislature in January 2017. Erik Baxstrom presented similar information on the MnSHIP (Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan) update that is concurrently underway. While SMTP sets the policy framework, MnSHIP determines the actual investment approach. Like the SMTP final plan, the final MnSHIP plan is due to the legislature in January 2017.

Please see www.dot.state.mn.us/minnesotago/SMTP

Greater Minnesota Transit Investment Plan presentation – Sara Dunlap

Sara Dunlap discussed the Greater MN Transit Investment Plan that is currently being updated. The plan will set a 20-year strategic vision for transit investment. A draft plan should be available during the summer of 2016.

Please see www.dot.state.mn.us/transitinvestment

Transit Restructuring Plan – Blue Earth, Le Sueur, and Nicollet counties – Sara Dunlap

Sara Dunlap also updated ATP members on the current transit restructuring effort underway in Blue Earth, Le Sueur, and Nicollet counties. This transit study is examining the potential for a new, multi-county public transit system in the three county area.

US 169 Mobility Study – Lisa Bigham

Lisa Bigham distributed a one-pager on the Highway 169 Mobility Study. The Study has two major tasks. Task 1 will identify and evaluate cost-effective options for improving transit and reducing congestion on Highway 169 between Highway 41 in Shakopee and Highway 55 in Golden Valley. Task 2 will study the potential for expanded intercity bus service along the Highway 169 corridor between Mankato and the Twin Cities.

Other ATP business

TAP Subcommittee recommendation – Watline Trail – Darrell Pettis

Prior to the ATP meeting, the TAP subcommittee met to review a request from Watonwan County regarding the Watline Trail project. Watonwan County currently has two projects receiving TAP funds:

083-090-005	Watline trail from St. James to Long Lake	\$400,000
083-090-006	Watline trail from Long Lake to Ormsby	\$400,000

Watonwan County currently let 083-090-005 and the bid amount was considerably higher than the Engineer's Estimate. The county would like to use \$324,735 from the 083-090-006 project to cover the higher than estimated cost on 083-090-005.

The TAP subcommittee made the following recommendation to the full ATP:

Watonwan County could use \$325,735 from 083-090-006 to cover 083-090-005. This would leave approximately \$75,000 remaining for 083-090-006. These remaining funds would be applied to an existing project in the city of Mankato (137-117-001), since this project includes TAP related elements (sidewalks). Watonwan County would need to reapply for TAP funds for the trail segment from Long Lake to Ormsby.

ATP members agreed with this recommendation.

TED and HSIP applications – Lisa Bigham

There was recently a solicitation for TED (Transportation and Economic Development) projects as well as HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) projects. Lisa Bigham shared that there were three

applications from communities in District 7 for TED and three applications for HSIP projects:

TED	HSIP
Blue Earth County – CSAH 12/TH 83 intersection	Brown County – TH 4/CSAH 29 – roundabout
City of Wells – TH 22 turn lane provisions to industrial park	Blue Earth County – TH 22/CSAH 90 roundabout
City of Mankato – Adams Street extension	TH 19 at CSAH 3/CSAH 89 (east of New Prague) – turn lanes

Selected projects should be announced in January 2016.

Other items

Dan Sarff, North Mankato City Engineer, noted that the Lookout Drive project opened in early November 2015. The city is very pleased with the project, which was funded with multiple funding sources (STP-Small Urban, TAP, HSIP, etc). Dan thanked the ATP for the great work they do selecting projects in the District.

Next proposed meeting date

Friday, January 8, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. – legislative forum