

# Area Transportation Partnership 7 (ATP 7)

Minutes of July 17, 2015 Meeting – MnDOT, Mankato

## **Members Present:**

Mark Anderson, Lisa Bigham, Chad Fowlds, David Henkels, Steve Koehler, Jack Kolars, Greg Ous, Darrell Pettis, Gordy Regenscheid, Fred Salisbury, and Steve Schnieder

**Members Absent:** Bob Apitz, Chris Frederick, Terry Genelin, Jeff Johnson, and Matt Widboom

**Others Present:** Ronda Allis, Annette Fiedler, Seth Greenwood, Paul Vogel, Dave Wentzel, and Debra Yates

Steve Koehler welcomed everyone.

The minutes of March 13, 2015 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Steve Koehler noted that there will be a new County Engineer representative on ATP-7. Steve Schnieder has completed his fourth year as the County Engineer representative and this will be his last meeting. JinYeene Neumann, Cottonwood County Engineer will be replacing Steve Schnieder. Koehler thanked Mr. Schnieder for all of his contributions to ATP-7 over the years.

## **Legislative update (federal and state) – Greg Ous**

Greg Ous provided a transportation overview on the federal and state level. On the federal side he noted that MAP-21 has been extended to December 18, 2015 under a continuing resolution; however, Congress needs to figure out how the transportation program will be funded. On the state side Greg Ous is optimistic that the transportation needs have been recognized by the Legislature; now they need to determine what they are going to do about it. Greg also shared information with ATP-7 members on the new Small Cities Assistance program that will provide \$12,500,000 in transportation funding to cities under 5,000 in population.

## **2015 STIP status**

### **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 March. The majority of the changes were prompted by projects coming in higher than the engineers estimate.

### **2015 Construction update (map) – Chad Fowlds**

Chad Fowlds provided an overview of the 2015 construction projects. Darrell Pettis discussed the TED (Transportation and Economic Development) project on US 169 by Cambria.

### **2015 local project update/map – Gordy Regenscheid**

Gordy Regenscheid reviewed the local projects for 2015.

## **2016 – 2019 Draft ATIP status/map – final review – Lisa Bigham**

At the March 13, 2015 ATP-7 meeting, members reviewed the draft 2016-2019 ATIP (Area Transportation

Improvement Plan). The draft ATIP was submitted to MnDOT Central Office for review/comment. Central Office did not make any changes to the District 7 draft ATIP. The final draft ATIP was submitted July 17, 2015 for Federal Highway (FHWA) review/approval.

Darrell Pettis wanted to know when the TH 112 turnback would be reflected in the STIP. Gordy Regenscheid will coordinate with the county.

#### **2016 – 2019 Local project map update**

##### **STP-Small Urban – Steve Koehler**

Steve Koehler provided an overview of the STP-Small Urban projects that are currently identified in the draft 2016-2019 ATIP. It was noted that MnDOT District 7 was able to maximize funding and provide additional dollars to the May Street project in the City of Mankato.

##### **STP-Rural – Steve Schnieder**

Steve Schnieder outlined the county projects that were in the draft ATIP. District 7 was able to provide additional funding to the two county projects in 2016 (Nobles County CSAH 13 and Faribault County CSAH 6 bridge).

##### **TAP – Darrell Pettis**

Darrell Pettis discussed the nine TAP projects that are in the 2016-2019 draft ATIP.

#### **Highway 14 Special Task Force update – Steve Koehler**

A special task force was created to analyze, discuss, and make a recommendation on future investments in the New Ulm Corridor (TH 14/TH 15 intersection and Minnesota River and Front Street bridges). Steve Koehler was a member of the Highway 14 Special Task Force and he shared information with ATP-7 members regarding the task force's recommendation:

- Improve truck turning at the Highway 14/15 intersection at Broadway
- Rebuild two-lane bridges over Front Street and the Minnesota River, and
- Build a new, grade-separated interchange at Highway 14/15/CR21

This recommendation has been submitted to Greg Ous, District Engineer, and Commissioner Charles Zelle and is being taken under advisement.

#### **2020 – Scoping “short list” – Lisa Bigham**

Lisa Bigham reviewed a map with ATP-7 members of projects that are being scoped for 2020. District 7 is currently scoping more projects than we have funding for so not all projects will move forward to inclusion in the 2017-2020 draft ATIP.

##### **2020 – 2025 10-year Capital Highway Investment Proposal (CHIP) – Ronda Allis**

Ronda Allis provided an overview of the current outreach effort as it relates to the 2020-2025 draft 10-year Capital Highway Investment Proposal (CHIP). She also reviewed a map that outlines the projects that are included in the draft CHIP.

#### **Review ATP Operating Procedures – Ronda Allis**

ATP-7 members reviewed the ATP Operating Procedures. Changes were identified. Ronda Allis will make the changes and provide members with updated Operating Procedures at the next ATP-7 meeting.

**Regional transportation updates****MAPO – Paul Vogel**

Paul Vogel noted that MAPO continues to work on their Long Range Transportation Plan and they hope to have a draft plan available by September 2015. MAPO is also preparing their 2016 UPWP (work program), which could possibly include a TH 22 corridor study.

**Southwest RDC – Annette Fiedler**

The Southwest Regional Development Commission is wrapping up their review of the statewide functional classification evaluation. They are also assisting MnDOT District 7 with pre-scoping activities for potential 2020 projects.

**Region Nine Development Commission – Dave Wentzel**

Dave Wentzel joined Region Nine Development Commission on July 6, 2015 and has spent his first few weeks getting to know his transportation planning partners. Region Nine is also finishing up their review of the statewide functional classification changes and will have them submitted to Central Office in August.

**Next proposed meeting date**

Friday, September 25, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.