

ATP Meeting

February 26, 2016

[Note: 11 handouts plus Nov. 20th minutes]

Welcome/Introductions - Jim Dahlvang

- Jim Dahlvang welcomed group.
- Lindsey discussed some housekeeping issues.
- Individuals conducted introductions.

Approval of Nov. 20th Minutes -Jim Dahlvang

- John Stahl moved for approval Todd Broadwell – seconded.
- Motion carried.

FY 2017-2019 MnDOT Projects Update/Changes – Susann Karnowski

- [handout]
- Susann reviewed changes to projects and reasons for changes.
 - Question from Renville County on Hwy 67 – micro mill – MnDOT Materials to check on this.
 - Question on bridge on US 75 project
 - Susann to follow up
 - Question – asked for explanation of the ADA funds.
 - They are from trunk highway funds.

Draft FY 2020 ATIP Recommendations

- MnDOT Projects – Susann Karnowski
 - [handout-yellow]
 - Susann reviewed projects.
- Local Road & Bridge Projects – Todd Broadwell
 - [handout] – 2020 Local ATP-8 STIP Submittals
 - Todd reviewed
 - 2020 projects are gold in color
 - Randy Groves gave overview of Murray County projects
 - Willy Rabenberg gave overview of Redwood County projects – looking at making CSAH 20 a 10 ton road
 - Andy Sander provided overview of Yellow Medicine County project
 - Above 3 projects are the recommended projects; there are an additional two projects in Kandiyohi & Meeker County that may have funds available; over targeted by \$670,288
 - Map in Murray County should be only resurfacing – not any grading; *this change is reflected in the latest map*
- Transit Bus Replacements – Bev Herfindahl
 - Grey'd out replacements were not approved on transit replacement handout
 - Breakdown of transit funding by district (handout)
 - Question/clarification – non replacements were due to what?

- Lack of funds; \$400,000 per year is the soft target for Transit based on a needs analysis in 2009.
 - Glenn Olson – is there a request for one time funds other than bus replacements funds that would cover these additional bus requests?
 - Bev: when not funded through federal ATP process – take to C.O. Transit and they do get a portion of federal funds there also – may also be some state dollars – depends on what is on the state transit list as an unmet need.
 - Annette Fiedler – the Office of Transit is currently putting together a proposal for transit funding. Other comments: need to look at the amount portion allocated for bus replacements – change percentages, etc.
 - Questions/comments on what other districts are spending on bus replacements.
- TAP Projects – Annette Fiedler
 - Reviewed TAP projects (3)
 - Received 5 letters for TAP funding; all eligible; 3 submitted full applications; TAP committee met with applicants; also had public comment open house
 - City of Willmar – trail – asked city to re-evaluate scope of project due to proposed new school near this area
 - Clara City – serve residents in downtown area; moratorium on removing sidewalks; have started budgeting for sidewalk replacements/gaps; some design issues along with ADA issues on sidewalk-submitted revised cost
 - Olivia – to BOLD high school trail; committee requested some changes to application; address crossing gravel road with paved trail; there was opposition to this trail
 - Why are STIP amounts different? Had set amount to use or lose it. Locals work within guidelines set for TAP program. Used 2020 dollars instead of current dollars.
- Comments/Questions
 - If there additional TAP funds that become available – can they be funded at a higher dollar amount? Can TAP funds be held over?
 - TAP funds can be applied to funded projects to get them to the 80% Federal share, 20% local match. But TAP funds cannot be rolled over from year to year. However, an applicant might be able to advance construct a project and be paid back later, which gives some flexibility.
 - Opposition – if anyone is interested in the issues of opposition, Lindsey does have a letter expressing the opposition and can be reviewed. Community & school board support the trail. Lindsey shared with the ATP the main concerns presented by the Olivia TAP Project opposition, which are:
 - There are discussions to build a new school
 - The majority of the school population lives more than ½ mile from the school, therefore the project has minimal benefit
 - All of the city residents live north of the trail
 - Crop producers and their livelihoods are at risk because of liability, due to herbicide or insecticide chemical residue or drift
 - Lack of public or community meetings and opportunity to provide input
 - Lack of community commitment due to lack of personal funding
 - Lack of transparency and communication to keep the public informed
 - Lindsey shared the findings when the TAP subcommittee followed-up with the applicant regarding the opposition’s concerns:

- The city and school assured the TAP subcommittee there are no plans to build a new school in the near future. This idea has been discussed for years, but there has been no traction
- The farmer, on who's land the trail would be constructed, does not see any problem with herbicide or insecticide chemical residue or drift. MnDOT and local partners currently have not had any reported issues with trails adjacent to farm fields
- The city (applicant) has provided the TAP subcommittee documentation of public/community meetings regarding walking and biking and their plans for projects in the community
- The TAP subcommittee has seen overwhelming support from the project ranging from unanimous votes to support the project from both the City Council and School Board as well as the number of community representatives who showed up to present the project to the ATP and letters of support
- The project meets the requirements of TAP funding and the TAP subcommittee believes it provides an excellent non-motorized connection from one neighborhood to another (including the school) on the south side of town, where no connection (even streets) currently exists
- Lindsey asked about map preparation. State project map has listing with corresponding #'s, local map prepared as before. Group prefers the state listing.
- Steve Kubista; question on what happens on local level when after letting, there is an excess cost savings from STIP – how does the cost savings dollars utilized – go toward some AC's. Will be asking if there any projects ATP would like to see accelerated – will have to work with statewide in case there is any need. Need a STIP prioritized list that allows group to work on moving projects.
- If large excessive amount of savings, need to go through the regular ATP process for any additional projects – can do some level of modifications.

RDC Public Meeting Dates – RDC's

Southwest RDC– March 29, 2 pm. – review of ATP at 3pm in Slayton at the RDC

UMVRDC – TAC meeting on March 31 4-6 pm at the Appleton Civic Center (RDC offices)

Mid MN RDC March 31 – 10 am Kandiyohi County Building, lower level multi-purpose room – public info at 10 – TAC meeting follows

Asst. District Engineer Update – Susann Karnowski

- Willmar Wye update
 - Current status – working with project partners on two alternatives. One was shared previously. Value Engineering done last fall.

District Planner Update – Lindsey Knutson

- Milan Bridge update
 - Met with Task Force; meeting with MnDOT Leadership
 - No decision yet
- Planning Items
 - Doing a lot more public engagement events

- Events include pop up meetings – going to where public is in addition to having them come to open houses
- State Bike Plan – map (handout)
 - Plan has been completed
 - April 7, 5-7 pm ----Willmar Open House on bike/pedestrian trail ---- working with cities/counties on this issue

2016 Summer Road Construction Projects /Open House Information – Lindsey Knutson

- Handouts (2)
- Lindsey reviewed list of projects for 2016
 - Hwy 14 – question Nick on whether there will be a detour: *there will be a detour. It will last 3 weeks or less. It's for storm sewer, minor slope grading, curb and guardrail work. There will be an open house for this project, but it has not yet been scheduled.*
 - Hwy 75 – traffic impacts are missing: *there will not be a detour; the project will be done under traffic with alternating lane closures and a pilot car with flaggers.*
 - Question on costs of Hwy 23 passing lanes? *We will double check the costs.*
- Lindsey reviewed list of Open Houses scheduled
 - Question on who this information has been shared with (Annette) – suggested sending to Chambers of Commerce – allow businesses to plan ahead when they are impacted
- Question on today's meeting in Willmar at 4:30 pm: it is a meeting a farmer's group organized with local legislators, the Lieutenant Governor and Commissioners of Transportation and Agriculture – not a MnDOT event

Round Robin/Legislative Update

- No legislators present
- Cathleen Amick – Transportation Alliance establishing an initiative on outreach center – different transportation safety issues – how transportation systems impact quality of life – hope to have some information to share soon
- Barrett Voight – leaving RDC as of March 4th
- John Stahl– like the new MnDOT facility
- Annette Fiedler – approx. spring thru March 2017 – regional RDC's working on transit coordination plan
- Dave Halbersma –question regarding if the HSIP projects have been awarded or when they might be announced? – *will follow up with Office of Traffic*
- Dave Halbersma – need to look at descriptions on projects – when/how to we make changes ----
- send changes to Tony Pfau before next meeting

Adjourned at 11:50

Next Meeting – April 1st: potentially at the MERIT Center in Marshall