

**Northeast Minnesota ATP
ATP Meeting
November 8, 2012
MnDOT Duluth**

Members Present

Walter Leu
John Welle
Paul Bergman
Dave Christy
Dave Betts
Cindy Voigt
Wayne Olson
Jim Foldesi
Mark LeBrun
Doug Grindall
Catherine McLynn
Kevin Adee
Steve Kniefel
Earl Elde
Ron Johnson
Ron Chicka
Bruce Martinson
Jason Hollinday
Mike Molinen
David Salo
Jack Larson
Don Mohawk
Al Goodman
Tom Pagel
Dennis Jensen

Others

Bryan Anderson
Scott Johnson
John Minor
Nancy Sannes
Rex Bordson
Jon Mason
Robert Herling
Steve Voss

Representing

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Aitkin County
Lake County
Itasca County
Cook County
Duluth
Carlton County
St. Louis County
Pine County
Koochiching County
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Duluth Seaway Port Auth.
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Cook County
Fond du Lac Band
Mille Lacs Band
Hermantown
Arrowhead Transit
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Lake County
Grand Rapids
Duluth Transit Authority

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John Welle called the meeting to order at 10:08.

Committee Business

Walter Leu/Jim Foldesi motioned to approve the April 5th meeting summary. The motion carried.

State Program

Nancy Sannes reviewed the FY 2012/ 2013 Mn/DOT program (handout). Sannes reported that the program is generally in good shape.

Local Program

Walter Leu reviewed the 2012-2013 local program (handout) and discussed each project's status. Highlights of the local program include:

- Railroad projects have 18 months to be completed.
- October 1st was the start of the federal fiscal year.
- Federal Emergency Relief funds are not required to be shown in the STIP.
- 98 flood projects are funded through FHWA and 80 are funded with state bonds or FEMA.
- 56 bridges need major rehabilitation or replacement because of the flood.

Leu mentioned that it is very important for projects scheduled for 2013 get delivered in 2013 and not deferred into 2014 due to the funding uncertainty.

Leu also mentioned that projects with HPP funds should try to encumber those funds by 2014 to avoid those funds being rescinded in the next transportation bill.

Bob Manzoline mentioned frustration with the Army Corp of Engineers permit process. The delay is costing precious time, resources, and puts a Mesabi Trail segment at the risk of losing funding. Foldesi, Wayne Olson, and Welle are on a statewide committee to streamline the process and are working through some of the permit issues.

2014-2017 ATIP

MAP-21 Presentation

Leu provided the ATP with a presentation on MAP-21. The presentation can be seen at www.nemnatp.org.

Funding targets

Bryan Anderson mentioned that MnDOT is currently reviewing 2017 investment guidelines and that the District is working off 2016 guidelines until the new ones are released in December. Program changes will need to be made then.

Enhancements

Anderson mentioned that MnDOT is not soliciting for 2017 Enhancement projects. MAP-21 limited the amount of funding for Enhancements, which are now under the transportation alternatives (TA) category. The decrease in funding and competition with other programs will make it challenging to hold Enhancement projects in the STIP. Anderson is sitting on the TA work group set up by MnDOT to handle this.

Transit

It is expected that there will be a drastic cut in funding for the local system under MAP-21. The ATP Steering Committee recommended that the DTA have its funding reduced over the next couple of years.

Other local projects will also need to be cut or deferred. The Steering Committee is recommending to the ATP that the DTA funding be reduced by 1/3 per year over the next three years. DTA STRIDE service will continue to be funded as well as other rural transit services.

Walter Leu/Wayne Olson motioned to reduce the funds to the DTA by one third in FY 2013, one third in FY 2014 and the remaining one third in FY 2015. The motion was approved with one nay vote cast by Dennis Jensen.

Local Projects

The ATP Steering Committee decided against a FY 2017 local project solicitation. In place of the solicitation a set aside will be set up. Local projects will need to be deferred in the program and this will set aside funds in FY 2017 to fund those projects.

Walter Leu/Paul Bergman motioned to set up a set aside for local projects in FY 2017 and not solicit for FY 2017 projects. The motion carried.

Catherine McLynn/Tom Pagel motioned to honor the 2013-2017 STIP as is, minus the DTA funding. The motion passes with one nay vote cast by Mark LeBrun.

Other Business

Anderson mentioned that the CIMS solicitation will go out in March 2013.

The ATP gave a special thank you to Catherine McLynn and Doug Grindall for their years of service on the ATP.

Next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 11th.

Adjournment

Walter Leu/Cindy Voigt motioned to adjourn at 12:10. The motion carried.