

**Northeast Minnesota ATP
ATP Meeting
April 3, 2014
Hermantown**

Members Present

Walter Leu
John Welle
Karin Grandia
Dave Betts
Cindy Voigt
Mike Tardy
Jim Foldesi
Mark LeBrun
Kevin Adee
Earl Elde
Ron Johnson
Bruce Martinson
David Salo
Jack Larson
Don Mohawk
Andy Hubley
Jim Rohweder
Don Niemi
Todd Campbell
Mike Forsman
Jesse Story
Mike Tardy
Julie Kennedy
Ron Chicka
Gary Peterson
James Neuman
Joe Sutherland
Dave Danz
Bob Manzoline
Rick Goutermont

Others

Bryan Anderson
Scott Johnson
John Minor
Nancy Sannes
Rex Bordson
Robert Herling
Bonnie Hundrieser

Representing

MnDOT
Aitkin County
Itasca County
Cook County
Duluth
Carlton County
St. Louis County
Pine County
Koochiching County
MIC
Duluth Seaway Port Auth.
Cook County
Hermantown
Arrowhead Transit
MnDOT
ARDC
TAC
Aitkin County
MnDOT
St. Louis County
City of Hibbing
Carlton County
City of Grand Rapids
MIC
Carlton County
Carlton County Townships
Koochiching County
Grand Portage
St. Louis/Lake Co. Reg. Rail Auth
Lake County

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Mark LeBrun called the meeting to order at 10:08.

Committee Business

John Welle/Dave Betts motioned to approve the November 18, 2013 meeting summary. The motion carried.

State Program

Nancy Sannes reviewed the FY 2014 and FY 2015 Mn/DOT program (handout). Sannes reported that the program is generally in good shape with many of the FY 2014 projects complete. Sannes mentioned that the pilings on I-35 in Duluth will be inspected this spring/summer. If additional corrosion is found then more work will need to be done immediately to address the situation.

Local Program

Walter Leu reviewed the FY 2014 program and mentioned that there were several fund swaps made. Fund swaps will take all the federal funding from the separate projects and put it into one federal projects, those projects are then back filled with state or local funds and do not need to go through the extensive federal process. Leu estimated the cost savings to local agencies of at least \$120,000 in FY 2014 by combining these projects. The project that absorbed the federal funding was St. Louis County CSAH 133.

2015-2018 ATIP

Funding targets

Bryan Anderson provided an overview of the FY 2018 investment guidelines.

ATP 1: FY 2018 Federal and State Transportation Funding		
Funding Source	District 1	Locals
Surface Transportation Program		
Statewide (DRMP)	\$23,200,000	
Small Urban		\$2,200,000
Rural		\$3,200,000
Highway Safety Improvement Program		
District Managed	\$1,200,000	
ATP Managed		\$1,300,000
Transportation Alternatives Program		
Statewide		\$400,000
Small Urban		\$200,000
Rural		\$300,000
State Trunk Highway Funds (DRMP)	\$34,400,000	
Statewide Performance Program Pavement	\$13,400,000	
Statewide Performance Program Bridge	\$6,100,000	
Total	\$78,300,000	\$7,600,000
Source: MnDOT STIP Funding Guidance, dated 12/5/2013		

Transit

Bryan Anderson reviewed the targets for transit. Of the \$2.1 million going to the MPO for funding \$250,000 will be spent in FY 2018 on small transit. This amount will assist in replacing vehicles for the DTA STRIDE. Of the \$2.9 million provided to rural areas for FY 2018 it was recommended that \$850,000 be spent on replacing vehicles for Arrowhead Transit.

Transportation Alternatives

Andy Hubley provided an overview of the Transportation Alternative's Task Force funding recommendations. Hubley reported that the Task Force was slightly under the target of \$900,000 in FY 2017 and slightly over in FY 2018.

Bigfork RiverWalk Trail: Construct 2.3 miles of trail to make connections in the community and highlight the Bigfork and Rice Rivers.	2017	\$164,288
Lakewalk Shared Use Path along Water Street: Construct a shared use path that will connect the existing Lakewalk shared use path segments between 20 th Ave. East and 23 rd Avenue East.	2017	\$185,447
Rice Lake Road Sidewalk: Construct two miles of sidewalk along Rice Lake Road between Central Entrance and Arrowhead Road.	2017	\$320,000
Superior National Forest Scenic Byway- Skibo Vista Overlook Site Redesign Project: Enhance the Skibo Vista Overlook for: improved parking, observation viewing, new toilet facilities, information kiosks and interpretive signing and provide interpretive gateway signage.	2017	\$164,368
4 Projects	-	\$834,103
Mesabi Trail- Bearhead Road to Camp Lake Road Section: Construct 3.5 miles of the Mesabi Trail from Bearhead State Park Road to Camp Lake Road.	2018	\$400,000
Tofte Segment of the Gitchi Gami Trail: Construct 1.1 miles of paved state trail to fill a missing section of the Gitchi Gami Trail in Tofte.	2018	\$600,000
2 Projects	-	\$1,000,000
6 projects	-	\$1,834,103

Federal-Aid Candidate Projects

Anderson reviewed the federal-aid candidate projects.

Pine County

Location: Pine County CSAH 43 from Two Sons Road to TH 23

Project Description: Reclaim 7.66 miles of CSAH 43 and add 3 inch bituminous overlay to bring up to 10-tons.

Federal Request: \$1,000,000

Match: \$750,000

Total Cost: \$1,750,000

St. Louis County

Location: St. Louis County CSAH 7 Alborn and Meadowlands Township between west junction of CSAH 47 and CSAH 133.

Project Description: Culvert replacements and full depth reclamation of 7.2 miles of CSAH 7.

Federal Request: \$2,300,000

Match: \$575,000
Total: \$2,875,000

City of Duluth

Location: MSAS 178 (Decker Road) from Piedmont Avenue to Mall Drive.

Project Description: Mill and overlay of 1.4 miles of Decker Road and storm water system repairs.

Federal Request: \$900,000

Match: \$500,000

Total: \$1,400,000

Arrowhead Transit

Project Description: Replace nine class five busses.

Federal Request: \$1,022,400

Match: \$255,600

Total: \$1,278,000

Duluth Transit Authority

Project Description: Replace ten regular route busses.

Federal Request: \$1,500,000

Match: \$375,000

Total: \$1,875,000

*****Not recommended for funding

Duluth Transit Authority

Project Description: Replace six STRIDE busses.

Federal Request: \$696,000

Match: \$174,000

Total: \$870,000

*****Reduced funding amount to \$250,000

Walter Leu/Mike Forsman motioned to approve the FY 2018 program with adjustments to the DTA's request, eliminating funding for the regular route busses and reducing the STRIDE request to \$250,000 to fall into the ATP's guidelines. The motion carried.

Beaver Bay Trailhead Presentation

Bonnie Hundrieser from ARDC provided an overview of the Beaver Bay Trailhead facility which will be constructed this summer. Hundrieser provided an overview of planning for the facility and where funds were secured to build it. A copy of her presentation is at www.nemnatp.org.

TH 210 Presentation

Andy Hubley with ARDC provided ATP members with an overview of the public involvement associated with TH 210 through Jay Cooke State Park. Hubley shared survey results and recapped input received from local units of government. A copy of his presentation is at www.nemnatp.org.

Other Business

Anderson mentioned that there will be a scenic byways funding solicitation on May 1st.

Next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 6, 2014.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.