

**Northeast Minnesota ATP
Steering Committee Meeting
October 11, 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

Representing

MnDOT
Aitkin County
Lake County
Itasca County
Cook County
Duluth
Carlton County
St. Louis County
Pine County
Koochiching County

Others

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

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John Welle called the meeting to order at 10:07.

Committee Business

*Walter Leu/Jim Foldesi motioned to approve the June 18th meeting summary. The motioned carried.
Leu/Cindy Voigt motioned that Welle to a third term as ATP Chairman. 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.

2014-2017 ATIP

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.

Paul Bergman/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 carried.

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.

Leu/Foldesi motioned to set up a set aside for local projects in FY 2017 and not do a FY 2017 project solicitation. The motion carried.

Other Business

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

Next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 24th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.