

**Northeast Minnesota ATP  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, October 8, 2008  
Lake Superior Conference Room  
Mn/DOT Duluth District Office**

**Members Present**

John Welle  
David Salo  
Cindy Voigt  
Jim Foldesi  
Wayne Olson  
Jesse Story  
Shae Kosmalski  
Al Goodman  
Tom Peterson  
Mark LeBrun  
Walter Leu

**Representing**

Aitkin County  
Cities > 5000  
City of Duluth  
St. Louis County  
Carlton County  
City of Hibbing  
Cook County  
Lake County  
Special Interests  
Pine County  
Mn/DOT

**Others Present**

Bryan Anderson  
James Gittemeier  
John Minor  
Rex Bordson  
Denny Johnson  
Gus Peterson  
Lorraine Kramer

**Representing**

ARDC  
MIC  
Mn/DOT  
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**Call to Order**

Chairman David Salo called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Introductions were made.

**Minutes of the June 26, 2008 Meeting**

Motion by Walter Leu, seconded by John Welle, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**2008-09 Program Status**

Walter Leu reviewed the 2008 local program (handout) and reviewed the projects moved from 2008 to 2009.

Walter also reviewed the 2009 local program (handout) and reviewed each project to determine its current status.

Gus Peterson reviewed the Mn/DOT 2009 program (handout), reviewing all projects. The highlighted projects have already been let and most are completed.

### **2009-2012 STIP**

Gus reviewed the latest 2009-2012 STIP (handout). The final printed version is not yet available. All projects that were submitted were funded. Look over the handout and advise Gus of any errors. The total program is very large because of the HPP and Bond projects.

Gus also explained the Illustrative Projects. These are high priority projects that need additional federal funding if they are to be let. While they do not appear in the STIP as funded projects, the project sponsors can reference them as part of a program when requesting additional federal aid through the reauthorization process.

### **2010-2013 ATIP**

- Funding Targets / Investment Guidelines

Denny Johnson reviewed the Funding Targets/Investment Guidelines (handout) showing total dollars. The DTA has no bus requests in 2013.

Mn/DOT is working on its draft Long Range Plan consisting of mostly preservation projects when fiscally constrained. Information for the October 30<sup>th</sup> District Check-In meeting is due next week.

Mn/DOT will host another round of public outreach meetings in January and February 2009.

#### **ACTION ITEM:**

Motion was made by Walter Leu and seconded by Wayne Olson to approve the Investment Guidelines. Motion passed.

- Enhancements Process

Bryan Anderson advised that an enhancement workshop was held at Mn/DOT in Virginia on September 17, 2008. Pre-applications are due on November 3rd and final applications are due on December 19th. Applications will be reviewed by the Task Force in February 2009 and the ATP review will be in March 2009.

- Process / Schedule

The NE MN ATP Tentative 2010-2013 STIP Process/Schedule is included with today's meeting agenda

### **ATP Steering Committee Chair**

Wayne Olson made a motion and it was seconded by Shae Kosmalski to again appoint Dave Salo as the ATP and ATP Steering Committee Chair. Motion approved.

### **Other Business**

Walter Leu explained an alternate method of streamlining the federal funding process for local agencies wherein Mn/DOT would use all allocated federal funds and provide state funds to the local agencies. Also, within the approved STIP, if one county wants to use another county's federal funds, they can make a state aid transfer in the same fiscal year. Walt advised that 23 other states are already utilizing this procedure – it would require a statute change.

Walt advised that Itasca County had a recent bid letting and the bituminous price was \$56 (good price).

Gus advised that the Transportation Revolving Loan Fund (TRLF) of \$5.6 million is available for Mn/DOT and local roads. Mn/DOT will be soliciting projects from cities and counties in October or November 2008.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the ATP Steering Committee is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009.

The next full ATP meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2008 at the Hampton Inn in Canal Park, Duluth.

### **Adjourn**

Chairman David Salo adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.