

**Northeast Minnesota ATP
Steering Committee Meeting
February 25, 2013
MnDOT Duluth**

Members Present

Walter Leu
Alan Goodman
Dave Christy
Dave Betts
Cindy Voigt
Jim Foldesi
Milt Hagen
Dennis Jensen
David Salo
Jesse Story
Bob Manzoline

Representing

MnDOT
Lake County
Itasca County
Cook County
Duluth
St. Louis County
Carlton County
DTA
Hermantown
Hibbing
St. Louis/Lake Co RRA

Others

Bryan Anderson
Duane Hill
John Minor
Nancy Sannes
Rex Bordson
Jon Mason
Robert Herling
Ron Chicka
Don Mohawk
Andy Hubley
Scott Johnson

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David Salo called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Committee Business

Jim Foldesi/Dave Salo motioned to approve the October 11th meeting summary. The motioned carried.

State Program

Nancy Sannes reviewed the FY 2013 and FY 2014 Mn/DOT program (handout). Sannes reported that the program is generally in good shape with many of the FY 2013 projects complete.

Local Program

Walter Leu reviewed the 2013-2014 local program (handout) and discussed each project's status. Highlights of the local program include:

- Construction of the Gitchi-Gami Trail (Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park) moved into FY 2014.
- Chisholm 6th Street Reconstruct project will be removed and swap federal funds with St. Peter.
- Cross City Trail Phase II on Track for April Deadline.

- Design for the Duluth Air Guard Secondary Access is in design.
- Cross City Trail (30th Ave W to Recycle Way) moved into FY 2014.

2014-2017 ATIP

Funding targets

Bryan Anderson reviewed the FY 2017 investment guidelines.

- MnDOT: \$69.8 M
- Rail Crossings (centrally): \$4,900,000
- Rural/SM Urban Transit: To come out of Cities and Counties \$5 M share
- TA: \$900,000 Safety
- HSIP: \$1,300,000
- Cities/Counties: \$5,000,000

Transit

Bryan Anderson reviewed the new proposed targets for transit. The ATP Work Group recommended that of the \$2.1 million going to the MPO for funding that \$250,000 be spent in FY 2017 on small transit. This amount will assist in replacing vehicles for the DTA STRIDE, Fond du Lac, and Hibbing. Of the \$2.9 million provided to rural areas for FY 2017 it was recommended that \$850,000 be spent annually on replacing vehicles for Arrowhead Transit. These recommendations were discussed by the Steering Committee and will be forward to the ATP for approval.

Transportation Alternatives

Anderson provided an overview of the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program. New to the program are Safe Routes to School and Scenic Byway projects. MnDOT will hold the TA program whole for the current STIP years and is planning to advertise for FY 2017 and FY 2018 projects in the Fall of 2013. The Steering Committee also reviewed the TA Task Force membership. They asked Andy Hubley with ARDC to put together a meeting to discuss membership and future options for TA projects, solicitation, etc. Hubley will report on what was discussed by this committee at the ATP meeting in April.

Meeting Structure Recommendations

Anderson mentioned that with the reduction in the target funds to the ATP that the ATP Work Group is recommending that the ATP meeting structure changes to reduce the number of meetings. The recommendation was to continue with two ATP meetings a year but eliminate the ATP Steering Committee. Instead the ATP Work Group would provide updates on a quarterly basis to the RTAC and MicTAC Committees. All ATP Steering Committee members are already a part of these Committees and therefore will receive updates and an opportunity to provide program direction.

County Board Meetings

MnDOT and ARDC will attend County Board meetings in March and provide an overview of the upcoming transportation program.

Next meeting

ATP meeting will be held April 4 at the Hermantown Public Safety Building.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.