

**Northeast Minnesota ATP
Steering Committee Meeting
March 6, 2012
Midway Township**

Members Present

Walter Leu
John Welle
Tom Pagel
Dave Christy
Dave Betts
Cindy Voigt
Jesse Story
Wayne Olson
Dennis Jensen
Bob Manzoline
Doug Grindall
Jim Foldesi
Mark LeBrun

Others

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

Representing

MnDOT
Aitkin County
Grand Rapids
Itasca County
Cook County
Duluth
Hibbing
Carlton County
DTA
Regional Rail Authority
Koochiching County
St. Louis County
Pine County

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

Committee Business

Wayne Olson/Jim Foldesi motioned to approve the January 23rd meeting summary. The motioned carried.

Local Program

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

- Addition of a new project number splitting \$320,000 in federal funds from the Cross City HPP project to connect the Lakewalk to 11 Avenue West (\$400,000 total). The remaining HPP funds will be carried to FY 2013.
- Program is generally in good shape.

State Program

Nancy Sannes reviewed the FY 2012 Mn/DOT program (handout).

Larger projects that will be under construction in 2012 include:

- Mill and overlay and bridge improvements on TH 210 from Carlton to TH 65 (42 miles). Cost of this project is \$7.5 million.
- Reconstruction of Pokegama Avenue (Th 169) in Grand Rapids between 1st and 10th streets. Cost of this project is \$7.5 million. March 7th letting.
- Concrete overlay on I-35 between 0.5 miles south of sandstone to 0.9 miles north of Pine CSAH 33 (11.7 miles). Both north bound and south bound lanes will be overlaid. Cost of this project is \$22.7 million. Let already.
- Unbonded concrete overlay on I-35 from Boundary Ave to Scanlon (10.6 miles). The \$31.1 million dollar project will also include bridge work. March 23rd letting.
- Construction of Tettegouche State Park Visitor Center. Cost of this project is \$6.8 million. All bids were rejected hopeful for a June letting.
- Construction of TH 53 four lane expansion from the City of Cook to 9.3 miles south. Cost of this project is \$42.3 million. May 18th letting.
- Blatnik Bridge (I-535) repairs including bridge painting and deck seal. Cost of this project \$12.0 million. Cost of the project increased 25% from original estimate. March letting.

Sannes also mentioned that the decorative lighting on the Blatnik Bridge needs to be removed when the bridge is painted and MnDOT is working with WisDOT to share the cost of putting new lighting on the bridge. It is estimated to cost \$1.2 million to have new lighting put on the bridge with annual maintenance costs of \$15,000-25,000 annually.

2013-2016 ATIP

STIP Amendments

Duluth Safe Routes to School projects

Cross City Trail

Stewart Creek Bridge

Upgrade RR crossing equipment at TH61 and Congdon Blvd.

Enhancements

Jon Mason provided an overview of the Enhancement projects that are being recommended to the ATP by the Enhancements Task Force. The projects include:

Bigfork RiverWalk Trail: \$275,000

Gitchi-Gami State Trail- Beaver River Bridge and West Road Segment: \$500,000

Grand Rapids Mississippi Riverfront Pedestrian Bridge: \$296,696

HelmetHero Bicycle Education program: \$57,494

Mesabi Trail- Soudan to Ely: \$394,000

Total: \$1,523,190

2016 Federal Aid Candidate Projects

All federal aid candidate projects were reviewed briefly by the ATP Steering Committee. Projects can be found on the attached handout titled F.Y. 2016 Federal Aid Candidate Projects.

2013 Contingency Projects

Sannes and Leu mentioned that 2013 contingency projects need to be identified incase federal funding is reduced. MnDOT is identified 30% of its FY 2013 program is contingent. State projects on the

contingency list include: mill and overlay on TH 33 (\$4.3 million), TH 169 mill and overlay between Nashwauk and Hibbing (\$5.7 million), bridge painting on I-35 (\$3.5 million), and bus purchases for the DTA and Arrowhead Transit. The local program would also be impacted if federal funds were reduced. Projects on the local program that are listed as contingent are Cook CSAH 12 project and the Pine County CSAH 11 project. These two projects will be listed as contingent in the 2013 program.

County Board Meetings

Mason distributed a calendar of County Board meetings. Meeting will be held on:

Itasca County March 6 at 2:00 PM

Pine County March 6 at 7:00 PM

Aitkin County March 13 at 9:00 AM

Lake County March 20 at 9:30 AM

Carlton County March 26 at 4:00 PM

Cook County March 27 at 4:00 PM

Koochiching County March 27 at 11:00 AM

Other Business

Anderson invited ATP Steering Committee members to participate in the March 15th Statewide Bicycle Plan meeting at the Duluth City Hall Council Chambers from 4:00-6:00 PM.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for mid-June.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:27.