

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Northeast Minnesota ATP**  
**ATP Meeting**  
**November 17, 2014**  
**Hermantown**

**Members Present**

Walter Leu  
John Welle  
Karin Grandia  
Cindy Voigt  
Mike Tardy  
Jim Foldesi  
Mark LeBrun  
Wade Pavleck  
Kevin Adee  
Bruce Martinson  
David Salo  
Jack Larson  
Don Mohawk  
Jim Rohweder  
Duane Hill  
Jason Hollinday  
David Danz  
Bob Manzoline  
Jesse Story  
Krysten Foster  
David Betts  
Ron Chicka  
James Neuman  
Gary Peterson

**Others**

Bryan Anderson  
John Minor  
Nancy Sannes  
Rex Bordson  
Scott Johnson  
Robert Herling  
Todd Campbell  
Jarrett Valdez  
Shaun Morrell  
Michael Kalnbach  
Frank Loetterle

**Representing**

MnDOT  
Aitkin County  
Itasca County  
Duluth  
Carlton County  
St. Louis County  
Pine County  
Koochiching County  
Koochiching County  
Cook County  
Hermantown  
Arrowhead Transit  
MnDOT  
TAC  
MnDOT  
Fond du Lac Band  
Grand Portage Band  
Regional Rail Authority  
Hibbing  
Lake County  
Cook County  
MIC  
Townships Rep  
Carlton County

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ARDC  
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**Cindy Voigt called the meeting to order at 10:06.**

### **Committee Business**

*Walter Leu/Jim Foldesi motioned to approve the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 meeting summary. The motion carried.*

### **Northern Lights Express Update**

Frank Lotterle provided ATP members with an update on the NLX line. Lotterle discussed the timeline of the project and mentioned that if all goes well with project that the line could potentially be up and running within 4-6 years. A copy of Lotterle's presentation is posted on [www.nemnatp.org](http://www.nemnatp.org).

### **Local Program**

Voigt provided an overview of the Cross City Trail. Voigt mentioned that a STIP amendment would be needed for the project because there has been a major change in alignment to what was originally approved.

Walter Leu reviewed the 2014-2015 local program (handout) and discussed each project's status.

Leu mentioned that it is important to be requesting federal reimbursement shortly after a project is authorized even if it is for a small dollar amount.

Several STIP amendments were presented.

- Addition to the program of HSIP funds for a dynamic safety project in St. Louis County.
- Move St. Louis County's Arlington Avenue project from FY 16 to FY 15 and use TAP funding that from the DNR, Mesaba Trail, and City of Mt. Iron. These projects will not be ready to go in FY 15 so St. Louis County will advance the Arlington Avenue project using these funds and will pay these projects back in FY 16 when they are ready to be constructed.
- Cross City Trail Realignment.
- Aitkin County CSAH 28 project increased in costs over 30%. The additional funds used to make up this cost increase will come from Aitkin County.
- Funds exchange, Carlton County project on CSAH 6 will exchange federal funds with Itasca County for a project on CSAH 7. In return Itasca County will provide Carlton County with State Aid funds.

Leu noted that now is the time to review projects in 16, 17, and 18 and if there are scope changes or substantial cost increases to contact him so adjustments can be made.

### **State Program**

Nancy Sannes reviewed the FY 2015 Mn/DOT program (handout). Sannes reported that the program is generally in good shape with many of the FY 2015 projects complete. One project that has been moved out of FY 2015 is work on TH 53 in International Falls. Substantial ADA work will need to be done in conjunction with the project and more time was needed to develop the project. The project will most likely move into 2017.

### **2016-2019 ATIP**

*Funding targets*

Bryan Anderson reviewed the FY 2018 investment guidelines and mentioned that FY 2019 should look similar.

<b>ATP 1: FY 2019 Federal and State Transportation Funding</b>		
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>District 1</b>	<b>Locals</b>
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	\$5,800,000	
Statewide Performance Program Bridge	\$1,500,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,100,000</b>	<b>\$7,600,000</b>
Source: MnDOT STIP Funding Guidance, dated 9/30/14 DRAFT		

*Transit*

Don Mohawk reviewed the transit needs in FY 2019. They include:

Arrowhead Transit - \$744,000

Boise Forte Transit - \$80,000

Fond du Lac Transit - \$160,000

DTA STRIDE – unknown at this time.

*Transportation Alternatives*

Jarrett Valdez provided an overview of the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program. Valdez reported that 12 letters of intent were received and that if projects qualify they will be given a full application to fill out and return by January 9, 2015. Valdez also reviewed the TA Taskforce membership and noted that there is a vacancy on the Taskforce with County Commissioner Mike Forsman not seeking another term.

*Foldesi/Leu nominated Steve Rauker, St. Louis County Commissioner, to serve on the TA Taskforce.*

*The motion carried.*

**Federal Transportation Update**

Serge Phillips provided ATP members with a transportation update at the federal level. Phillips noted that FHWA spends \$16 billion more than it brings in through the Highway Users Trust Fund. The federal transportation bill expires on May 31, 2015, but federal appropriations only go through December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A copy of Phillips powerpoint can be viewed at [www.nemnatp.org](http://www.nemnatp.org).

**Other Business**

Bruce Martinson and Mike Forsman were recognized and awarded with certificates of appreciation for the many years of service on the ATP.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled the first week in April, 2015

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM