

Minutes

Monday March 30, 2015

SRDC Transportation Committee Meeting and ATIP Public Meeting

CRD Slayton, MN

MEMBERS: Dave Henkels, Eloise Hauschild, Sharon Hollatz, Matt Widboom, Bob Byrnes, Gerald Magnus, Bruce Kooiman, and Annette Bair (SRDC Staff); Richard Peterson (excused), Pat Baustian (excused)

GUESTS PRESENT: Lindsey Knutson (MnDOT D8), Tony Pfau (MnDOT D8), Ronda Allis (MnDOT D7), Stu Peterson (MnDOT D8), Steve Schneider (Nobles County), Dave Halbersma (Pipestone and Lincoln Counties).

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Chairman Henkels.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Henkels asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE AND GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: Chairman Henkels asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

M/S/P Widboom, Hauschild to approve the minutes of February 2, 2015 with a correction to page 3.

SRDC FY 2016 TRANSPORTATION WORK PROGRAM: Fiedler referred the Committee to the copy of the draft work program and reviewed changes from the previous year. The draft work program was developed based on a work plan meeting with District 7 Planning staff and input from District 8 Planning and MnDOT Central Office Planning staff. The significant changes were to the statewide and regional planning categories. Hours from the Regional Planning were moved to statewide activities. New activities under the Regional Planning include outreach related to the District 10 years plans with communities where MnDOT is considering projects; assisting the southern third of the King of Trail By-way District meetings; and assisting the Districts with highway pre-scoping activities and worksheets.

M/S/P Hollatz, Kooiman to recommend approval to the SRDC Budget and Personnel Committee the draft Transportation Work Program for FY 2016.

REGIONAL TRAIL CORRIDOR PRIORITIZED LIST: At the February 2015 Transportation Committee meeting, SRDC Staff was asked to revisit the prioritized trail scores. The committee reviewed the adjusted scores, based on a thorough examination of each of the 12 units of government submitting the points.

M/S/P Kooiman, Henkels to approve the adjusted trail priority scores from the Regional Trail Plan.

UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION MEETINGS: The Agenda identified the following upcoming transportation meetings. ATP 8, April 1; ATP 7 June 5; TZD 8 May 1 at Jackpot Junction; TZD 7, May 30 @ Holiday Inn in Fairmont; Regional Ride Council on May 27.

MNDOT PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING: The Agenda identified a link to the District 10 year plans; updated plans in April <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/index.html>.

KING OF TRAILS UPDATE: Fiedler SRDC that the SRDC has a contract to develop a planning document with MnDOT, separate from the annual planning grant. Status, a draft document has been developed for the 414 mile Byway. Problems the byway people are experiencing are the members are growing older and they need younger people with new ideas; we developed a plan or how to replace the signs; and the byway members can be contacts for when MnDOT is doing projects in the byway. One of the recommendations in the plan was to ask for assistance from the University of Minnesota Sustainable Development Partnerships (David Fluegel and Linda Kingery) who are meeting in March to discuss their recommendations for the byway. A byway meeting in May has been scheduled in Breckenridge to review, revise and approve the planning document.

Kooiman asked about the area 2 miles south of Pipestone along TH 75 (old tower site) that has a significant amount of tree stumps and debris. Does it belong to MnDOT? Can it be cleaned?

CORRIDOR COALITION UPDATES

TH 23. Byrnes reported on the 6 identified Corridors of commerce projects; and that the Corridor committee will be assessing the next steps in moving forward with a 4 lane highway in the next generation. Byrnes also shared that the bids had been let for a reduced conflict intersection at TH 23 and Saratoga with a pedestrian bridge in Marshall.

TH 212. Byrnes reported that the group last met in Chanhassen. Marshall is involved because TH 212 is the route businesses take to the Cities. The issue is there are two 6 mile gaps located in Carver County and the Metro area does not rank them very high. Legislation is being proposed to address it.

TH 68. Byrnes reported that TH 68 want a wider road with shoulders between Canby and Marshall. The turn lane on CR 33 should help.

TH 60. Schneider reported that the TH 60 projects are moving forward smoothly. Windom to St James is in the STIP (Butterfield in 2015; and the last segment from Windom to Mountain Lake (2017 grading– 2018 paving). Also work in Windom from TH 71 there will be some pavement work and ADA improvements.

NEXT MEETING DATE: At Fiedler indicated that the Annual Transportation Committee meeting is normally held in June or July and is dependent on the District 7 and 8 Engineer schedules. Committee members requested that we try to stay away from Tuesdays and June 17 to June 20th.

PUBLIC MEETING ON THE DRAFT ATP 7 AND 8 ATIPS AT 3:30 PM

ATP 7 ATIP. Allis distributed materials from ATIP 7 for the current year as well as the draft 2016-2019 Area Transportation Improvement Plan for ATP 7. Following the review of the current year projects and the ATIP projects, it was noted that there is a there will be a significant amount of work on I-90.

Discussion: As described during the work plan agenda item, staff will be assisting with outreach in the out years of the District 10 years plans. Input: Intersection safety – what is the policy? MnDOT is willing to install if the unit of government will maintain and pay cost of power. Can safety projects be discussed in the ten year plan? Lighting at railroad crossings, industrial plants and accident clusters. Discussed was the warning devises that flash when there is on-coming traffic. Truck Highway turnbacks were also discussed.

TH 59 at Worthington was discussed and work the city of Worthington needs to get done with utilities in 8-10 years; thus MnDOT is doing a short term overlay on Oxford. Potentially a roundabout is being discussed at diagonal road and Oxford. Schneider also described the development plan that is currently underway.

ATP 8 ATIP. Knutson reviewed the current year projects as well as the 2016-2019 draft ATIP.

- TH 59 will be worked on this year as well as TH 75, both are in poor condition.
- Discussion involved TH 59 at Avoca. Concern that the paving interface well with the other paved roads, of particular concern was the Avoca City Street (one block) at the elevator.
- Districts 7 and 8 need to work together regarding the work in two different years on TH 91.

Projects not in the draft ATIP.

- TH 19 in Marshall – Bruce Street to 4th Street is in poor condition; in addition, the utilities are in very poor condition.
- TH 19 from TH 67 to Redwood Falls was discussed. TH 19 from TH 23 to Vesta is deteriorating very rapidly.

How long before current projects are placed on 511MN.org? 10 days.

ADJOURN:

M/S/P Byrnes, Magnus to adjourn the meeting at 4:59.

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