



Association of Minnesota Counties

Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee

September 16-17, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Anderson, Goodhue County	Gary Johnson, Yellow Medicine County
Kevin Campbell, Clay County	Tim Kalina, Douglas County
Raeanne Danielowski, Sherburne County	Bob Kopitzke, Stevens County
Ben DeNucci, Itasca County	Brad Krause, Waseca County
Jim Duckstad, Marshall County	Paul McDonald, St. Louis County
Marion Greene, Hennepin County	Jeff Mergen, Stearns County
Lori Gunnink, Murray County	Brian Napstad, Aitkin County
Mark Holy, Polk County	Charles Sanow, Lyon County
Stephen Hallan, Pine County	Scott Schulte, Anoka County
Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County	Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County
Candice Jaenisch, Chippewa County	Mark Thell, Carlton County
Paul Johnson, Meeker County	Bob Van Hee, Redwood County
Scott Johnson, Benton County	Gordy Wagner, Pope County
Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County	Mike Weyer, Wadena County

GUESTS:

Joe Atkins, Dakota County	
Elliot Belgard, Martin County	Josh Knatterud-Hubinger, MnDOT
Chris Byrd, Benton County	Emily Murray, AMC Staff
Brennan Furness, Hennepin County	Jodi Teich, Stearns County
Brian Giese, Pope County	Pat Veraguth, Douglas County
Bruce Heitkamp, Nobles County	John Welle, Aitkin County
Lisa Herges, Renville County	Mike Wobbe, Wabasha County
Eryn Hurley, NACo Staff	

I. Call to Order

Chair Vance Stuehrenberg called the Transportation and Infrastructure Policy Committee to order at 1:07 PM. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke moved to approve the February Transportation &

Infrastructure Policy Committee minutes, second by Stevens County Commissioner Bob Kopitzke. Motion carried.

II. Federal Update and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Overview

Eryn Hurley, NACo Associate Legislative Director, provided a background of the IIJA and highlighted the contents of the bill. Eryn also detailed the bill's passage in the Senate and what's currently happening in the House as well as a timeline for how and when we might see final passage of the bill. Eryn also touched on the ARP Fiscal Recovery Fund and gave an overview of revenue loss calculations.

III. MnDOT Revenue Projections Update

Josh Knatterud-Hubinger, MnDOT Budget Director, provided an update on current HUTDF revenue, including CSAH distributions, and went through the preliminary MnDOT capital budget requests for 2022. Josh also highlighted some of the recent funding from the Legislature as well as federal funding.

IV. Minnesota County Engineers Association

Chris Byrd, Benton County Engineer and MCEA Legislative Committee Co-Chair, highlighted some of the major legislative issues that MCEA and AMC worked on during the 2021 session as well as some anticipated issues for next session. John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer, provided an overview and history of implements of husbandry and what legislative changes took place in 2008 as well as some of the research that has been completed since then. John highlighted the AMC platform statements on this issue and noted some changes that could be made to update the language.

V. Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

Pat Veraguth, the Douglas and Grant County Surveyor, as well as Chris Mavis, the Hennepin County Surveyor, provided an overview of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS), its history in the state, and why the PLSS is an endangered species. Pat and Chris explained the importance of the PLSS and why remonumentation is necessary, what's been accomplished so far as well as the funding needed to complete the project.

VI. Adjourn for the Day

The Transportation and Infrastructure Policy Committee adjourned at 4:00 PM.

VII. Call to Order

Chair Vance Stuehrenberg called the Transportation and Infrastructure Policy Committee to order at 9:30 AM. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

VIII. Commissioner Ideas Exchange and Platform Amendment Discussion

Committee members engaged in a discussion of potential platform amendments, which also included presentations from members on deputy registrars and driver's license agents compensation/filing fees; state bonding for jail projects; and a discussion of ARP lost revenue calculations and how it relates to the HUTDF.

IX. 2022 Priority Setting

The committee then discussed priorities for the 2022 legislative session. Emily Murray provided three staff proposed priorities based on previous TIPC priorities with some additional updates. Members discussed and made changes to the language and identified the following four priority items:

1. *AMC supports equity in transportation infrastructure through continued comprehensive transportation funding that includes new revenue for roads, bridges, and transit.*
2. *AMC supports a robust bonding bill that includes funding for transportation-related programs, including the Local Road Improvement Program, the Local Bridge Replacement Program, the Local Road Wetland Replacement Program, and the Busway Capital Improvement Program.*
3. *AMC supports equity in broadband infrastructure in Minnesota, including legislation that would provide adequate and continuous funding for the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program.*
4. *AMC supports remonumentation of all public land survey system corners in the state.*

Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke made the motion to forward these four priorities to the AMC Policy Coordinating Committee as the TIPC 2022 priority proposals, second by Goodhue County Commissioner Brad Anderson. Motion carried.

X. Adjourn

Carlton County Commissioner Mark Thell moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Stevens County Commissioner Bob Kopitzke. Motion carried. The Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee adjourned at 11:35 AM.