



**Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee**  
*Kelly Inn – St. Cloud, Minnesota*

**December 9, 2019**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Allen, Dodge County  
Brad Anderson, Goodhue County  
Lon Aune, Marshall County  
Jake Bauerly, Benton County  
Barb Becker, Todd County  
Scott Bruns, Cass County  
Kevin Campbell, Clay County  
Raeanne Danielowski, Sherburne County  
Ben DeNucci, Itasca County  
Robert Deschampe, Cook County  
Thomas Egan, Dakota County  
Roger Falk, Roseau County  
Neal Folstad, Wilkin County  
Ron Gregg, Fillmore County  
Stephen Hallan, Pine County  
Christopher Hollingsworth, Pipestone County  
Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County  
Don Jensen, Pennington County  
Glen Kack, Yellow Medicine County  
Tim Kalina, Douglas County  
Stan Karwoski, Washington County  
Jack Kolars, Nicollet County  
Richard Koons, Martin County  
Bob Kopitzke, Stevens County  
Brad Krause, Waseca County

Jeff Mergen, Stearns County  
John Okeson, Becker County  
Larry Olson, Mahnommen County  
Bill Pinske, Sibley County  
Mike Potter, Wright County  
Bill Pratt, Aitkin County  
Mike Robinson, Chisago County  
Eric Rudningen, Swift County  
Scott Schulte, Anoka County  
Christopher Shoff, Freeborn County  
Wayne Skoe, Koochiching County  
Greg Snow, Renville County  
Doyle Sperr, Grant County  
Bill Stearns, Wadena County  
Kevin Stevens, Cottonwood County  
Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County  
Mark Thell, Carlton County  
Bob Van Hee, Redwood County  
Ted Van Kempen, Hubbard County  
Michael VanDeVere, Lincoln County  
Gordy Wagner, Pope County  
Stan Williamson, Rock County  
Mike Wobbe, Wabasha County  
Loren Younggren, Kittson County

**GUESTS:**

John Brunkhorst, McLeod County  
Brennan Furness, Hennepin County  
Jake Gillen, Rice County  
Virgil Hawkins, Wright County  
Steve Kubista, Chippewa County  
Jeff Marlowe, Renville County  
JinYeene Neumann, Carlton County  
Kevin Peyman, Martin County

Wayne Sandberg, Washington County  
Ted Schoenecker, Ramsey County  
Jodi Teich, Stearns County  
Ryan Thilges, Blue Earth County  
Tracey Von Bargaen, Grant County  
Rick West, Otter Tail County  
Holly Wilson, Mille Lacs County

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Stuehrenberg called the Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee meeting to order at 8:05 AM. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance and did introductions. Motion to approve the September 2019 minutes by Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke, second by Aitkin County Commissioner Bill Pratt. Motion approved.

**II. Transportation Funding Discussion Recap**

Ryan Erdman, AMC Staff, walked through the findings from the AMC Bridging Divides Initiative focused on transportation funding, highlighting the key takeaways from over 360 participants throughout the fall district meetings. Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte also provided his feedback on the process, having participated in the exercise at almost every meeting. Both Ryan and Commissioner Schulte gave an update on the AMC board discussion the day before and where we go next as an association.

**III. Transportation Funding – Next Steps**

Margaret Donahoe, Executive Director of the MN Transportation Alliance, provided an informational overview of the transportation funding plan that her organization has been working on over the last several months. Margaret started by giving a history of recent transportation funding bills in MN and also highlighted the action across the nation on transportation funding. The Transportation Alliance is hoping to unite many different groups through its plan and ensure that transportation funding is a priority for legislators next session and beyond.

**IV. Coordination with Utilities and Public Rights of Way Presentation**

Wayne Sandberg, Washington County Engineer and MN County Engineers Association (MCEA) President, updated the committee on an emerging issue relating to utility locates and Minnesota Statutes 216D. Wayne highlighted best practices when planning for an excavation and stressed the importance of understanding and complying with the statute. There will likely be legislation on this topic during the 2020 session and AMC will work together with MCEA to ensure county concerns are addressed and protected during the process.

**V. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke, second by Sherburne County Commissioner Raeanne Danielowski. The Transportation & Infrastructure Committee adjourned at 9:42 AM.