

## Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee

December 5, 2022

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Anderson, Goodhue County	Jeff Marlowe, Renville County
Kevin Anderson, Hennepin County	Paul McDonald, St. Louis County
Barb Becker, Todd County	Jeff Mergen, Stearns County
DeRon Brehmer, Lac qui Parle County	Larry Nybladh, Marshall County
Bob Burns, Houston County	John Okeson, Becker County
Kevin Campbell, Clay County	Robert Paplow, Nobles County
Raeanne Danielowski, Sherburne County	Eric Rudningen, Swift County
Keith Englund, Douglas County	Charles Sanow, Lyon County
Derrick Goutermont, Lake County	Dean Simonson, Brown County
Ron Gregg, Fillmore County	Wayne Skoe, Koochiching County
Marvin Gunderson, Norman County	Dave Sorenson, Pennington County
Lori Gunnink, Murray County	Kevin Stevens, Cottonwood County
Stephen Hallan, Pine County	Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County
Chris Hollingsworth, Pipestone County	Michael VanDeVere, Lincoln County
Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County	Bob Van Hee, Redwood County
Paul Johnson, Meeker County	Don Wachal, Jackson County
Scott Johnson, Benton County	Gordy Wagner, Pope County
Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County	Lance Wetzel, Le Sueur County
Stan Karwoski, Washington County	Mike Weyer, Wadena County
Peter Koch, Sibley County	Stan Williamson, Rock County
Jack Kolars, Nicollet County	Tom Workman, Carver County
Bob Kopitzke, Stevens County	Loren Younggren, Kittson County
Brad Krause, Waseca County	

#### GUESTS:

Darrick Anderson, Cass County  
Lon Aune, Marshall County  
John Brunkhorst, McLeod County  
Nancy Daubenberger, MnDOT Commissioner  
Margaret Donahoe, Transportation Alliance  
Brian Giese, Pope County  
Guy Kohlhofer, Dodge County  
Todd Larson, Stevens County

Dennis Luebbe, Rice County  
Bree Make, DEED Office of Broadband Development  
Emily Murray, AMC Staff  
JinYeene Neumann, Carlton County  
Jed Nordin, Hubbard County  
Jennifer O'Rourke, Ramsey County  
Lyndon Robjent, Carver County  
Jodi Teich, Stearns County  
Ryan Thilges, Blue Earth County  
Joe Triplett, Chisago County

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Wagner called the Transportation and Infrastructure Policy Committee to order at 8:00 AM. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Blue Earth County Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg moved to approve the September Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee minutes, second by Stevens County Commissioner Bob Kopitzke. Motion passed.

**II. MnDOT Update**

MnDOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger provided an update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) money coming to the state and the spending approval and state match dollars that will be needed next session to unlock these funds. Commissioner Daubenberger also discussed the number of comments MnDOT received on the draft Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMTP) this fall as well as where things are at with the final plan. She highlighted the ongoing conversation around the goal to reduce vehicle miles traveled included in the draft SMTP and outlined MnDOT's plan to work with local government on how to implement this goal. Commissioner Daubenberger also provided an update on the Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP) and MnDOT priorities for the next legislative session.

**III. Broadband Update**

Bree Maki, the new Executive Director of the DEED Office of Broadband Development provided an update to the committee on several state and federal broadband programs. Bree announced that the 2022 Border-to-Border grant award recipients will be announced shortly and that OBD will be announcing a new grant round soon. She also announced that the Line Extension Grant Program has launched and applications can be submitted online. Bree also discussed the broadband funding coming to the state from the IIJA, including the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program and the Digital Equity Program. OBD is working on a kick-off event for both the BEAD and DE programs at the end of January 2023.

**IV. Final Platform Review and Approval**

Chair Wagner and Emily Murray led the process for final platform review and approval. The Committee reviewed and took action on the following policies:

**NEW LANGUAGE: BROADBAND** (Nathan Zacharias, AMC)

AMC supports efforts to increase broadband affordability and digital equity.

Otter Tail County Commissioner Wayne Johnson made the motion to adopt the platform amendment, second by Hennepin County Commissioner Kevin Anderson. Motion passed.

**NEW LANGUAGE: TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNANCE** (Emily Murray, AMC)

AMC supports efforts for MnDOT State Aid to administer Chapter 12 Disaster Assistance Contingency Account funds to locals for the cost-share for federal assistance from the Federal Highway Administration emergency relief program.

Stevens County Commissioner Bob Koptizke made the motion to adopt the platform amendment, second by Blue Earth County Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg. Motion passed.

**NEW LANGUAGE: TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY** (Chair Gordy Wagner, Pope County Commissioner)

AMC supports the mission, goals, and initiatives of the Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths (TZD).

Douglas County Commissioner Keith Englund made the motion to adopt the platform amendment, second by Wadena County Commissioner Mike Weyer. Motion passed.

**NEW LANGUAGE: TRANSPORTATION, REGULATIONS** (Emily Murray, AMC)

AMC supports efforts to include rehabilitation under Minn. Statute 174.50 and allow for costs associated with historic bridges to be eligible for state bridge funds.

Otter Tail County Commissioner Wayne Johnson made the motion to adopt the platform amendment, second by Washington County Commissioner Stan Karwoski. Motion passed.

**CHANGE TO CURRENT PLATFORM** (AMC Implements of Husbandry Work Group)

~~AMC supports establishing maximum axle weights and gross weights for implements of husbandry on public highway bridges.~~

Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke made the motion to adopt the platform amendment, second by Lac qui Parle County Commissioner DeRon Brehmer. Motion passed.

**CHANGE TO CURRENT PLATFORM** (AMC Implements of Husbandry Work Group)

AMC supports eliminating the implements of husbandry exemptions for ~~posted bridge weights~~, authority to be weighed by law enforcement officials, and civil penalties for excess weight.

**AMENDED LANGUAGE CONSIDERED** (Proposed by Emily Murray, AMC)

AMC supports eliminating the implements of husbandry exemptions ~~for posted bridge weights, authority to be~~ from being weighed by law enforcement officials, and the exemption from civil penalties for excess weight.

With approval from Chair Wagner, Blue Earth County Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg made the motion to amend the platform amendment, second by Becker County Commissioner John Okeson. Motion approved with over 2/3 majority vote. Next, Lincoln County Commissioner Mic VanDeVere made the motion to adopt the amended platform amendment, second by Hennepin County Commissioner Kevin Anderson. Motion passed.

**V. Recognition of Retiring Committee Members**

Chair Wagner recognized the retiring Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee members and allowed those interested a moment to say a few words.

**VI. Adjourn**

Otter Tail County Commissioner Wayne Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Benton County Commissioner Scott Johnson. Motion passed. The Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM.