



Association of Minnesota Counties

Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee

February 18, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Anderson, Goodhue County
Kevin Anderson, Hennepin County
Kevin Campbell, Clay County
Raeanne Danielowski, Sherburne County
Jim Duckstad, Marshall County
Doug Erickson, Renville County
Rick Goutermont, Lake County
Lori Gunnink, Murray County
Mary Liz Holberg, Dakota County
Chris Hollingsworth, Pipestone County
Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County
Paul Johnson, Meeker County
Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County
Tim Kalina, Douglas County
Stan Karwoski, Washington County
Peter Koch, Sibley County
Jack Kolars, Nicollet County
Bob Kopitzke, Stevens County
Dave Kramer, Winona County

Brad Krause, Waseca County
Paul McDonald, St. Louis County
Jeff Mergen, Stearns County
Dean Newland, Clearwater County
Rafael Ortega, Ramsey County
Jim Purfeerst, Rice County
Jerry Reinartz, Mower County
Wayne Skoe, Koochiching County
Dave Sorenson, Pennington County
Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County
Robert Svaleson, Cook County
Mark Thell, Carlton County
Mic VanDeVere, Lincoln County
Bob Van Hee, Redwood County
Don Wachal, Jackson County
Gordy Wagner, Pope County
Lance Wetzel, LeSueur County
Mike Weyer, Wadena County

GUESTS:

Thomas Barry, Beltrami County
Jennifer Berquam, Olmsted County
Marc Briese, MnDOT
John Brunkhorst, McLeod County
Chris Byrd, Benton County
Angie Dickison, DEED
Margaret Donahoe, MN Transportation Alliance
Laura Elvebak, Blue Earth County
Brennan Furness, Hennepin County
Brian Giese, Pope County
Ron Gregg, Fillmore County
Jeff Marlowe, Renville County
Emily Murray, AMC Staff

Mel Odens, Kandiyohi County
Steve Novak, MICA
Ryan Odden, Wadena County
Chris Pelzer, Todd County
Brian Pogodzinski, Houston County
Lyndon Robjent, Carver County
Wayne Sandberg, Washington County
Rich Sanders, Polk County
Ted Schoenecker, Ramsey County
Jessica Seibert, Aitkin County
Jodi Teich, Stearns County
Ryan Thilges, Blue Earth County
Andrew Witter, Sherburne County

I. Call to Order

Chair Vance Stuehrenberg called the Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee to order at 1:00 PM. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance and did introductions.

II. Local Road and Bridge Program Update

Marc Briese, with MnDOT State Aid for Local Transportation, shared the results of the October special session bonding bill and what it means for local roads and bridges. The bonding bill included \$75 million in GO bonds for the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) and \$30 million in GO bonds for the Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP). Marc shared the progress of the LRIP competitive solicitation process, with applications due on March 3 and awards announced in June. Marc took questions on the LRIP program and recent legislative initiatives regarding the bridge grant program.

III. Update from the Office of Broadband Development

Angie Dickison, with the DEED Office of Broadband Development, presented to the committee on current updates from the Office as well as the latest grant round for the Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program. She highlighted the accomplishments of the grant program over the years and the statewide needs that still exist and have been made even more apparent due to COVID. Angie also talked about the governor's budget proposal, which includes \$50 million in one-time funding for the grant program. Angie took questions from members on the grant program and mapping as well as federal funding for broadband that's been awarded in the state.

IV. November Minutes

Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke moved to approve the November Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee minutes, second by Washington County Commissioner Stan Karwoski. Motion carried.

V. MnDOT Transportation Plans Policy Advisory Committee Update

Chair Stuehrenberg updated the committee on the first meeting of the Transportation Plans Policy Advisory Committee. Additionally, three of the county engineers that represent AMC on the two technical advisory committees provided an update on the roles of each TAC as well as the process and timeline going forward. Below is a list of the county commissioners and engineers representing AMC on the committees:

Joint Policy Advisory Committee

1. Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County Commissioner
 2. Jim McDonough, Ramsey County Commissioner
- Alternate: Rick Goutermont, Lake County Commissioner

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMTP) Technical Advisory Committee

1. Brian Giese, Pope County Engineer
2. Wayne Sandberg, Washington County Engineer

MN State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP) Technical Advisory Committee

1. Ted Schoenecker, Ramsey County Engineer
2. Jodi Teich, Stearns County Engineer

VI. Legislative Session Update

Emily Murray, AMC Staff, provided an update on the 2021 legislative session so far, including an overview of bills of interest to TIPC members. Margaret Donahoe, with the MN Transportation Alliance, updated the committee on a draft transportation funding proposal that she is working to get introduced this session.

VII. Adjourn

Hennepin County Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Lincoln County Commissioner Mic VanDeVere. Motion passed. The Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee adjourned at 2:50 PM.