

# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**April 3, 2013**

Members Present: Steve Ludwig, Hazel Youngmann, Brian Alsaker

Member Absent: Abdi Hassan, Joan Vincent, Tama Theis, Bob Johnson

City Staff Present: Steve Foss, Cheryl Malikowski, Recording Secretary

Vice-Chairperson Ludwig called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Alsaker moved to approve minutes from the February 6, 2013 meeting. Youngmann seconded and the motion passed.

Invitations to the Mayor's State of the City Address on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 12:30 p.m. were given to each member present.

Foss mentioned to the Board that Bob Johnson resigned from the TIAB.

Ludwig stated he would like to have a presentation at the next Board meeting and know ahead of time so the Board members can be thinking of possible discussion questions. Foss has spoken to the St. Cloud APO and will schedule them to present at the May 1, 2013, meeting. Board members indicated a desire to schedule an outside presenter for each of the next four regular meetings. Foss suggested the MTC as the next one. Youngmann stated to wait because the MTC is getting a new director. Youngmann suggested getting walker/runner groups to speak. Foss mentioned Jodi Gertken from BLEND. Ludwig stated the Airport to be another presentation. *(Note to Board: Scott Mareck/Angie Stenson with St. Cloud APO are scheduled for May 1st meeting; Jodi Gertken with BLEND is scheduled for June 5th meeting; Tom Cruikshank with MTC is scheduled for August 6th meeting.)*

Foss gave a brief overview of how the APO functions. The APO is made up of 6 cities, 3 counties and 3 townships. It functions as an MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) through which Federal transportation dollars are allocated to this area. The APO is one of 7 MPO's in place throughout Minnesota. St Cloud is represented at the APO by the Mayor and City Council members on the administrative side and by Steve Foss and Matt Glaesman on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Foss stated that the Mayor is actively pursuing changes in APO for a more equitable City representation based on population and regional service center demands.

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In the past APO funding was allocated almost exclusively toward expansionary projects such as converting from 2 lanes to 4 lanes or new roadway alignments. Recently a policy change was made whereby 50 percent is allocated to expansion, 40 percent toward preservation/maintenance and 10 percent toward bikes/trails. APO is required to adopt a long range plan and is currently in the process of updating the 2035 plan to a 2040 plan.

Foss provided a brief overview of the Municipal State Aid system (MSA). St. Cloud receives a MSA annual allocation of approximately \$2M. These funds are not project specific but can only be utilized on designated MSA routes. For a project to utilize MSA funding, minimum design standards such as number and widths of traffic lanes must be met. In 2013 MSA funding is being used on Washington Memorial Drive from University Drive to 11th Street South.

Foss shared with the Board that the 8th Avenue SE project will not be done this year as it was unapproved by the Council. The Engineering Department is putting together a report to the Council to propose a mill and overlay project. Areas considered in the proposal will be 3rd Street North from 29th to 33rd Avenue North; 22nd Street South from 9th Avenue South/Clearwater Road to CSAH 75; Park Avenue from Division Street/CSAH 75 to 2nd Street South; Old Highway 52 from 730 feet south of Saukview Drive north to the City limits; and 4th Street South from 4th to 9th Avenue South. This project is estimated at \$750,000.

Youngmann mentioned 12th Street North between 25th and 33rd Avenue North is in poor condition. Ludwig brought up the ability to report potholes to the City through Twitter (*Note to Board: hashtag is #stcpotholes*).

Discussion ensued regarding membership and attendance of the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.