



Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership Meeting

April 11, 2018 @ 10:00 am
Proctor Area Community Center
100 Pionk Drive, Proctor, MN 55810

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions- Meeting called to order at 10:05am.

Members in attendance: Kevin Adee, Bryan Anderson, Joel Astleford, Ron Chicka, Robert Deschampe, Jim Foldesi, Krysten Foster, Steve Hallan, Duane Hill, Andy Hubley, Gary Johnson, Dan Larson, Jack Larson, Mark LeBrun, John McDonald, JimYeene Neumann, Gary Peterson, Jeff Rypka, Joe Sutherland, Cindy Voigt, Matt Wegwerth, and John Welle

Guests in attendance: Russell Habermann, Michelle Pierson, Tina Neary, Don Niemi, Mike Wenholz, Roberta Dwyer, Rex Bordson, John Minor, Robert Ege, and Chris Belden

2. **Approval of Meeting Summary** - February 14, 2018

Vice Chair Neumann asked for approval of the meeting summary from the February 14, 2018, meeting of the NEMNATP. Motion was made by Jack Larson/John Welle. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Vice Chair Neumann requested approval for the meeting agenda. Motion was made by John McDonald/Bill Pratt. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Comments from Citizens Present

None brought forward.

5. Presentations

- a) Northern Lights Express - Frank Loetterle, MnDOT Passenger Rail Office

Frank Loetterle presented the planning process and current status of the Northern Lights Express. He answered several member questions regarding funding, legislative support, potential profitability/sustainability, employment impact, and impact on rural transit.

b) Twin Ports Interchange – Roberta Dwyer, MnDOT District 1

Roberta Dwyer presented four potential projects related to the Twin Ports Interchange (“Can of Worms”). Dwyer noted that a public survey had been very successful and will guide the project. This area has the third highest crash rate in the state, and weight restrictions for freight are also guiding the project.

c) Duluth-Superior Truck Route Study – Mike Wenholtz, DSMIC

Mike Wenholtz from the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council presented the agency’s current Truck Route Study. Wenholtz requested that meeting attendees pass on information about the study and correlating survey to freight stakeholders in their jurisdictions.

6. Communications

a) Connected and Automated Vehicle Executive Order (Attachment #1)

Jack Larson noted that Arrowhead Transit staff have been involved with the Governor’s Committee.

b) 2017 Functional Classification Data Summary and 2016 Revision (Attachment #2)

A document was sent out with the meeting agenda.

7. Unfinished Business

a) **ARDC Regional Transportation Planning Workplan FY 2019 (Attachment #3)**

Russell Habermann presented a list of projects that ARDC and MnDOT staff assembled to address the FY 2019 Workplan. The Workplan includes statewide and regional priorities. The NEMNATP guides selection of the regional priorities. Projects to be represented were distributed as Attachment #3. After reviewing the state and regional projects, a motion was made to approve the FY 2019 Workplan by Cindy Voigt/Jack Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business

a) Resignation – Jim Sharrow (Duluth Seaway Port Authority)

Russell Habermann noted that Jim Sharrow retired and that a certificate of appreciation and a card would be sent on behalf of the NEMNATP.

b) New Appointments – Deborah DeLuca (Duluth Seaway Port Authority) and April McCormick (Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa)

Habermann noted that two new appointments had been made to the NEMNATP membership.

c) Area Transportation Improvement Program – Projects Added for FY 2022

Bryan Anderson (MnDOT D1) presented projects added for FY 2022. It was noted that the 2022 projects totaled \$9.1 million and would be divided into four categories with \$900,000 attributed to the Transportation Alternatives program, \$2,680 million to the MPO, \$1.5 million to HSIP, and \$4.02 Million to Cities/Counties. Anderson also noted that in 2023 transit would likely be back at the ATP level for funding.

d) MnDOT District One Bicycle Plan

Russell Habermann noted that the third District One Bike Plan meeting was held on February 26th and that the project will be extended into fall 2018 due to staffing changes at MnDOT Central Office.

9. Program Updates and Committee Reports

a) ARDC Transportation Planning Updates

Russell Habermann combined updates with current workplan items with regional priorities for the FY 2019 projects.

b) Federal Funding Program Updates (Attachment #4 and Attachment #5)

John McDonald, Rob Ege and Bryan Anderson presented attachments #4 and #5 highlighting upcoming projects.

c) MnDOT Updates

d) DSMIC Transportation Advisory Committee Updates

Ron Chicka presented to the group that the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council is currently working on bike routes, bike networks in both Duluth and Superior, the District Freight Plan, and the Policy Plan.

e) Bicycle Technical Advisory Committee

Russell Habermann noted that there were no updates at this time.

f) Transportation Alternatives Program Task Force

Russell Habermann noted that there were no updates at this time.

10. Member Concerns

No concerns were brought forward.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was brought forward at 11:55am by Jim Foldesi/Matt Wegwerth. Motion carried unanimously.

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Next NEMNATP Meeting: July 11, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. in the Mountain Iron Community Center
(8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron, MN 55768)