

RTAC Meeting
January 25, 2010
Mn/DOT, Duluth

Attendees:

Tom Peterson	DNR
Paul Bergman	Lake County
Bruce Martinson	Cook County
Ron Johnson	Port of Duluth
Wayne Olson	Carlton County
John Welle	Aitkin County
Denny Johnson	Mn/DOT
Shae Kosmalski	Cook County
Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth
Jim Foldesi	St. Louis County
Walter Leu	Mn/DOT State Aid
Al Goodman	Area County Engineers
Walter Leu	Mn/DOT State Aid
Dennis Jensen	Duluth Transit Authority
Bryan Anderson	ARDC

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Al Goodman and introductions were conducted.

2. Committee Business

Motion to approve agenda by Dennis Jensen/Tom Peterson; passed unanimously.

Motion to accept minutes of the June 25, 2009 by Tom Peterson/Paul Bergman; passed unanimously.

3. Project Updates

Bryan Anderson provided a review and update of ARDC's projects and activities for this year.

TH 169 Completion Coalition is complete.

- Coalition still fully supports 4-lane project, but understands challenges facing Mn/DOT

- Questions regarding 2010 reclamation project were also addressed and positive changes were made
- Summary document available at www.arrowheadplanning.org/highway169

Mt. Iron Trail Plan is underway.

- Site reviews have been complete
- Interviews with city and school officials - completed
- Geo-coding the addresses of students
- First steering committee meeting end of January
- Completion May 2010

Big Falls Trail plan is underway.

- Replaces the Mille Lacs Transportation Plan
- Transportation inventory complete
- First steering committee meeting was January 14th
- Planning process will include two more committee meetings
- Completion date June 2010

Cook County State-Aid Non-Motorized Project Planning will begin in February.

- Planning process will review State-Aid routes for non-motorized opportunities
- Recommend projects for non-motorized transportation
- Provide education and guidance to agencies, groups, and the public within Cook County and assist the county with the development of a project priority list
- Provide funding guidance to Cook County
- Completion June 2010
- Project will begin February 1st

SRTS Funding

- Grand Marais: Underway- completion 2010
- Mt. Iron: Underway-completion June 2010
- Esko: Underway-June 2010
- Fond du Lac: Complete
- Deer River: Start spring 2010
- Chisholm: Start fall 2010
- Virginia: State fall 2010
- Bovey/Coleraine Coordinator: Ongoing
- Ely Coordinator: Ongoing

NSSD Council Projects

- Pull-off inventory and recommendation report
- Cascade River Design Project
- Beaver Bay Trailhead Project Funding

- Cairn Signs Phase II
 - Knife River
 - Beaver Bay
 - Silver Bay
 - Schroeder
 - Tofte
 - Lutsen

SNF Scenic Byway Projects

- FHWA Scenic Byway funding for Staffing
- Byway Interpretive Plan underway
- Project funding for Skibo Vista Overlook
- Update to the Corridor Management Plan
- Marketing projects

Bicycle Education

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Silver Bay – Two Harbors – Grand Marais – Tofte (Birch Grove) – Carlton – Barnum – Cromwell – Moose Lake – Wrenshall – Fond du Lac – Esko – Bovey/Coleraine – Grand Rapids – Hibbing – Ely – Albrook – Eveleth – Virginia – Mesabi East – Babbit/Embarrass – Cook – International Falls | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cohasset - Hill City - Cloquet - Big Fork - Littlefork |
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ATP Enhancement Projects

- Duluth Lakewalk Phase VI: \$500,000
- Duluth Munger Trail Connection Phase III: \$500,000
- Koochiching County Bike Trail: \$386,340

- Feely Township Sand Lake Trail: \$320,000
- Mesabi Trail – Soudan to Ely: \$291,000
- ARDC HelmetHero Bicycle Education: \$57,494
- Chisholm Longyear Lake Trail: \$90,000
- Hibbing Carey Lake Trail: \$500,000
- Beaver Bay Trailhead: \$400,000
- International Falls Gateway Project: \$500,000
- Ely – Trezona Community Connection Trail: \$ 149,040

- Total request: \$3,693,874 Total project costs: \$4,924,123

Cook County Safety Projects

Shae Kosmalski gave an overview of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Shae reported:

- that over one third of all crashes involve one vehicle
- Crashes cost the State of Minnesota \$1.5 billion in 2008
- Rural roads are 40% of all vehicle miles but nearly 50% of all crashes occur on rural roads
- Four E's of highway safety
 - Education
 - Enforcement
 - Emergencies
 - Engineering
- Lane departures account for 55% of all accidents.
- HSIP funding \$4.7 million in 2007 and \$9.4 million in 2009

Lake County Functional Class Change Request.

Al Goodman submitted a request to ARDC to designate .4 mile on 4th Street between 1st and 7th Avenue as a urban collector. The road currently is classified as a local road.

Wayne Olson/Tom Peterson motioned to approve Lake County's functional classification change; the motion passed unanimously.

Other

The RTAC requested a presentation of the I-35 reconstruction project in April.

Shae Kosmalski/Tom Peterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:30; the motion passed unanimously.