

TTAC Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) met on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room of Hiawatha's City Hall.

Present: Gary Petersen, Dan Whitlow, Dave Elgin, Steve Gannon, Cathy Cutler, Tom Treharne, Dick Ransom, Richard Luther, Darin Ligtenberg

Absent: Brad DeBrower, Dan Mann

Staff: Drew Westberg, Adam Lindenlaub.

Others Present: David Zylstra.

Gary Petersen called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

STP Priority Corridors policy

Adam Lindenlaub reviewed the memorandum that explained the status of the STP Priority Corridors policy. There was discussion regarding long-range plan compliance. Adam asked TTAC if they wanted to wait until the 2040 Transportation Plan update to address the issue of the STP Priority Corridors not being in compliance with the long-range plan. Dave Elgin requested a development calendar on the long-range plan update. Lindenlaub asked TTAC if they wanted to set a regular meeting schedule. TTAC agreed and would like to set it two weeks prior to the regular Corridor MPO meeting. Lindenlaub said he would send out an e-mail to TTAC requesting potential days.

Context Sensitive Design Solutions (CSDS) Policy

Dave Zylstra gave a presentation on the draft Context Sensitive Design Solutions (CSDS) policy that is being developed by the Corridor MPO Board. Elgin asked how the effectiveness of the policy was going to be measured. Dan Whitlow asked how it could be determined if the same result could have been achieved without the policy. Zylstra stated that it will be hard to measure quantitatively. Steve Gannon noted that the problem might be involving the right people in the stakeholder groups. Elgin asked if the policies of other MPOs were examined. Zylstra said that this policy is modeled after the Anchorage MPO policy. Whitlow asked what the timeline was for implementation. Drew Westberg said that the draft should be completed by mid to late November and the final version would be approved at the December Board meeting. Whitlow asked if this would apply to new projects or projects already funded. Zylstra said that topic has not been discussed yet. Elgin stated that question would be if the policy board is going to fund CSS elements.

Outreach & Communications Plan (OCP)

Westberg gave an update presentation on the Outreach & Communications Plan (OCP), which is expected to be adopted by the Board in January. Elgin stated that feedback should be included from the member jurisdictions on their current procedures so the Board knows what methods are currently working.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.