



**Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

May 21, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.

Intergovernmental Center

Minnesota River Room

10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2026
- V. New Business
 1. Recommendation to release draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for 30-day public comment period
- VI. Other Business, Discussion & Updates
 1. Informational: Upcoming Solicitation for studies to include in the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program
 2. Informational: Update on 2026 Statewide Metropolitan Planning Organizations Annual Conference
 3. Informational: ADA Transition Plan Update
 4. Presentation: MN Road Usage charge Demo
 5. Informational: Policy Board Elections
 6. Informational: Administrative Modifications to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program
- VII. Unapproved February 5, 2025 MAPO Policy Board meeting minutes (informational)
- VIII. TAC Comments
- IX. Adjournment
 1. Next meeting scheduled for August 20, 2026



January 15, 2026 | 1:30 p.m. | Intergovernmental Center, MN River Room, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN

TAC members present: Chair Seth Greenwood, Vice Chair John Zehnder – Nicollet County Planning Staff, John Considine III – Blue Earth County Planning Staff, Karl Keel – Mankato Acting Director of Public Works, Molly Westman – Mankato Community Development, Michael Fischer - North Mankato Community Development Director, Dan Sarff – North Mankato City Engineer, Christine Skarpohl Gregory – Lime Township, Scott Morgan – Mankato Township, Shawn Schloesser – Mankato Transit System, Scott Kaminski – Mankato Area Public Schools, Sam Parker – MnDOT District 7, David Cowan – Minnesota State University Mankato, Mark Plotz – Region Nine Development Commission.

Others Present: Mark Konz - Executive Director, Chris Talamantez – MAPO Transportation Planner,

Attending Virtually: Joel Hanif, Region Nine Development Commission, Jason Goodman and Bryan McCoy - MnDOT Central Office, Paul Morris - SRF.

I. Call to Order

Chair Seth Greenwood called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Karl Keel moved to adopt the agenda. With no discussion, the agenda was adopted.

III. Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2025

The minutes of the October 16, 2025, meeting were approved as read.

IV. New Business

4.1 Recommendation to proceed with recommended consultants for studies contained in the 2026 Unified Planning Work Plan.

Mark Konz introduced the studies and provided the scoring committee's recommendations.

John Considine moved to recommend the Policy Board proceed with the recommended consultants for studies contained in the UPWP. Motion was adopted after debate. Dan Sarff and Karl Keel abstained from voting.

4.2 Recommendation to adopt Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1).

Chris Talamantez provided a summary and discussion of the PM1 targets.

David Cowan moved to recommend to the Policy Board the adoption of Safety Performance Measure Targets PM1. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.3 Recommendation to adopt resolution supporting Mankato Transit's updated Public Transit Agency Safety Plan 2026 targets.

Shawn Schloesser provided a summary of the Transit Safety Plan and 2026 Targets.

Dan Sarff moved to recommend to the Policy Board the adoption of the Transit Safety Plan and 2026 targets. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.4 Recommendation to adopt resolution supporting Mankato Transit's Asset Management Plan.

Shawn Schloesser provided a summary of the Transit Asset Management Plan update for 2026.

Sam Parker moved to recommend to the Policy Board the adoption of the resolution supporting the Transit Asset Management Plan. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.5 Recommendation to approve of Surface Transportation Program (STP) Rankings.

Chris Talamantez provided a summary and discussion of the STP program rankings.

John Zehnder moved to recommend to the Policy Board the approval of the Surface Transportation Program Rankings. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.6 Recommendation to approve amendments to the MAPO 2026-2029 TIP.

Chris Talamantez provided a summary of the proposed TIP amendments.

Ryan Thilges moved to recommend to the Policy Board the approval of the amendments for the TIP. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.7 Recommendation to approve Functional Classification Update.

Bryan McCoy provided a summary of the update of Functional Classifications for the MAPO area with a correction of Madison Avenue to a minor arterial.

Ryan Thilges moved to recommend to the Policy Board the updates for the Functional Classification. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.8 Resolution approving MPO Conference Contract Agreements.

Mark Konz provided a summary of the annual conference discussion amongst the Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Organizations with Mankato hosting the 50 expected attendees.

Christine Skarpohl Gregory moved to recommend the Policy Board approve the resolution. Motion was adopted after debate.

V. Other Business, Discussion & Updates

6.1. Presentation: Greenhouse Gas Emission Modeling.

Paul Morris of SRF presented the modeling material and usage as one of many tools to support decision making. MAPO staff look forward to future training.

6.2. Greenhouse Gas Emission Modeling Grant Amendment.

The MnDOT led Travel Demand Model for MAPO has an extended timeline to June 2026.

6.3. 2025 Study final reports available

<https://mnmapo.org/planning-documents/>

6.4 Modification to the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program

An adjustment is required by the Complete Streets Program with minimal effect on the UPWP.

6.5 Carbon Reduction Program Timeline.

Application deadline January 30, 2026.

6.6 Complete Streets plan update

MAPO Staff will lead the decade old plan update for interested cities.

6.7 Policy Board Elections

By-Law initiated election.

VIII. TAC Comments

Monks Avenue pedestrian strikes; Minnesota State University Mankato Students seek action. Safe Routes and Streets for Blue Earth County may be able to support.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Chair Seth Greenwood



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION
Agenda Heading: Recommendation to
release draft 2027-2030 Transportation
Improvement Program (TIP) for 30-day public
comment period
No: 5.1

Agenda Item: Recommendation to release the draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for 30-day public comment period

Recommendation Action(s): Adoption of a motion recommending that the MAPO Policy Board release the draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for 30-day public comment period.

Summary: MAPO staff have coordinated with agencies including MnDOT District 7, MnDOT Office of Transportation System Management, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration, and Mankato Transit System to develop a draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

The TIP 30-day public comment period is scheduled for July 7, 2026 to August 7, 2026. Public engagement efforts will include:

- Email to MAPO stakeholder email list including local libraries, interested persons, GMBWA, VINE, YMCA, Lower Sioux tribe, SMILES, South Sudanese Community of Minnesota, MRCl, etc.
- Perform news release in coordination with City of Mankato Public Information and Community Engagement
- Place announcement in Mankato Free Press
- Announce and make available on MAPO website
- Announce and link on MAPO Twitter (X)
- Hold in-person open house (to be scheduled)

Staff recommendation is a motion to recommend to the MAPO Policy Board approval of the release of the draft 2027-2030 TIP for 30-day public comment.

Attachments:

1. [Draft 2027-2030 MAPO Transportation Improvement Program](#)



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION
Agenda Heading: UPWP budget and solicitation for 2027
No: 6.1

Agenda Item: UPWP budget and solicitation for 2027

Recommendation Action(s): Informational

Summary: MAPO staff is in the process of developing the 2027-2028 UPWP. On May 11, 2026 staff sent solicitation for applications to program projects within the 2026-2027 UPWP. Funds for projects to include in the 2027 work program are limited due to continuation of the Highway 14 corridor study (\$100,000) and a scheduled update to the Americans with Disabilities Act transition plan update (\$100,000). MAPO has an estimated \$100,000 available for additional programming into the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

Anticipated schedule for the 2027-2028 UPWP project solicitation:

- 5-11-2026: Release application.
- 7-17-2026: Application deadline
- 7-24-2026: Finalize review and scoring by TAC committee
- 8-20-2026: TAC recommendation on UPWP
- 9-3-2026: Policy Board resolution adopting UPWP

MAPO has an anticipated total budget of \$563,739 for the 2027 calendar year. Based on the local share split defined in the joint power agreement, the initial local match for the 2027 UPWP are calculated below. Amounts are subject to change following selection of projects to include in the 2027 work program based on the total budget used and the complete streets waiver. MAPO is sharing these amounts at this time for the purposes of allowing the local partners to budget. Staff will provide an update to the partners if adjustments are made.

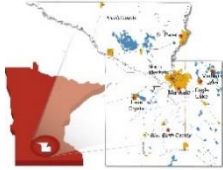
2027 Budget	
FHWA	\$ 341,501.00
FTA	\$ 101,120.00
Fed match	\$ 110,655.25
State	\$ 41,850.00
State match	\$ 10,462.50
	\$ 563,739

Total local share	\$ 79,267.75
Complete Streets	\$ -
Blue Earth County	\$ 24,422.07
City of Mankato	\$ 23,778.74
Nicollet County	\$ 7,711.80
North Mankato	\$ 8,355.13
MnDOT D7	\$ 15,000.00

MAPO staff are seeking volunteers from the Technical Advisory Committee to serve on the UPWP application scoring subcommittee

Attachments:

1. 2027 UPWP Project Application



MANKATO/NORTH MANKATO AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MAPO)

2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Project Application

Purpose	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form intent is to provide MAPO suggested plans and studies for its Unified Planning Work Program. All project submission information will be considered public. Projects must advance the goals of the MAPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Review the MTP at www.mnmapo.org. Applications must include a resolution of support from the highest governing body (i.e. City Council or County Board). The UPWP is fiscally constrained and funds are limited. Application does not guarantee selection. Selected applicants will be expected to work with MAPO staff through development including providing staff time, staff expertise, and planning-related data as available. Submit completed applications by July 17, 2026 to Chris Talamantez via email at Ctalamantez@mankatomn.gov or in person/U.S. mail at 10 Civic Center Plaza in Mankato. 	
Applicant Information	
Name:	Title/Position:
Agency:	
Phone:	Email:
Has MAPO performed a plan or study within the agency's boundaries in the past three years?	
Project Information	
Project title:	
Project location/boundaries/termini <i>(as detailed as possible):</i>	
Project map: <i>Include with form a simple map outlining submission's approximate geography</i>	
Estimated length of time to complete:	
Estimated project budget:	
Description of project: <i>(brief description of work to be undertaken, major project elements, and deliverables):</i>	

Project Scoring

100 points possible. Scores will be considered when UPWP is developed. High scores do not guarantee inclusion in the UPWP.

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| • MTP Goal Advancement | 20 points |
| • Plan Identification | 20 points |
| • Project Need: | 40 points |
| • Application Clarity: | 20 points |

MTP Goal Advancement (20 points)

Per the MTP, MAPO work products must address the Federal Highway Administration's Metropolitan Planning Factors. From the list below: **1)** identify applicable Metropolitan Planning Factors addressed by the project and **2)** provide a brief description linking the project to identified goals. Higher-ranking projects will address multiple goals. Leave blank if a project does not advance a factor.

- Economic Vitality.** Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productive, and efficiency.

- Safety.** Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.

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- Accessibility.** Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight.

- Environment.** Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.

- Connectivity.** Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.

- System Management.** Promote efficient system management and operation.

Preservation. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

Reliability. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.

Tourism. Enhance travel and tourism.

Plan Coordination (20 points): *Is the project identified in, or does it contribute toward, other existing adopted plans? If so, include the linked document(s) or include with form submission:*

Project Need (40 points): *Describe why this project is necessary. What issues will the project help to address? What are the consequences of inaction?*

Contact MAPO Transportation Planner Chris Talamantez with questions or comments (507) 387-8389 or Ctalamantez@mankatomn.gov

Meeting Date: May 21, 2026



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION
Agenda Heading: Informational: Update on
2026 Statewide Metropolitan Planning
Organizations Annual Conference
No: 6.2

Agenda Item: Informational: Update on 2026 Statewide Metropolitan Planning Organizations Annual Conference

Recommendation Action(s): Informational

Summary: MPO directors meet four times a year - February, May, August and November to discuss MPO and state transportation planning and programming work.

At the January 15 TAC meeting, MAPO staff informed the TAC that due to circumstances with the other Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), MAPO has agreed to host the 2026 Statewide MPO Annual Conference.

Staff has contracted with the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center to reserve the Ellerbe Room July 29-30 to host the event. A room block at the Hilton Garden Inn has been reserved for those travelling for the event. Staff is working on filling out the agenda with presentations and updates from Congressional Staff, Greater Mankato Growth, The Minnesota Transportation Alliance, and more.

Attachments:



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION
Agenda Heading: Americans With
Disabilities Transition Plan Update
No: 6.3

Agenda Item: ADA Transition Plan Update

Recommendation Action(s): Informational

Summary: MAPO member jurisdictions are Federally required to have an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan. MAPO worked with local partners to coordinate the creation of the ADA transition plan in 2016, with updates to the plan in 2019, and 2023. Preparing for an update in 2027, MAPO will set aside funds in the 2027 UPWP for a consultant to perform the update, and include a bid alternate for the remainder of Blue Earth and Nicollet counties, outside of the MAPO area.

Attachments:

1. [2023 ADA Transition Plan update](#)



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION
Agenda Heading: Presentation: MN Road Usage Charge Demo
No: 6.4

Agenda Item: Presentation: MN Road Usage Charge Demo

Recommendation Action(s): Informational

Summary: MnDOT has consulted with a team to research a demo focused on transportation funding and in-vehicle technology. Research team is offering an opportunity for MAPO members to provide input on how Minnesota's transportation system is funded while gaining insight into a potential future policy discussion.

The Minnesota Road Usage Charge Demo (MnRUC Demo) uses built-in vehicle technology to test whether a per-mile fee could sustain Minnesota's roads with revenue that is fairer and more transparent than the current per-gallon fuel tax, and whether built-in vehicle technology is easier and less expensive than other mileage reporting options.

MnDOT's team is recruiting participants for this free, voluntary demo, which runs through the end of August. Because of the technology involved, we're focused on drivers of newer Jeep, Ram, Chrysler and Dodge vehicles.

You can learn more about the MnRUC Demo or sign up on MnDOT's website:

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/mileagebaseduserfee/index.html>

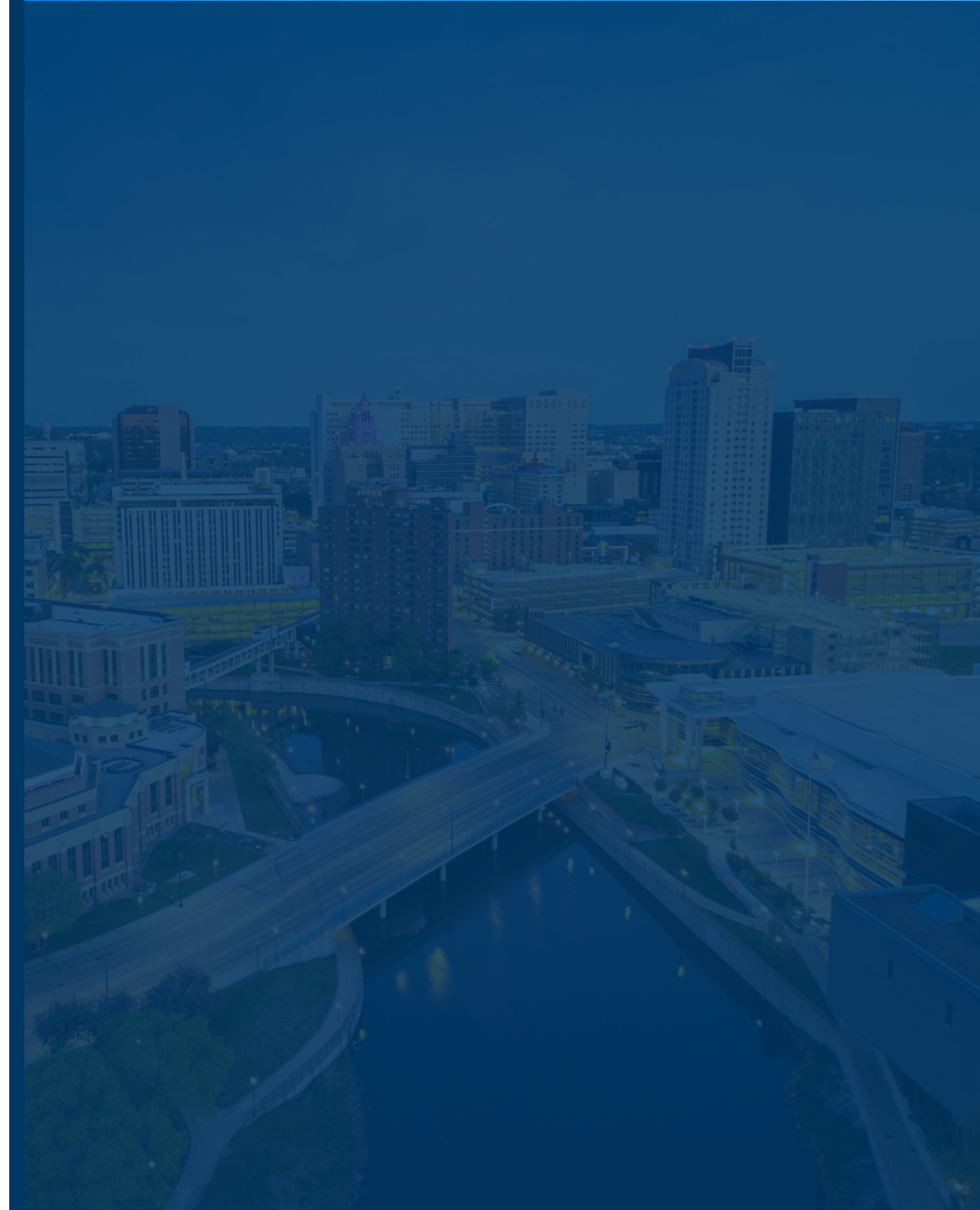
MnDOT staff will deliver an informational presentation regarding the demo. TAC members are invited to provide input.

Attachments:

1. Presentation slides

Minnesota Road Usage Charge Demonstration

MnRUC Demo

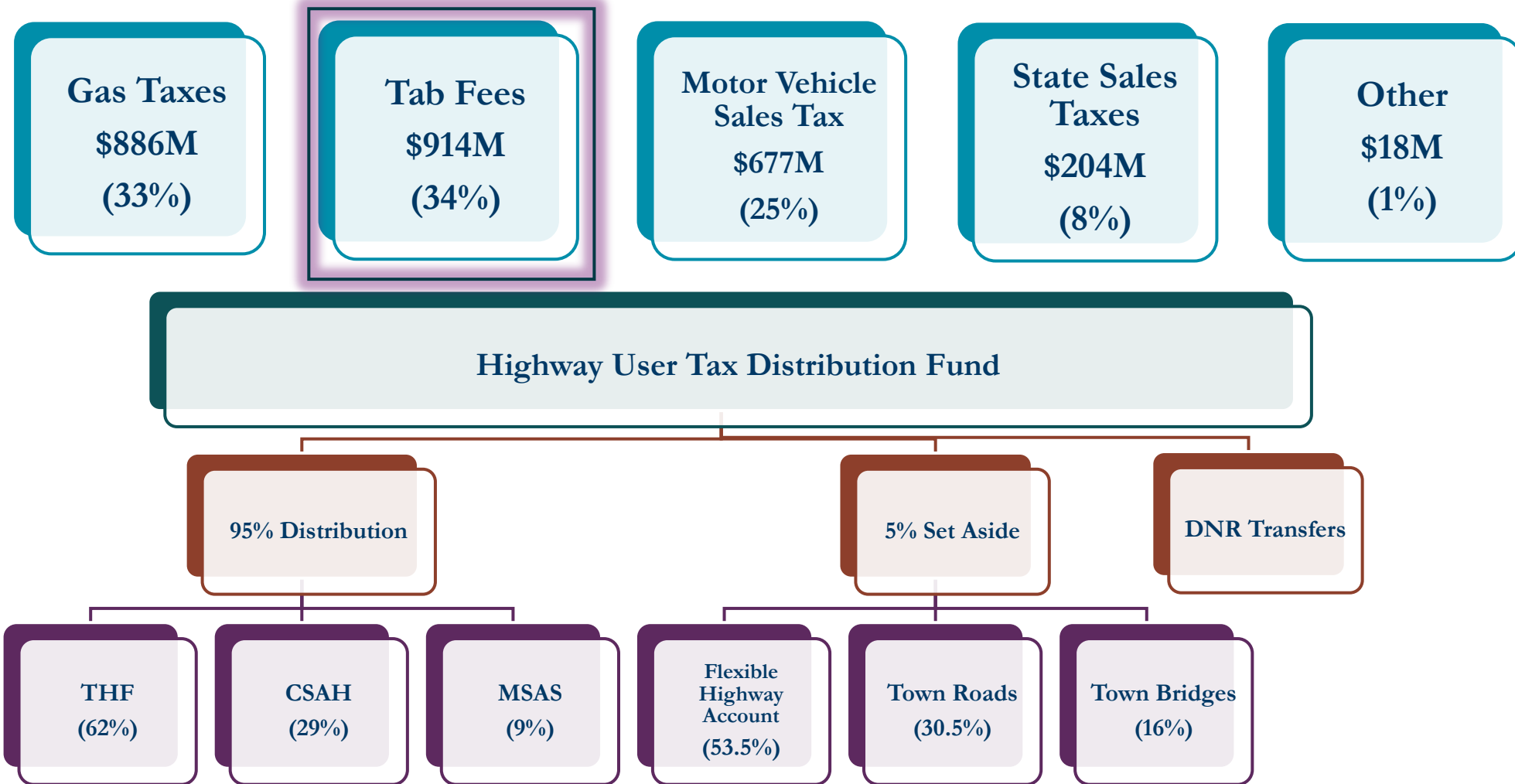


AGENDA

- Why are we researching this?
- MnRUC Demo Overview
- Why MnDOT Is Studying Road Usage Charges
- Participation Details
- Q & A

HUTD Sources and Uses

FY 2024 Actuals = \$2.7B (54% of total state/federal)



Primary HUTD Revenues

- Gas taxes:
 - Currently 31.8 cents/gallon
 - 25 cent “normal” gas tax (last increased from 20 cents in 2008)
 - 3.5 cent debt service surcharge (dedicated to repaying \$1.78B of Trunk Highway bonds in 2008)
 - 3.3 cent increase on 1/1/2025 due to inflation index - tied to MnDOT Construction Cost Index (“CCI”)
 - Estimated to cumulatively increase additional 2.5 cents through FY 2029
- Tab fees:
 - 1.575% of MSRP, depreciates over 10 years
- MVST:
 - 6.875% of purchase price (new and used)
 - Split 60% HUTD, 40% transit (34.3% Met Council, 5.7% MnDOT for Greater MN)
 - \$1.13B total collected in FY 2024 (largest individual revenue source)



Estimated HUTD Funding Gap

- The assumed 10-year Trunk Highway state road construction gap:
 - Half the identified 20-year gap from MnSHIP = \$8.9 billion
 - Plus additional \$2.1 billion identified though work following the completion of MnSHIP
 - Total gap = \$11.0 billion, or \$1.1 billion/year
- There is no comparable published long-range estimate for counties and cities
- For the purposes of the report, assumed that the needs and corresponding funding gap would be proportional to the gap for the Trunk Highway system.
- **Total HUTD gap = \$18.7 billion, or \$1.9 billion/year**

Fund	% of Total	20-Year Gap	10-Year Gap	Annual Gap
Trunk Highway	58.90%	\$17.8B	\$11.0B	\$1.1B
County State Aid Highway	32.55%		\$6.1B	\$.06B
Municipal State Aid Streets	8.55%		\$1.6B	\$.02B
HUTD			\$18.7B	\$1.9B

2025 Legislation

- EV fee modification from \$75 flat fee to new fee based on MSRP of EV. EV fee will be based on .5% of vehicle MSRP with a depreciation scale for the next 10 years of fees until reaching a minimum fee of \$150.
- New Plug-in hybrid fee of .25% of MSRP with same depreciation scale as EV fee over 10 years until reaching a minimum of \$75.
- Implemented a new tax on EV's charging at fast charging public stations of 5 cents per kilowatt-hour starting July 1, 2027.



Funding for Minnesota's Future

To keep Minnesotans moving well into the future, we're exploring fair, transparent, and sustainable ways to fund Minnesota's roads and bridges.

Road Usage Charge

- There are multiple terms for Distance Based User Fees(DBUF).
 - Road User Charge (RUC), Vehicle-miles traveled system (VMT) Mileage based user fee (MBUF)
- Idea is same regardless of acronym user are charged a fee for the distance they drive on public roads
- Follows the use pay principle same as the gas tax
- 4 States currently have implemented a form of DBUF
 - Hawaii, Utah, Virginia and Oregon
- Multiple methods for collection
- Multiple methods for rate creation
- Have varying effects on drivers depending on how it is implemented.

A road usage charge (RUC) is a per-mile fee that could offer a new way to fund Minnesota's roads.



The fuel tax revenues that fund Minnesota's roads will decrease as more cars transition to electric and highly fuel-efficient versions.

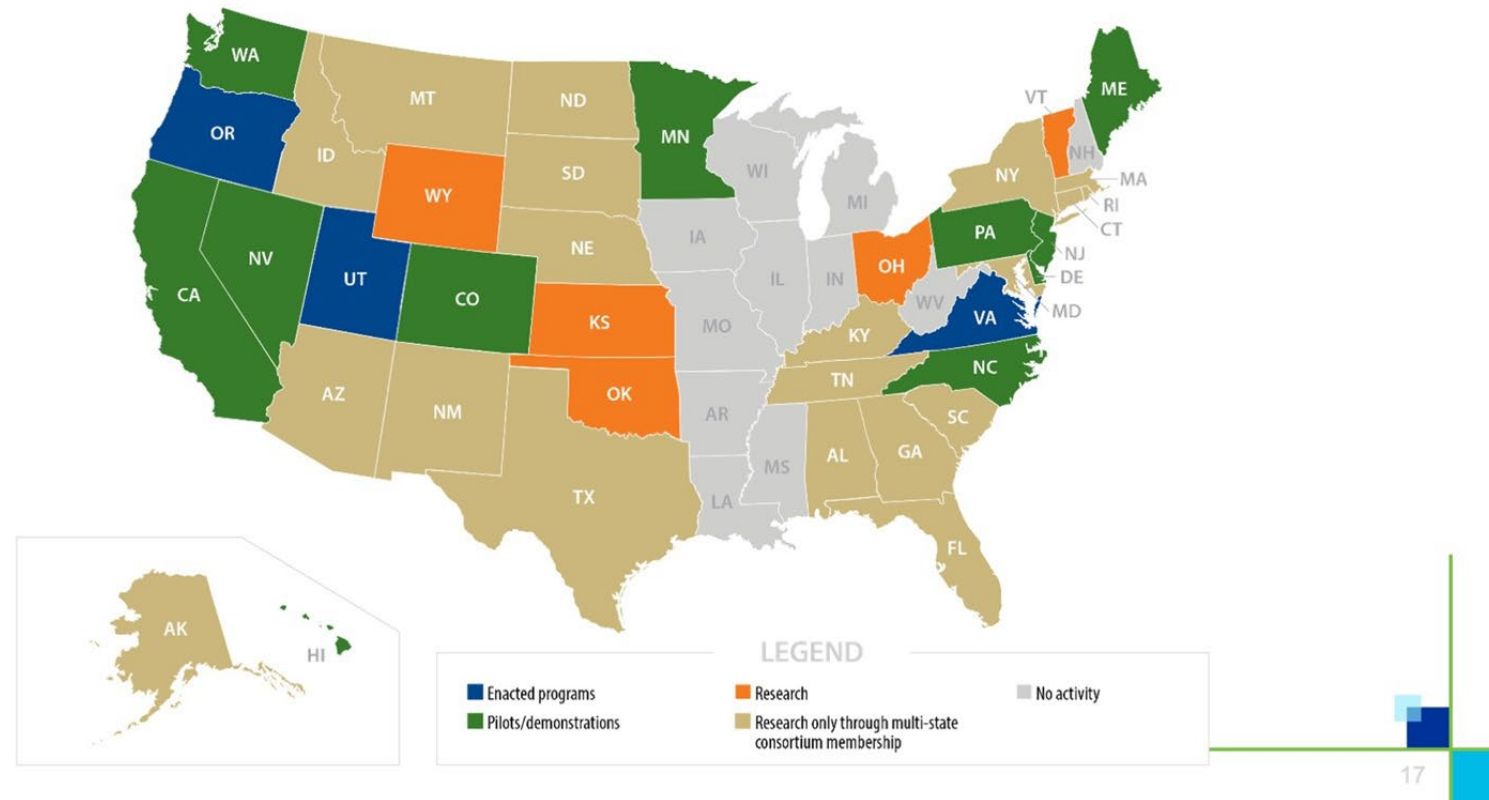


Recent state fuel tax increases have helped, but we need a long-term solution that can keep up with modern vehicles and rising construction costs.

State RUC Research

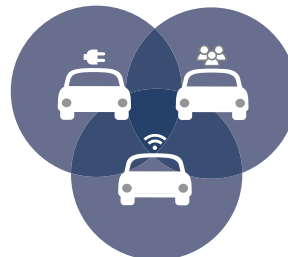


Road Usage Charge Programs and Pilots in the U.S. (2022)



Context: Minnesota's Road User Fee Experience

- [A New Approach to Assessing Road User Charges, 2003](#)
 - Multi-State Pooled Fund Project
- [Pay-As-You Drive Demonstration, 2006](#)
- [Public Acceptance of Road User Charges, 2010](#)
 - Customer Outreach
- Minnesota Road Fee Test, 2013
 - Mileage-Based User Fee Policy Task Force
 - Demonstration
- Distance Based Fee Demonstration, 2017-2021
 - Shared Mobility Fleet Model
 - Embedded Telematics
- Demonstrating the Potential of OEM Telematics Data for Calculation of Distance-Based Fees, 2023-present
 - Use OEM embedded telematics
- Partner on Kansas RUC Study, 2023-present
 - Focus on rural and freight understanding of RUC





MnRUC Demo

OBJECTIVES

- **RECRUIT** Minnesotans to join the demo
- **UNDERSTAND** how RUC could work as a potential solution to fund transportation in Minnesota.
- **EVALUATE** whether in-vehicle technology is more efficient and less costly than other ways of reporting miles driven.

How to Participate

- 1 Enroll with vehicle and account details.
- 2 Take a survey.
- 3 Complete the participant agreement.
- 4 Drive as normal for 6 months.
- 5 Tell us how it went by taking a survey.

Eligibility Criteria

People who:

- Live or drive regularly in Minnesota **and**
- Drive an eligible vehicle, including certain Jeep, Ram, Chrysler, Dodge, and other telematics-equipped vehicles made in or after 2021.

Enroll today: www.mnruc.com/welcome



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Q&A

Thank you!

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AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

Agenda Heading: Informational: TAC is informed that the Policy Board will select Chair and Vice Chair at their next meeting.

No: 6.5

Agenda Item: Informational: TAC is informed that the Policy Board will select Chair and Vice Chair at their next meeting.

Recommendation Action(s): Informational

Summary: The MAPO Policy Board bylaws state: “The officers of MAPO shall be a Chair and Vice Chair. The officers, who shall be elected by the General Membership, shall take office upon election on a biennial basis...” (Article VI. Sec. 1)

The MAPO Policy Board’s current Chair is Mr. Mike Laven and the Vice Chair is Mr. Mark Piepho. The Policy Board’s last election was held May 4, 2023.

Elections were scheduled for February 5, 2026 but were postponed to the June meeting due to the absence of multiple regular policy board members at the February meeting.

The MAPO Policy Board will hold elections for Chair and Vice Chair at their upcoming meeting on June 4, 2026.

Attachments:

[MAPO Policy Board bylaws](#)



AGENDA RECOMMENDATION
Agenda Heading: Administrative
Modifications to the 2026-2029
Transportation Improvement Program
No: 6.6

Agenda Item: Administrative Modifications to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Recommendation Action(s): Informational

Summary: MnDOT District 7 and Mankato Transit notified MAPO of updates to projects within the urbanized area. To facilitate the updates, the changes must be reflected in the MAPO 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Updates are identified below:

TRF-0028-26L: Cost reduction

8827-441: Cost reduction

8827-414: Change in project limits. No longer in MAPO area

MAPO staff followed the MAPO Public Participation Plan to determine the changes consist of an Administrative Modifications to the existing TIP. This process includes staff modifying the TIP projects and announcing at ensuing TAC and Policy Board meetings.

Attachments:

1. Administrative modification memos



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March 9, 2026

To: Deb Yates, MnDOT District 7
From: Mark Konz, Executive Director, MAPO
RE: MAPO 2026-2029 TIP Administrative Modifications

This memorandum serves as notification of an update made to the MAPO 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Appendix A of this document includes the full details of the project indicated below, which received minor modifications.

TRF-0028-26L: Cost reduction

Updates to the TIP are guided by MAPO's Public Participation Plan, which in turn is based on requirements issued by the Federal Highway Administration. The Administrative Modification was processed and approved March 9, 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact Chris Talamantez at (507) 387-8389 if clarification is needed.

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Attachment: Appendix A

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ROUTE SYSTEM	PROJECT NUMBER	YEAR	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	MILES	PROGRAM	WORK TYPE	FUND TYPE	STIP TOTAL	FHWA	AC LOCAL	AC PAYBACK	FTA	TH	STATE	LOCAL SHARE
TRANSIT	TRF-0028-26L	2026	MANKATO	SECT 5307: CITY OF MANKATO; ARMER HANDHELD RADIO REPLACEMENT		URBANIZED AREA FORMULA - SECT 5307	TRANSIT GRANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (NON-VEHICLE)	FTA	92,250 56,000	0	0	0	73,800 44,800	0	0	18,450 11,200



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April 9, 2026

To: Deb Yates, MnDOT District 7
From: Mark Konz, Executive Director, MAPO
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999	8827-441	2027	MNDOT	**ELLE** DISTRICTWIDE INTERSECTION AND INTERCHANGE LIGHTING		SAFETY CAPACITY	LIGHTING	STBGP	1,200,000 900,000	977,049 730,400	0	0	0	222,960 169,600	0	0



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April 27, 2026

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MN 60	8827-414	2027	MNDOT	**ITS**DISTRI CTWIDE (MN 60) WORTHINGTON TO ST JAMES TO MANKATO REPLACE ROAD CLOSED SYSTEMS	0	SAFETY CAPACITY	OTHER	STBG	750,000	610,650	0	0	0	139,350	0	0

Policy Board Meeting Minutes



February 5, 2026 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers	Intergovernmental Center 10 Civic Center Plaza Mankato, MN 56001
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A regular meeting of the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization Policy Board was held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm., in the Council Chambers of the Intergovernmental Center.

A quorum existed with the following members present: John Whittington – City of Eagle Lake, James Whitlock – City of North Mankato, Vance Stuehrenberg – Blue Earth County, Dennis Dieken – City of Mankato, Jack Kolars – Nicollet County (Acting Chair)

Others Present: Mark Konz (Executive Director) Shawn Schloesser (Associate Director Transportation Planning Services), Chris Talamantez (Transportation Planner), and Paul Morris of SRF Consulting.

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Jack Kolars called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Vance Stuehrenberg moved to approve Jack Kolars as Chair of the meeting in the absence of Chair and Vice Chair. Motion was adopted after debate.

Jack Kolars moved to approve Dennis Dieken as Vice Chair of the meeting in the absence of Vice Chair. Motion was adopted after debate.

II. Approval of Agenda

Vance Stuehrenberg moved to approve the agenda with the modification removing item 1 Motion to elect Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair. Motion was adopted after debate.

III. Approval of Minutes November 6, 2025

The minutes of the November 6, 2025, meeting were approved as read.

IV. New Business

4.1. Resolution to proceed with recommended consultants for studies contained in the 2026 Unified Planning Work Plan.

Chris Talamantez introduced the studies and provided the scoring committee's recommendations.

Vance Stuehrenberg moved to approve the resolution to proceed with the recommended

consultants for studies contained in the UPWP. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.2. Resolution to adopt Safety Performance Measure Targets (PM1).

Chris Talamantez provided a summary and discussion of the PM1 targets.

Dennis Dieken moved to approve the resolution adopting the Safety Performance Measure Targets PM1. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.3. Resolution to adopt resolution supporting Mankato Transit's updated Public Transit Agency Safety Plan 2026 targets.

Shawn Schloesser provided a summary of the Transit Safety Plan and 2026 Targets.

John Whittington moved to adopt the Transit Safety Plan and 2026 targets. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.4. Resolution to adopt resolution supporting Mankato Transit's Asset Management Plan.

Shawn Schloesser provided a summary of the Transit Asset Management Plan update for 2026.

Dennis Dieken moved to adopt the resolution supporting the Transit Asset Management Plan. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.5. Motion to approve the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Rankings.

Chris Talamantez provided a summary and discussion of the STP program rankings.

Vance Stuehrenberg moved to approve of the Surface Transportation Program Rankings. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.6. Recommendation to approve amendments to the MAPO 2026-2029 TIP.

Chris Talamantez provided a summary of the proposed TIP amendments.

John Whittington moved to approve the amendments for the TIP. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.7. Recommendation to approve Functional Classification Update.

Chris Talamantez provided a summary of the update of Functional Classifications for the MAPO area with a correction of Madison Avenue to a minor arterial.

John Whittington moved to approve the updates for the Functional Classification. Motion was adopted after debate.

4.8. Resolution approving MPO Conference Contract Agreements.

Mark Konz provided a summary of the annual conference discussion amongst the Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Organizations with Mankato hosting the 50 expected attendees.

James Whitlock moved to approve the resolution. Motion was adopted after debate.

Chair Kolars pass the meeting gavel to Dennis Dieken as Chair.

V. Other Business, Discussion & Updates

5.1. Presentation: Greenhouse Gas Emission Modeling.

Paul Morris of SRF presented the modeling material and usage as one of many tools to support decision making. MAPO staff look forward to future training.

Chair Dieken passed the meeting gavel to Jack Kolars as Chair.

5.2. Greenhouse Gas Emission Modeling Grant Amendment.

The MnDOT led Travel Demand Model for MAPO has an extended timeline to June 2026.

5.3. 2025 Study final reports available

<https://mnmapo.org/planning-documents/>

5.4. Modification to the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program

A required adjustment by the Complete Streets Program with minimal effect on the UPWP.

5.5. Carbon Reduction Program Timeline.

Application deadline January 30, 2026.

5.6. Complete Streets plan update

MAPO Staff will lead the decade old plan update for interested cities.

VI. Policy Board Comments

Vance Stuehrenberg discussed recent planning, developments, and signaling for Adams Street and Victory Drive

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Chair Jack Kolars