



**Transportation Policy Committee
Annual Conference Minneapolis, MN
December 6, 2011**

****MEETING MINUTES****

Members present:

See attached sheet for attendance.

Chair D. Jensen **called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 6, 2010.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Introductions were made around the room.

There was a **motion** to approve the policy committee meeting minutes from August 4, 2010. A correction was suggested by Commissioner G. Wagner to add “y” after “The” in the second to last paragraph and deletes the “the” after “invited”. The change was approved. The motion to pass the minutes was **seconded** by Commissioner G. Wagner and **passed** via voice vote.

Former State Representative Bernie Lieder and John Dohn from Atkins Consulting gave a power point presentation summarizing the work of the Mileage Based User Fee (MBUF) Task Force chaired by Mr. Lieder. Task Force recommended that exploration of an MBUF system for Minnesota continue to advance in a measured, informed and thoughtful manner guided by the six findings and recommendations in the presentation. (PowerPoint included in Committee materials). He then took questions from the committee.

Commissioner Toni Carter briefly addressed the Committee as candidate for AMC’s Second Vice president.

Rick Kjonaas from MnDOT State Aid for Local Transportation addressed the committee briefly on a couple upcoming issues, the county needs formula and Design Build continuing legislation.

House Transportation Chair Mike Beard arrived to address the committee on the upcoming legislative session and took questions.

Patti Lokan from the State Aid Bridge Office addressed the committee on the status of that program.

Rick Kjonaas resumed the podium along with Al Goodman, Minnesota County Engineer Association’s Legislative Committee Member, to give a presentation on the 10 Ton Road report. They reported that to bring county roads in a 10 ton system up to full capacity would cost \$200-250M, which would address the remaining 1/3 of roads which need upgrading to complete the

full system. This funding would come in the form of yearly bonding requests to be deposited the Roads of Regional Significance account.

Commissioner Paul Thiede briefly addressed the Committee as candidate for AMC's Second Vice President.

Margaret Donahoe, Director of the Transportation Alliance, gave a presentation entitled "Roadmap to 2040 – Transportation in Minnesota". This described the Transportation Alliance's vision for how our state could and should look with needed strategic investments in our system.

Abbey Bryduck provided the TPC with proposed changes to the platform in the form of deletions as discussed by the County Engineers.

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Re: Deletions to Existing Platform

~~AMC supports state funding to local government units to assist in complying with the federal 2012 retro-reflectivity unfunded mandate for road signs.~~

~~AMC supports requiring that the MnDOT chief engineer position or the deputy commissioner position be a registered licensed professional engineer within the State of Minnesota.~~

~~AMC supports creating the 5% flexible account that would allow all funds not used for county or municipal turnbacks to be deposited in a central safety account jointly managed by MnDOT.~~

~~AMC supports the completion of freight movement studies in each MnDOT district to enable each district to prioritize the investment for ten-ton roads and meet the needs of the state's economy.~~

Chair Jensen removed the first deletion from consideration as the retro-reflectivity dates are still in effect.

There was a **motion** to delete the second proposed deletion, and the motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Wagner. There was discussion in favor of keeping the platform item. The motion **failed** via voice vote.

Commissioner Bill Sterns **moved** the third proposed deletion; the motion was **seconded** and **passed** via voice vote.

Commissioner Bill Kubicek **moved** the third proposed deletion; the motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Bruce Johnson and **passed** via voice vote.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dave Perkins **moved to adjourn** the meeting. Chair Jensen **adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Abbey Bryduck – AMC Policy Analyst*