



**Arrowhead Regional Development Commission
Regional Transportation Advisory Committee
January 5, 2006 – 10 a.m.**

Carlton County Transportation Building

| <u>Meeting Attendees</u> | <u>Representing</u> | <u>Meeting Attendees</u> | <u>Representing</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Ron Johnson | Duluth Seaway Port | Walter Leu | Mn/DOT |
| Bob Manzoline | Reg. Rail Authority | Bill Whiteman | Bois Forte |
| Bryan Anderson | ARDC Staff | Roger Pekuri | USDA Forest Service |
| Catherine McLynn | Itasca County | Tom Peterson | MnDNR |
| Denny Johnson | Mn/DOT | Wayne Olson | Carlton County |
| Don Mohawk | Mn/DOT | Jeff Hall | Mn/DOT |
| Doug Grindall | Koochiching County | Steve Kniefel | Townships |
| Jack Larson | Rural Transit | Dennis Jensen | Duluth Transit Auth |
| Josh Bergstad | ARDC Staff | Rick Goutermont | Lake County |

1. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair McLynn and introductions were made.

2. Committee Business – Chair McLynn

- **Approval of Meeting Agenda.** Chair McLynn asked for changes to the agenda and added a discussion regarding open positions on the RTAC. McLynn asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. **Olson/Goutermont made a motion to approve the January 5th, 2006 Meeting Agenda. Unanimous support; motion carried.**
- **Approval of the October 5, 2005 Meeting Minutes as recorded.** Chair McLynn asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. **Denny Johnson/Larson made a motion to approve the October 5, 2005 Meeting Summary as recorded. Unanimous support; motion carried.**
- **Open Positions on the RTAC.** McLynn mentioned that there are three open positions on the RTAC. The positions are airports, rail, and bicycle/pedestrian. McLynn asked is there were any recommendations to fill these positions. Manzoline indicated that Anderson should contact Ken Buleur at the Rail Museum for a rail representative. McLynn indicated that she would contact Matt Romonik regarding his interest in serving as an airport representative.

3. ATP Updates – Bryan Anderson. Anderson informed the committee that 24 Enhancement application have been received requesting \$6.7 million in funding. Anderson noted that the Enhancement Task Force will meet in early February to review the applications. The target for both FY 2009 and FY 2010 projects is \$3.0 million.

- 4. Project Updates – Bryan Anderson.** Anderson updated the committee on the RTAC grant projects. The Sand Lake Trail Committee has met several times and has determined a draft alignment for the trail. Anderson indicated that the trail is approximately two miles in length and will travel along Trunk Highway 2 between the City of Warba and the Shallow Lake Road. The Sand Lake Trail Committee will hold an open house in January to show the trail alignment to the public.

Anderson also updated the RTAC on the Aitkin Trails Plan. Anderson has met with City officials regarding the alignment of the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail through the City of Aitkin. Anderson will soon be working with the Aitkin pedestrian committee to identify needed in city trail connections.

The Biwabik Township Roads Plan will begin this month.

- 5. Two Harbors Walkability Workshop – Josh Bergstad.** Bergstad gave an overview of the walkability workshop held in Two Harbors. He indicated that ARDC partnered with the Northeast Minnesota Obesity Prevention Program. Bergstad mentioned that the group met on October 14th and discussed the importance of walking and hazards that prohibit walking in Two Harbors. The workgroup also took a walking tour of downtown Two Harbors to point out pedestrian hazards and made recommendations on how these problems could be eliminated. Bergstad said the next steps to the plan will be to establish a citizens workgroup, prioritize recommendations, final report production, and monitor and assist the workgroup through June. McLynn indicated that this is a great project that should be shown to County Boards to illustrate the importance of the RTAC's work in the region.
- 6. Mn/DOT Maintenance Presentation – Jeff Hall.** Jeff Hall from Mn/DOT presented to the RTAC on Mn/DOT's maintenance operations in Northeast Minnesota. Hall gave interesting statistics and facts regarding winter maintenance in district one. A special thank you was given to Hall for taking the time to make his presentation.
- 7. Carlton County Transportation Building Tour – Wayne Olson.** Wayne Olson gave a 20 minute tour of the newly constructed transportation and land department building. Olson pointed out some of the efficiencies of the building and their partnership with Arrowhead Transit. The RTAC thanked Olson for the great tour and willing to host the meeting.
- 8. Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the RTAC will be held on April 6th 2006 in Duluth.
- 9. Adjournment.**
The committee thanked Olson for the great tour and also ARDC for the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.