



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

Two Harbors- Lake County Human Service Building

Meeting Summary

<u>Meeting Attendees</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Meeting Attendees</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Tom Peterson	MnDnR	John Minor (for Leu)	Mn/DOT
Bob Manzoline	Reg. Rail Authority		
Wayne Olson	Carlton County	Steve Kniefel	Townships
Roger Pekuri	US Forestry	Kara Kent	ARDC Staff
Denny Johnson	Mn/DOT	Ellen Pillsbury	ARDC Staff
Don Mohawk	Mn/DOT	Bryan Anderson	ARDC Staff
Doug Grindall	Koochiching County	Ben VanTassel	ARDC Staff

1. Welcome/Introductions

At 10:05 a.m. Chair Kniefel stated that a quorum was not present and it was decided to hold an informal meeting. All formal motions will take place at the January 4, 2007 meeting. Chair Kniefel asked for introductions.

2. Committee Business – Chair Kniefel. Will be completed at the January 2007 meeting.

3. Project Updates

Bryan Anderson gave an overview of the Human Service Coordination Transit Plan. Anderson noted that the purpose of the plan is to find solutions to reduce gaps in transit service across NE Minnesota. This planning process is being overseen by a Steering Committee. Input into the plan was received on August 14th at a transit workshop held in Duluth. Over 45 transit stakeholders attending the workshop and worked through a shortened version of the framework for action. The plan will be complete by November 1st and a copy of the plan can be viewed on ARDC's website.

Ben VanTassel gave a brief overview of the Gateway Corridor Project underway in International Falls. The project is in the issue identification and visioning stage of the process and is moving forward as planned. Johnson asked if the 332 Bypass and bridge are being included in the project planning. VanTassel explained they had been discussed, but was unsure at what length they would be addressed at this time.

4. Active Living Project Overview – Ellen Pillsbury

Pillsbury reviewed the Active Living Assessment Engagement Initiative. This initiative is a partnership between the ARDC and the Northeastern Minnesota Obesity Prevention Project (NEMOPP) and funded through Blue Cross Blue Shield. The 18 month initiative

is part of a nationwide Active Living by Design project based in North Carolina. The focus area includes the counties of Lake, Cook, St. Louis, and Carlton County as well as Fond du Lac and Grand Portage Indian Reservations. The Active Living by design concept focuses on increasing physical activity through community design, public policies, and communications strategies. The initiative is in the early preparation stages, with the setting of the assessment goals and outcomes scheduled for this winter.

5. Functional Classification/Road Inventory –Kara Kent

Kent gave an update on the Functional Classification and Road Inventory for the counties. Koochiching County is continuing to work on the base map, and Grindall and Kent agreed to work together on that aspect. ARDC is currently updating the functional classifications and will then be sending the maps back to the counties to approve the functional classification.

Meeting Structure – Bryan Anderson. Anderson asked if the group would be interested in a presentation from Manzoline on the passenger rail service project from Duluth to the Twin Cities. Manzoline agreed to present at the January meeting.

6. Next Meeting. The next meeting of the RTAC will be held on January 4, 2007. Tentatively held at the Lake County Human Service Building.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 and a tour of the Two Harbors planned marina was given. The RTAC also walked a section of the Gitchi-gami Trail. The tour was led by Tom Peterson.