

2013-2016 ATIP Public Meeting

UMVRDC

March 26, 2012 Appleton, MN

**RDC Members Attending:**

Bruce Swigerd – Prairie Five CAC  
Juanita Lauritsen – SW Workforce Council  
Brent Olson – Big Stone Co Commissioner  
Mark Bourne – Lac qui Parle Townships  
Rusty Dimberg – Big Stone Townships  
Scott Peterson – YM Municipalities- Granite Falls  
Jim Dahlvang – Chippewa County Commissioner  
Brett Buer – Dawson/Boyd School Board  
Kathi Thymian – Ortonville School Board  
Heather Giese – Swift Co Municipalities - Appleton  
Gary Hendrickx – Swift Co Commissioner  
Jeff Olson – Lac qui Parle Municipalities- Dawson  
Warren Rau – Swift Townships  
Harold Solem – Lac qui Parle Co Commissioner  
Gary Johnson – YM Co Commissioner  
Jim Schmaedeka – Chippewa Co Townships

**Guests Attending:**

Andy Sander – Yellow Medicine and Swift County Engineer  
Nick Anderson – Big Stone County Engineer  
Paul Coyour – Prairie Five Rides  
Dave Smiglewski – Mayor of Granite Falls  
Bridget Miller - MnDOT ATP 4  
Jarrett Hubbard - MnDOT ATP 8  
Suzanne Karnowski – MnDOT ATP 8

**Staff Attending:**

Dawn Hegland  
Jackie Sigdahl  
Jenifer Fadness  
Jacki Anderson  
Kristi Fernholz  
Arlene Tilbury  
Lindsey Knutson

A presentation was made by Lindsey describing the Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP) process and the Area Transportation Partnership (ATP). The presentation included highlights of each project on the ATIP from 2013-2016. The presentation also included an analysis of the proposed projects by type, county, and year. Handouts of the presentation were made available to everyone.

Representatives from MnDOT also provided handouts from their respective offices.

Questions presented at the public meeting:

1. Gary Johnson: How can we replace the viaducts on MN 7 west of Milan? The height and width restrictions are very tight there and pose a problem for trucks and larger loads. The curve in the road poses a danger for accidents. Several in attendance commented on loads of hay hitting the bridge. (District 8)

2. Dave Smiglewski: How can we get MnDOT to prioritize the railroad underpass in Granite Falls on US Hwy 212/MN 67 (between 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets)? The underpass was identified in a corridor study of US 212 because it is a safety concern due to its narrow width and short height (many trucks hit the bridge as they try to go under it—Dave circulated photos) and it is a source of congestion along US 212. This causes trucks to be re-routed onto nearby streets and an at-grade railroad crossing. A similar county road/railroad bridge has been replaced nearby and others along this corridor and other corridors in the area, when will this one be replaced? (District 8)
3. Harold Solem: On US Hwy 212, what is the reason for putting concrete on the east and west portions of Dawson and bituminous in the middle? Why not keep it consistent? (District 8)
4. Gary Johnson: How can we leverage ATP 8's previous spending on the Paynesville Bypass to get more projects in ATP 8 in the future? (District 8)
5. Jim Dahlvang: What process should we follow to move forward on getting a trail from Montevideo to Camp Release along US Hwy 212? And who would the appropriate MnDOT contact be? (District 8)
6. Bruce Swigerd: Keep weight restrictions on MN 7 from Beardsley to Ortonville. This would keep the road in better shape by re-routing truck traffic to US Hwy 75 and off of Main Street (MN 7) in Ortonville. MN 7 is also a dangerous, narrow, winding and hilly roadway. For safety reasons, truck traffic should be rerouted so that it does not go through Main Street in Ortonville, which is already congested. (District 4)
7. Harold Solem: There are several areas throughout the region that have recently had intersection lights installed, but the lights do not yet work. These intersections include MN 275 and US 212, MN 23 and 274, MN 40 and 277 and MN 40 and 119 among others. (Both Districts)
8. Gary Johnson: Thanks to District 4 and 8 for doing a good job presenting the future projects and doing good work in our region. (Both Districts)
9. Jim Dahlvang: Could you speak more to the possibility of consolidating local transit systems and the long-range plan for transit? (Transit's 2012 and Beyond Plan) (Both Districts)

If you have any questions regarding the comments from the UMVRCD Transportation Open House, please contact **Lindsey Knutson**  
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