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SRDC Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 29, 2021 | 1:00 PM-2:00 PM
Center for Regional Development, 2401 Broadway Ave, Slayton, MN 56172

Members: Mic VanDeVere (Chair), Don Wachal, Richard Peterson, Bob Byrnes. Rosemary Bruce-White

Guest Present: Megan DeSchepper and Lindsey Bruer (MnDOT D8); Sam Parker and Ronda Allis (MnDOT D7); Netty Fielder

Notes

1. Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 PM by Chair VanDeVere
2. SRDC FY 2023 draft Transportation Work Plan (*action*)
 - Development Planner Rosemary Bruce-White explained the new additions to the workplan.
 - Motion to Recommend the Workplan to the Budget and Personnel Committee: Byrnes, Van De Vere seconded. Carried.
3. Review of the **District 7** draft Area Transportation Improvement Program (Ronda Allis)
 - Ronda Allis presented the 2023 construction season map, the 2023-2028 ATIP and funding targets for district 7.

There was one question regarding MN-59 south of Fulda as a potential “shelf-project” in case the funding becomes available. Allis answer that although the original project was pushed out of the districts CHIP years, it will be taken into consideration if the funding becomes available.

4. Review of the **District 8** draft Area Transportation Improvement Program (Lindsey Bruer)
 - Lindsey Bruer presented the 2023 construction season map, and the 2023-2028 ATIP for district 8.
 - i. A question regarding how roadway remedies are selected and the difference between the thin overlays that have been done in the past on Mn-75 and 30 differ from the one scheduled for 2024 on MN-23. In the past, MnDOT’s decision making on projects prioritized getting as many miles of work done as possible. This meant that projects had to cost less to cover more miles. While this approach improved the ride quality index (RQI) for the district, the fixes did not last long and the pavement would break up quickly. Over time the district has changed their pavement philosophy to include a mix of fixes from thin

- fixes to keep good pavements in good condition longer and more robust fixes on pavements that have reached the end of their life.
- ii. A question regarding the hot in-place recycle scheduled on Hwy 68 and what all it entails. This is the first time District 8 is using hot in place recycling. It is similar to cold in place recycling in that both reuse or recycle the existing pavement, eliminating the need to haul old pavement materials out and new pavement materials in, but the hot in place recycle can only get to surface distress and the fix doesn't go as deep as a cold in place recycle could. It is being used on the Hwy 68 project to ensure a smooth pavement after the shoulder and box culvert replacement work is done.

5. Meeting Adjourned, 2:00PM