



Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPO Staff Report
Technical Advisory Committee: January 11, 2017
Executive Policy Board: January 18, 2017

RECOMMENDED ACTION: For Information Only

Matter of the "The Northwest Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-2)

BACKGROUND:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) established Area Transportation Partnerships (ATP) in response to this new legislation as a way of providing a sub-state geographic focus on transportation decisions that involve the programming of federal transportation funding included in the Minnesota State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). ATPs were established in response to landmark federal surface transportation legislation in 1991 requiring states to emphasize greater planning, multi-modal decision making, and local and public involvement in the development of transportation plans and programs.

One of the primary roles of ATP-2 is to annually develop a draft Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP). The ATIP is an integrated list of state and local priorities seeking federal transportation funding covering a minimum four-year period recommended for inclusion in the STIP. ATP-2 is also responsible for assisting MnDOT District 2 in managing the ATIP after the STIP has been approved by federal transportation authorities.

ATP-2 is represented by two active Regional Development Corporations and one designated MPO. Its role is to select the transportation alternative projects submitted for inclusion in the Minnesota State Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2018 to 2021.

Two projects were submitted by the City of East Grand Forks for consideration of the ATP-2:

- First, submittal of a Letter of Intent (LOI) describing the key components of their project.
- Second, completion and submittal of the full Application.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

Letters of Intent (LOI) have been received from eight municipalities seeking funding for school trail projects, safe routes to school, multi-use trails, sidewalk improvements and educational activities in support of children safety and mobility activities

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

Please refer to East Grand Forks Transportation Alternatives Application