

# West Central Minnesota Transportation Advisory Committee

## **Introduction**

The West Central Minnesota Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) guides and assists West Central Initiative in the administration of a regional transportation planning program for program the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT). The TAC also serves as an advisory body to the Mn/DOT District 4 Area Transportation Partnership (ATP).

WCI is contracted with Mn/DOT District 4 to administer a regional transportation planning program in State Planning Region IV. The transportation planning area includes the counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin.

## **Duties**

Major duties of the TAC include:

- Generating a vision and plan to guide the goals, objectives and investment recommendations in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Developing communications systems and promoting cooperation among all of the partners required for coordinated transportation planning.
- Bringing order and direction to efforts to meet regional transportation needs.
- Serving as a "champion" for coordinated regional transportation planning.
- Encouraging communities and other jurisdictions within the region to coordinate local transportation planning and investment with each other and with the broader regional plan.

## **Meetings**

- Meetings of the TAC are convened by WCI.
- The TAC meets quarterly in January, April, July and October.
- The July TAC meeting is preceded by the Annual meeting, at which officers are elected and new member nominations are ratified.
- Special meetings of the TAC may be called on occasion. These meetings are typically to address specific projects or issues.

## **Sub-Committees**

- Occasionally sub-committees are formed to address various specific issues that are beyond the scope of the TAC. These sub-committees include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Governance
  - Truck Weight
  - Trails

## **Membership**

- There are fifteen TAC members, representing various constituencies from throughout the region:
  - One Aviation Representative
  - Two County Elected Representatives
  - Two County Engineer Representatives
  - One Freight Representative
  - One Large Cities (5000+) Elected Representative
  - One Large Cities (5000+) Engineer Representative
  - One Minnesota State Patrol Representative
  - One Mn/DOT Representative
  - One Small Cities (>5000) Representative
  - One Township Representative
  - One Trails Representative
  - One Transit Representative
  - One White Earth Reservation Representative
  
- TAC members are selected in accordance with the TAC Operational Guidelines, Appendix A: Membership Selection Procedures.
  
- TAC members are allowed one alternate member who may attend meetings and vote in their stead. Alternates are also selected in accordance with Appendix A of the Operational Guidelines.