MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brad Anderson, Goodhue County
Lon Aune, Marshall County
Barb Becker, Todd County
James Brady, Steele County
DeRon Brehmer, Lac qui Parle County
John Brunkhorst, McLeod County
Kevin Campbell, Clay County
Bob Deschampe, Cook County
Roger Falk, Roseau County
Neal Folstad, Wilkin County
Derrick Goutermont, Lake County
Christopher Hollingsworth, Pipestone County
Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County
Don Jensen, Pennington County
Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County
Stan Karwoski, Washington County
Jack Kolars, Nicollet County
Bob Kopitzke, Stevens County
Matt Look, Anoka County
Matt Ludwig, Pine County
Peter McLaughlin, Hennepin County
Jeff Mergen, Stearns County
Ken Moorman, Lake of the Woods County
John Okeson, Becker County

GUESTS:
Margaret Donahoe, Transportation Alliance
Chris DuBose, Chisago County
Brian Giese, Pope County
Guy Kohlnhofer, Dodge County
Steve Kubista, Chippewa County
Mitch Lentz, Fillmore County
Dennis Luebbe, Rice County
Mel Odens, Kandiyohi County
Christy Riley, Murray County

Bill Pinske, Sibley County
Dennis Potter, Brown County
Mike Potter, Wright County
Bill Pratt, Aitkin County
Jerry Reinartz, Mower County
Mike Robinson, Chisago County
Eric Rudningen, Swift County
Dan Schmidtke, Martin County
Scott Schulte, Anoka County
Christopher Shoff, Freeborn County
John Stahl, Renville County
Bill Stearns, Wadena County
Kevin Stevens, Cottonwood County
Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County
Keith Swanson, Grant County
Joe Tacheny, Meeker County
Bob Van Hee, Redwood County
Don Wachal, Jackson County
Gordy Wagner, Pope County
Corey Wikstrom, Kittson County
Mike Wilson, Morrison County
Mike Wobbe, Wabasha County
Tom Workman, Carver County
Susan Zmyslony, Carlton County

Nick Riley, Ramsey County
Wayne Sandberg, Washington County
Andy Sander, Swift County
Doyle Sperr, Grant County
Jodi Teich, Stearns County
Mic VanDevere, Lincoln County
Tracey Von Bargen, Grant County
Rick West, Otter Tail County
Holly Wilson, Mille Lacs County
I. Call to Order
Chair Potter called the Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee meeting to order at 8:07 AM. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke moved to approve the September Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee minutes, second by Stevens County Commissioner Bob Kopitzke. Motion passed.

II. DEED Office of Broadband Development Update
Danna Mackenzie, Executive Director of the DEED Office of Broadband Development highlighted some of the progress being made on broadband throughout the state in addition to areas where work is still needed. Danna discussed what happened during the 2018 session regarding broadband funding and provided a positive outlook for the 2019 session in terms of state funding as well as federal funds that might become available.

III. Greater Minnesota Transit
Debra Brisk (MnDOT) and Sherry Munyon (MPTA) presented to the committee on the five-year transit system planning for Greater MN Transit. They highlighted where the state and federal money comes from for these programs in addition to the local match and discussed the regional providers across the state.

IV. NACo Update
Carver County Commissioner Randy Maluchnik, and current Chair of the NACo Transportation & Infrastructure Steering Committee, provided a brief update to the committee on some of the important transportation issues at the federal level, including a midterm election update as well as progress at the federal level on 404 Assumption.

V. 2019 Platform Review and Approval
Chair Potter and Emily Murray led the process for final platform review and approval. The Committee reviewed and took action on the following policies:

Funding:
1. The first platform amendment was discussed by the committee at the Fall Policy Conference and falls under the transportation funding section of the AMC Platform:

   AMC supports sales tax revenue from auto parts be constitutionally dedicated to the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund.

   Blue Earth County Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg made the motion to accept the platform amendment, second by Aitkin County Commissioner Bill Pratt. Motion passed.

2. The second platform amendment relates to truck weight enforcement:

   AMC opposes any increase in allowable non-permitted truck weights unless tied to adequate funding to build out the ten-ton road network and address deficient bridges.

   Renville County Commissioner John Stahl made the motion to accept the platform amendment, second by Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke. Motion passed.
3. The third platform amendment was from the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee and relates to 404 Assumption:

AMC supports state assumption, in collaboration with local government, of the federal 404 permit program to increase efficiencies associated with local infrastructure projects.

Aitkin County Commissioner Bill Pratt made the motion to accept the platform amendment, second by Pennington County Commissioner Don Jensen. Motion passed.

4. The fourth platform amendment was from the Public Safety Policy Committee and relates to hands-free cell phone use while driving:

AMC supports efforts to curb the dangers of distracted driving by supporting legislation that requires hands-free cell phone use while driving.

Blue Earth County Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg made the motion to accept the platform amendment, second by Jackson County Commissioner Don Wachal. Motion passed.

VI. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair
Chair Potter opened the floor for nominations for Committee Chair. Renville County Commissioner John Stahl nominated Pope County Commissioner Gordy Wagner for Chair, second by Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke. Wabasha County Commissioner Mike Wobbe nominated Blue Earth County Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg for Chair, second by Wadena County Commissioner Bill Pratt.

Seeing no further nominations, Chair Potter closed the floor. Both nominees for the position of Chair had a few minutes to state their case. The committee took a hand vote for each nominee. The final vote was 29-19 in favor of Blue Earth County Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg, who will serve as the new Committee Chair.

Chair Potter then opened the floor for nominations for Committee Vice Chair. Renville County Commissioner John Stahl nominated Pope County Commissioner Gordy Wagner for Vice Chair, second by Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke. Wilkin County Commissioner Neal Folstad made the motion to close the nominations and elect Pope County Commissioner Gordy Wagner for Vice Chair, second by Pennington County Commissioner Don Jensen. The motion passed and Pope County Commissioner Gordy Wagner was elected Vice Chair.

VII. Recognition of Retiring Members
Chair Potter recognized retiring committee members. Those present were given a few minutes to address the committee. Thank you to all of our retiring members!

VIII. Adjourn
Lac qui Parle County Commissioner DeRon Brehmer made the motion to adjourn the committee meeting, second by Aitkin County Commissioner Bill Pratt. The Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee adjourned at 9:40 AM.