MEMBERS PRESENT:
John Allen, Dodge County
Brad Anderson, Goodhue County
Jake Bauerly, Benton County
Barb Becker, Todd County
Robert Burns, Houston County
DeRon Brehmer, Lac qui Parle County
Raeanne Danielowski, Sherburne County
Ben DeNucci, Itasca County
Robert Deschampe, Cook County
Thomas Egan, Dakota County
Doug Erickson, Renville County
Jake Gillen, Rice County
Marion Greene, Hennepin County
Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County
Don Jensen, Pennington County
Wayne Johnson, Otter Tail County
Tim Kalina, Douglas County

GUESTS:
Jeff Marlowe, Renville County
Ryan Odden, Wadena County
Andy Sander, Swift County
Ted Schoenecker, Ramsey County
Jodi Teich, Stearns County
Rick West, Otter Tail County

I. Call to Order
Chair Stuehrenberg called the Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee meeting to order at 9:35 AM. The committee took introductions and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Kandiyohi County Commissioner Roger Imdieke made the motion to approve the December 9, 2019 minutes, second by Aitkin County Commissioner Bill Pratt. Motion approved.

II. Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation Report
The committee heard a presentation from Tim Sexton, MnDOT’s Chief Sustainability Officer,
regarding the department’s Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation Report. Tim informed the committee that as of 2016, transportation is the number one source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state. MnDOT’s Pathways report focused on what the agency should be looking at to decrease this statistic in order to meet the statutory goal of 80% reduction by 2050, including: improving fuel economy, reduce miles traveled, increase electric vehicle use, reduce carbon intensity of biofuels, and increase lower-carbon electricity standards. Tim took questions from committee members and there was a lively discussion on electric vehicle use in rural Minnesota as well as the potential impact to the gas tax with increased electric vehicle use.

III. BWSR Update on the Local Government Roads Wetland Replacement Program
BWSR Executive Director John Jaschke stopped by the committee to provide an update on the Local Government Roads Wetland Replacement Program and current efforts at the Legislature to secure funding this year. John gave a detailed update on the credit levels for each of the ten bank service areas and what the need is for both cash funding and general obligation bonds this year. There was a good discussion among members as to how we could find a new way to fund this program going forward.

IV. County Day at the Capitol Recap
Committee members shared thoughts on their visits with legislators the previous day, including discussions relating to bonding and transportation funding this session.

V. Update from the DEED Office of Broadband Development
Angie Dickison, with the DEED Office of Broadband Development presented to the committee on current updates from the Office as well as the latest grant round for the Border-to-Border grant program. The Office has been working on mapping and it shows that the state is making progress towards its 2022 goals. Discussion and questions from members relating to mapping accuracies in certain parts of the state, particularly at the township level, and discussion regarding the differences in broadband technology options.

VI. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn by Otter Tail County Commissioner Wayne Johnson, second by Carlton County Commissioner Mark Thell. The Transportation & Infrastructure Committee adjourned at 11:25 AM.