

## **Technical Advisory Committee**

### **February 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

#### **Attendance:**

- Andover
  - Dave Berkowitz, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
  - Kameron Kytonen, Natural Resources Technician
  - Jason Law, Assistant City Engineer
- Anoka Conservation District
  - Chris Lord, District Manager
- Anoka County Highways
  - Michelle Pritchard, Design Engineer
- Board of Water and Soil Resources
  - Michelle Jordan, Board Conservationist
- Blaine
  - Megan Hedstrom, Water Resources Coordinator
- Coon Creek Watershed District
  - Tim Kelly, Administrator
  - Jon Janke, Director of Operations/Operations & Maintenance Coord.
  - Justine Dauphinais, Water Quality Coordinator
  - Erik Bye, Planning Coordinator
  - Jessica Lindemyer, Engagement Coordinator
  - Erin Margl, Watershed Development Coordinator
  - Abbey Lee, Watershed Development Manager
  - Eileen Weigel, Senior Water Resource Engineer (Stantec)
- Coon Rapids
  - Mark Hansen, City Engineer
- Fridley
  - Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
- Ham Lake
  - Dave Krugler, City Engineer (RFC)

**Absent:** Columbus, Spring Lake Park

## 1. Management Situation

Jon Janke provided the TAC with a brief update on recent weather and hydrology. There was a general discussion about pavement temps, frost depth, and road restrictions.

## 2. Briefs

### a. Review of MS4 Compliance Workshop

Justine Dauphinais provided an overview of the main highlights from the January 30<sup>th</sup> MS4 Compliance Workshop including pre-audit prep, the audit process, most common and most significant audit violations, and reporting.

### b. Update on Comprehensive Plan Review

Erik Bye reminded the group that the District's draft Comprehensive Plan is currently out for review with comments due by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### c. Local Water Plans

Erik provided an overview of the requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Plan related to Local Water Plans. Given that many of the existing Local Water Plans were recently updated, and are not due to be updated until 2028, CCWD is not looking to require updates in the interim. Instead, CCWD is looking to have municipalities adopt narratives that include 1) statement of intent to implement the CCWD Comp Plan and Subwatershed Plans and 2) explanation of how the "Joint Objectives" listed in section 5.1.4(3) will be addressed or achieved in the near term by the City.

Mark Hansen expressed concern regarding the "big asks" in section 5.1.4 and encouraged other TAC members to review the section before submitting comments.

Dave Berkowitz commended the District on the work being done to try and get ahead of the funding issue. He noted that if the District is looking for a commitment from the city of Andover it would likely end up being relatively vague and include no specific dollar amounts. Tim Kelly clarified that the District isn't necessarily after a commitment to specific dollar amount, but rather a commitment to the goals and key issues.

Chris Lord inquired about the practicality of the goals and whether or

not the District is looking for the plan reviewers to voice the same concerns in order to bring something forward to the legislature. Tim confirmed that he is planning to start approaching state agencies and the legislature this summer after connecting with each of the municipalities.

### **3. Discussion**

Tim Kelly asked for thoughts on the value of interim goals and measures of effectiveness.

Mark Hansen voiced the importance of having data available to make the case for the money being spent and Jon Janke noted that while monitoring data on an annual basis doesn't necessarily tell us much, long term trends are valuable. Jon then posed the question of how to articulate measures for the non-measurable activities such as planning and outreach.

Chris Lord brought up the question treating all impairments equally versus weighing the impairments against societal value and public benefit. Tim Kelly agreed that a change or differentiation in standards or classifications of impairments is needed and that it is one of the main action items the he is hoping the cities will agree to pursue with the District at the legislative level.

### **4. Announcements**

Erik Bye informed the TAC that the March meeting will be rescheduled for late February and a meeting poll will be sent out shortly.

Chris Lord shared that the Anoka Conservation District has been working with a lobbyist to bring forward a bill during the current legislative session that would provide the ACD with the ability to levy funding.

Kameron Kytonen shared that Andover held their annual SWPPP hearing which was attended by a couple members of the public thanks to pairing the hearing with a higher profile topic.