

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
FOR THE APRIL 22, 2014  
COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

The Transportation Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Master Conference Room 772 at the Anoka County Government Center in Anoka, MN.

Committee Members Present: Commissioners Schulte (Chair), Look, Sivarajah and West

Department Staff Present: Curt Kobilarcsik, Jack Forslund, John Slusarczyk, Larry Hoiium and Cindy Kriesel.

Others Present: Jerry Soma, County Administrator; Dan Klint, Assistant County Attorney

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **GIS**

- \*1. The committee discussed Anoka County's transition to free and open access to GIS data, and recommends approval of Resolution #2014-TR11, a resolution authorizing open access to GIS data.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Highway**

2. The committee authorized the County Engineer to advertise for bids for the 2014 County Overlay Program.
3. The committee discussed the July 10 Transportation Committee scheduling conflict, and canceled the meeting.
4. The committee discussed the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan.
5. The committee discussed CMAQ and TIGER grant applications.
6. The committee reviewed Corridor Updates and Project Progress.
  - *Engineering Section (Construction, Design & ROW)*

## ANOKA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM WORKSHEET

TC Meeting Date: <u>4/14/14</u>	Time Sensitive Item? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Originating Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveyors/GIS <input type="checkbox"/> Administration *Submitter Initials: <u>JS</u>	Request Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information
Item <i>Discuss Anoka County's transition to free and open access to GIS data</i>			
Background/Justification:  <p><i>Anoka County GIS would like permission to proceed with the transition to "free and open access" GIS data for the general public. Currently, a per record or per layer charge exists for all GIS data sets. Under the new "free and open access" policy, we will eliminate data fees for commonly requested GIS data sets. These data sets will be placed on a public facing non-password protected FTP site that would be linked to through our GIS home web page. Users can download the data at their convenience, provided they agree to our "terms and conditions" disclaimer. This new process will reduce the number of incoming data request to the GIS Dept. and eliminate the need to manage data license agreements.</i></p> <p><i>The GIS Dept. will still maintain a \$50/hour processing fee for all custom data or map requests and continue charging for all printed materials. The GIS data sets placed on the FTP site are already being maintained for internal business needs and, through scripting, we can automate the export of those datasets from our internal GIS database to the FTP site. Additional data may be added to the FTP site at our discretion, but we will not add data based on user requests. The GIS FTP data will be updated a minimum of quarterly, but often times monthly or weekly.</i></p> <p><i>The following disclaimer will be bundled with the data and the terms must be accepted by the user before the download begins:</i></p> <p><i>*The information provided on this site is for reference purposes only. The information is not suitable for legal, engineering or surveying purposes. Anoka County does not guarantee the accuracy of the information contained herein. The Information is furnished on an 'as is' basis with no representation or warranties, either express or implied, for the merchantability or fitness of the information provided on this site for a particular purpose. The preceding disclaimer is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §466.03, Sub. 21, and the user of the information provided herein acknowledges that Anoka County shall not be liable for any damages, and expressly waives all claims, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Anoka County from any and all claims brought by anyone who uses the information provided for herein, its employees or agents, or third parties which arise out of user's access</i></p> <p><i>Anoka County GIS is looking for direction from the committee on how to officially grant "free and open" access to the data. A list of GIS data layers that will be provided on the GIS FTP site is attached.</i></p>			
Previous Action Taken: <i>Anoka Co GIS' revenue budget for 2014 has been reduced to \$6,600 from the 2013 amount of \$19,850 in anticipation of the elimination of data fees.</i>			
Board Action Required:  <i>Yes, for the fee schedule change.</i>		Location Map:	

**RESOLUTION #2014-TR11**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OPEN ACCESS TO GIS DATA**

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka ("County") creates, maintains and possesses valuable geographic information systems ("GIS") data to support its various business purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that this GIS data is also a public resource and there are significant benefits to making this data freely and openly available; and

WHEREAS, the emergence and continued refinement of new information technology has dramatically changed the way citizens search for and expect to find, consume and utilize information, and such technology can aggregate ever larger quantities of data and allow government to provide information to the public with increasing efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the County can leverage this technology to meet the public demand for information, enhance public access to government data and make government processes transparent in order to promote public trust; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the quality, consistency and availability of such data is a core function of government and is essential to maintaining the data's value and utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County GIS Department to publish its GIS data on its website in a commonly recognized and easily produced form, available for download by anyone at no cost, subject to accepting the terms of the data disclaimer GIS data usage agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby reserves the right for County business units to charge fees for GIS data provided in other forms and to accommodate special requests for maps, data, and analysis under the applicable rules and statutes that govern said requests.