

**WEST MICHIGAN METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM  
(WESTPLAN)  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES**

November 5, 2015

West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, Michigan

**Members Present:** Paul Bouman, MCRC (Chairperson)  
Jim Murphy, City of Norton Shores  
Matt Farrar, Muskegon Urban Townships  
Marjorie Stonecypher, Village of Fruitport  
David Geyer, City of Roosevelt Park  
James Gardner, City of Muskegon Heights  
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague  
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall  
John Nash, Spring Lake Township  
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg  
John Lanum, MDOT  
Rachael Tupica, FHWA  
Brett Laughlin, OCRC  
Tom Manderscheid, Harbor Transit  
Mohammed Al-Shatel, City of Muskegon

**Members Absent:** Randy Phillips, City of North Muskegon  
Roger Belknap, Village of Spring Lake  
James Koens, MATS  
William Hunter, City of Grand Haven

**Others Present:** Tim Terry, MDOT Muskegon TSC  
Peter Bosheff, Village of Fruitport  
Alyson Mabie, City of Ferrysburg (Intern)

**Staff Present:** Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC  
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC  
Amy Haack, WMSRDC

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Paul Bouman called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

## II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the previous Technical Committee meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Manderscheid/Murphy*

## III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. There were no comments from the public.

## IV. 2014-2017 TIP AMENDMENT K - Mr. Brian Mulnix spoke on the proposed Amendment K to the 2014 – 2017 TIP. The following list was discussed:

### MDOT- 2016

1. Cost Increase- Job #118878- US31 under Pontaluna Road, Bridge preservation. Construction phase to be increased by \$300,000.

Originally approved at Federal: \$723,000 State: \$177,000 Total: \$900,000

Requested Change: Federal: \$960,000 State: \$240,000 Total: \$1,200,000

2. Add project to GPA list: JN 122635: US-31 from C&O RR to Fruitvale Road, CPM, PE Phase (\$20,000)
3. Add project to GPA list: JN 123308: Car Pool Parking Lot
  - a. B Phase is to purchase property in Fruitport \$50,000
  - b. C Phase is to design construction for this lot \$50,000

### MATS- 2016

1. Cost Increase- Transit/Paratransit Service project, Transit operations, increase total project cost by \$1,145,796- Additional funding will come from FTA section 5307 funds that were allocated to MATS at the end of FY2015, but will not be obligated until FY2016.

Originally programmed in FY2016 at: Federal: \$1,300,000 State: \$780,000 Local: \$520,000 Total: \$2,600,000

Requested Change: Federal: \$1,872,898 State: \$1,123,739 Local: \$749,159 Total: \$3,745,796

**MCRC-**

Year Change- 2015 moving to 2016---Illustrative list- Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail Phase II

**OCRC- 2016**

**Add New Project-** Spoonville Trail-Phase I- 1.78 mile trail from the future Grand River Greenway in Robinson Twp., to Leonard Road in Crockery Twp. Federal: \$672,180 Local: \$267,000 Total: \$939,180

**Harbor Transit- 2016**

**Cost Change** (increase) FY2016 Operating Assistance, Federal \$345,000.00 change to Federal \$515,000

A motion was made to recommend the changes to the Policy Committee. Motion approved. *M/S Al-Shatel/Manderscheid*

- V. **2014 – 2017 TIP/ 2017 – 2020 TIP Development** – Mr. Brian Mulnix spoke on the next TIP development cycle. The question was raised on what criteria would be used for project selection. Technical Committee members were advised to review the Goals and Objectives section of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

A question was also raised regarding which projects are currently in the Illustrative List. Mr. Brian Mulnix responded that he would send a list out to the committee members.

- VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – No old business was discussed.

VII. **MPO ROUNDTABLE**

- Mr. John Lanum responded to questions regarding State of Michigan Transportation funding legislation.
- Mr. Roger Belknap gave an update on the new bridge and new striping on M-104.

- VIII. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. There were no comments from the public.

- IX. **ADJOURN-** Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.