



MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Transportation Policy Committee meeting held on:

DATE: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: This meeting will be held at the WMSRDC Office in the Terrace Plaza Building.

If you are unable to attend, please email Brian Mulnix at bmulnix@wmsrdc.org

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WESTPLAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

August 19, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (MAY 20, 2026) **(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT **(AGENDA ITEMS)**
- IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 - A. FY2026-2029 TIP AMENDMENT 9 **(ATTACHMENT II) (ACTION)**
- V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) **(INFORMATION)**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE **(INFORMATION)**
 - A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
 - B. MDOT UPDATE
 - C. WESTPLAN UPDATES
 - AIR QUALITY UPDATES
 - SAFETY PLANNING
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENT I

WEST MICHIGAN METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM (WESTPLAN) POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2026

IX. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Ms. Kim Arter called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

X. ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Richard Carlson, City of Ferrysburg, Vice Chairperson
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission
Tom Lohman, City of Montague
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
Tom Barghart, Harbor Transit (Alternate)
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Kyle Botbyl, Village of Spring Lake
Chris McGuigan, Muskegon County (MATS)
Jay Kilgo, City of Muskegon
Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township
Ron Jenkins, City of Muskegon Heights
Paul Black, Muskegon County Rural Township
Luke Walters, MDOT

Members Not Present

Elizabeth Fox, City of Norton Shores
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Dan Tavernier, City of Whitehall
John Teeple, Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
Kevin McLaughlin, Harbor Transit
Jenny Staroska, FHWA

Others Present

Alexis Springer, MCC
Bob Lukens, Muskegon County (MATS)
Tyler Kent, MDOT
Ethan Cooley, MDOT
Kyle Carcamo, Pioneer Resources

Staff Present

Laurnyn Blake, WMSRDC
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC
Jack Grice, WMSRDC

XI. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (APRIL 15, 2026)

The minutes were reviewed from the March 18, 2026, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Kennedy/Hires*

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. No members of the public spoke.

XIII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

B. FY2026-2029 TIP AMENDMENT 8

Mr. Brian Mulnix detailed the local jobs, Job Numbers 223031, 223048, and 226883, stating that they are all construction phases with a Budget Decrease (Job Split), Budget Increase, and a New Job Added respectively.

Mr. Tyler Kent detailed the MDOT jobs, stating that there are 3 job numbers, but multiple phases for each. He explained that JN 220465 is a Phase Add, and that JN 225295 and 225302 are both GPA Budget Increases. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment 8. Motion carried. *M/S Kelly/McGuigan*

XIV. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Mr. Jack Grice shared with the committee that the MPO, along with the MDOT Modeling Unit, has developed an online review tool for local agencies to use when reviewing socioeconomic data that will feed into the Statewide Travel Demand Model. The MPO will work with local agencies in the following months to review the tool and data.

XV. WESTPLAN FY2027 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Brina Mulnix detailed the purpose of the UWP and Cost Allocation Plan to the committee and informed them that there are still comments from MDOT that need to be incorporated into the FY2027 UWP document but needed approval (with changes) from the committee by the June 1 submittal deadline. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick discussed the final item in the plan, stating that it was added to work on transit needs in the region. Discussion ensued. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2027 Unified Work Program with changes. Motion carried. *M/S Jenkins/Botbyl*

XVI. WESTPLAN MPO SUPPORT FOR U.S. GREAT LAKES WATERFRONT TRAIL

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick discussed the ties between our non-motorized plan and the initiative to create/designate a connective non-motorized Great Lakes waterfront trail. A letter of support needs to be signed by the chairperson and WMSRDC's Executive Director in addition to approval from the committee. Discussion ensued. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2027 Unified Work Program with changes. Motion carried.
M/S Field/Kilgo

XVII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE

D. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Bob Lukens updated the committee on MATS transit numbers as well as the Muskegon airport. Mr. Tom Barghart gave a transit report update on behalf of Harbor Transit.

E. MDOT UPDATE

Mr. Marc Frederickson informed the committee that there will be lane closures on the Bascule bridge, that there will be bridge inspections in Ferrysburg, and that the I-96/US-31 and the M-46 projects are moving into Phase II.

F. WESTPLAN UPDATES

- **AIR QUALITY UPDATES** – Ms. Lauryn Blake updated the committee on the Clean Air Action program, stating that the advertisement season will begin on May 25, display rotation will begin in Fruitland Twp on June 1, and that the first event of the season will be Feet on the Street in Whitehall on June 7th. Ms. Blake also mentioned the success of the Clean Air Action luncheon that was held on May 14th.
- **SAFETY PLANNING** – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick informed the committee that there are multiple safety-based plans and activities taking place, including Muskegon County receiving funding for a roundabout at the Airline/Sternberg intersection, updating the MPO's Safety Plan, and that there will be a quarterly and annual report on safety activities. Discussion ensued regarding safety concerns near Muskegon Heights and other areas of Muskegon.

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. No members of the public spoke.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

ATTACHMENT II

FY2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT 9

The FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment 9 was reviewed and approved by the WestPlan Technical Committee at their August 6, 2026 meeting.

Fiscal Year	Job Type	Job#	County	Responsible Agency	Notes	Project Name	Limits	Project Description	Phase	Fund Source	Template Name	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Total Job Cost	Federal Amendment Type
2027	Trunkline	213376	Kent	MDOT	Budget Increase	Regionwide	All trunkline routes in WESTPLAN MPO	Pvmt Mrkg retroreflectivity readings on trunklines in Grand Region	CON	HSIP	Traffic And Safety - Pavement Markings	\$2,268	\$252	\$0	2,520.00	\$30,000.00	Phase Budget equal or over 24%
2027	Trunkline	213937	Muskegon	MDOT	Budget Increase	US-10/US-31BL	TSC - major PR	Non-Freeway Sign Replacement	CON	STG	Traffic And Safety - Signs	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$748,250.00	Phase Budget equal or over 24%
2026	Trunkline	219588	Mason	MDOT	Length Change, Removed from GPA	TSCwide	Muskegon County	Overband Crack Fill	CON	NH	Road - Capital Preventive Maintenance	\$140,782	\$31,218	\$0	172,000.00	\$420,000.00	Phase Added
2026	Local	222756	Muskegon	Muskegon	Budget Decrease	Sanford St	Sanford Street, Muskegon	Construct 1.5 mile non-motorized pathway	CON	TAUL	Transportation Alternatives	\$1,339,800	\$0	\$660,200	2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Phase Budget equal or over 24%
2028	Trunkline	227209	Kent	MDOT	New Job	Regionwide	All trunkline routes in the WESTPLAN MPO	Application of permanent pavement markings on trunklines in Grand Region	PE	HSIP	Traffic And Safety - Pavement Markings	\$1,512	\$168	\$0	1,680.00	\$6,110,000.00	Phase Added
2028	Trunkline	227209	Kent	MDOT	New Job	Regionwide	All trunkline routes in the WESTPLAN MPO	Application of permanent pavement markings on trunklines in Grand Region	CON	HSIP,VR	Traffic And Safety - Pavement Markings	\$460,404	\$51,156	\$0	511,560.00	\$6,110,000.00	Phase Added
2028	Trunkline	227221	Kent	MDOT	New Job	Regionwide	All trunkline routes in WESTPLAN MPO	Pvmt mrkg retroreflectivity readings on trunklines in Grand Region	CON	HSIP	Traffic And Safety - Pavement Markings	\$2,268	\$252	\$0	2,520.00	\$30,000.00	Phase Added