

**FREMONT AREA SMALL URBAN COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

October 7, 2025

Fremont Municipal Building

Fremont, Michigan

**Members Present:** Todd Blake, City of Fremont  
Brad Hinken, Newaygo County Commission on Ageing, Chairperson  
Derek Wawsczyk, NCRC

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

**Staff Present:** Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC  
Jack Grice, WMSRDC

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - Chairperson Brad Hinken called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Attendance was recorded via sign-in sheet.
- II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** - A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2024, meeting. Motion Approved. **M/S Blake/Wawsczyk**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT** - No members of the public spoke.
- IV. FY2023-2026 PROJECT REVIEW** – Committee members reviewed current Small Urban projects. Committee members confirmed that existing projects are on track.
- V. FY2026-2029 PROJECT SELECTION** - Committee members discussed potential projects for FY2026-2029. The prioritized list was agreed upon as follows:
  1. Newaygo County Road Commission has a 1.5 mile milling and two course asphalt resurfacing job on Green Avenue from Lake Drive S. to 64<sup>th</sup> Street. \$525,000 Total Cost (\$420,000 STP – Small Urban Requested, \$105,000 Local Match).
  2. City of Fremont has a 0.604-mile crush and shape with an asphalt resurfacing job on Ramshorn Drive from the City limits south to Darling Avenue. \$720,000 Total Cost (\$420,000 STP – Urban Requested, \$300,000 Local Match).
  3. Newaygo County Commission on Aging computer equipment to support 5310 transit operations. \$50,000 Total Cost (\$40,000 STP – Urban Requested, \$10,000 State CTF Participating).A motion to approve the FY2026-2029 prioritized project list was made. Motion Approved. **M/S Blake/Wawsczyk**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** – No member of the public spoke.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS** —No old business was discussed.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS** — Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick mentioned that the potential that more money will become available is increasing due to the unspent obligated money that has accumulated over time. These funds will only be made available when FHWA and MDOT approve of it.

Mr. Brad Hinken provided the committee on an update regarding the efforts to establish the Newaygo County Transit Authority. A meeting was held on September 11, 2025, with a consultant to review the process. The County Commissioner displayed interest in exploring more and another meeting has been set in a few months.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.