

Small Urban Task Force Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 28, 2021 – 2:00 pm
LMTA Conference Room

Present:

Joel Fitzpatrick – West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, (WMSRDC)
Paul Keson - Ludington Mass Transit Authority (LMTA)
Mary Samuels and Eric R. Nelson - Mason County Road Commission, (MCRC)
Joe Stickney – DPW Superintendent, City of Ludington (DPW)
Corinn VanWyck – DPW Clerk, City of Ludington - Secretary
Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm

Approval of previous meeting minutes (last meeting: June 8, 2021)

Minutes were approved: Motion to support: Joe (DPW), Seconded: Mary (MCRC).

Public Comments:

Annette Quillan, 606 E. Court St., Ludington, MI – returned to express continued concerns about the lack of out-of-county transportation, especially to the college and for non-emergency medical needs. Paul (LMTA) discussed the work they are currently doing to address out-of-county non-emergency transport with Rides to Wellness and offered to provide her with more information.

Small Urban projects ideas discussion – funding is set for \$385,000 each for 2024 and 2026:

LMTA: 2026 Primary project: Requested \$4,800 for refrigerant recovery system maintenance.

MCRC:

- 2026 Primary project: S. Jebavy Dr. access road behind Shop N Save to connect to P.M. Hwy. The local road needs to be reclassified as a primary road and there is still some work to be done to finalize the purchase agreement - which may require the work be completed within 5 years of the sale (owner: Market Development out of G.R.). They also need to acquire a 7 ft. easement from Oxy Chem. These changes will help with traffic flow once the school is completed. Also planning to install a right turn lane at Jebavy Dr. & Johnson Rd. and long term would also like to connect Jackson Rd. to P.M. Hwy.
- Secondary project: 6th St. between Sherman and P.M. Hwy. If more funding becomes available, they would like to bump the S. Jebavy Dr. project up to 2024.

Ludington/DPW:

- Primary project for 2024 – Tinkham Ave. between William St. and Lakeshore Dr. (complete reconstruction).
- Secondary project: N. Washington from Dexter St. to Whittier St. Joe agrees that the MCRC S. Jebavy Dr. access project would benefit all surrounding communities.

Proposed projects to submit for Small Urban funding:

- **2024 projects:** City of Ludington/DPW, \$380,200 for Tinkham Ave., William St. to Lakeshore Dr. and \$4,800 for LMTA maintenance for refrigerant recovery system.
- **2026 project:** MCRC, \$385,000 - S. Jebavy Dr. access roads project – move to 2024 if more funds are available.
- **Secondary projects/Illustrative:**
 - MCRC: 6th St., Sherman to P.M. Hwy.
 - City of Ludington/DPW: N. Washington from Dexter to Whittier.

Motion to support: Paul (LMTA), Seconded: Joe (DPW)

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Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Public Comment:

Annette Quillan stated that she was happy to hear that the planned upgrades to Jebavy Dr. are in the works, but she wanted to continue to press for transportation from Ludington to Amber Twp. and beyond, also wondered if this task force could ask for more public input. Joel (WMSRDC) explained that public comment is available at every meeting, and the all meetings are open to the public. Annette wondered if more outreach could take place, especially for the older population – stating that most of our population is over 50 years of age and they need transportation access, but may not be aware of the open meetings. Mary (MCRC) stated that they meet twice a month and their meetings are open, meeting minutes are posted on their website and she invited Annette to email them for more info. Paul (LMTA) asked Annette to call to set up a time to meet to discuss what LMTA has in the works to address this issue.

Meeting adjourned 2:20 pm

Corinn VanWyck, Recording Secretary