

REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE 14 MEETING

WMSRDC Conference Room
316 Morris Ave, Suite 340
Muskegon, MI 49440

MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Timmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Mark Timmer, Oceana County Road Commission (Chairperson)
Derek Wawsczyk, Newaygo County Road Commission (Vice Chairperson)
LeRoy Williams, Lake County Road Commission
Justin McLean, Newaygo County Commission on Aging
Eric Nelson, Mason County Road Commission
Paul Keson, Ludington Area Mass Transit
Paul Bouman, Muskegon County Road Commission
Theresa Lamb, Village of Baldwin
Jim Koens, MATS

B. Members Not Present

Geoff Nelson, Village of Ravenna
Vedra Gant, Yates Township Dial a Ride
Jimmy Newkirk, City of Scottville
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region
Stephanie Moore, Oceana County Council on Aging
Chris Brown, Village of Pentwater

C. Others Present

Josh Grab, MDOT (Via Microsoft Teams)
Tom Smith, Lake County Road Commission

D. Staff Present

Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – No member of the public spoke.

IV. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** – A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022 RTF meeting. Motion approved. **m/s Wawsczyk/ Williams**

V. FY2023-FY2026 PROJECT AMENDMENTS

Lake County

No changes.

Mason County

FY2023

- MCRC – Iris Rd, \$613,296 STP, \$216,704 Local match, \$830,000 total.

FY2024

- MCRC – Custer Rd, Hansen Rd to 0.25 mile north of Decker Rd, \$644,000 STP, State D \$80,161, \$85,839 local match, \$810,000 total cost.

FY2025

- MCRC – Custer Rd, N. Custer village limits to Hansen Rd, \$657,000 STP, State D \$160,322, \$132,678 local match, \$850,000 total cost.

FY2026

- LMTA, Delete project (funded through Small Urban Program), HVAC and water heaters, carpeting, \$51,500 STP, \$12,875 State CTF match, total cost \$64,375.
- MCRC – Custer Rd, 0.25 miles north of Decker to 0.5 miles north of Sugar Grove Rd, \$670,000 STP, State D \$80,161, \$99,839 local match, \$850,000 total cost.

Muskegon County

FY2023

- MCRC, Ravenna Rd, Apple to Bailey, Change to funding. \$842,064 STP, \$135,388 local match, \$220,877 State D, \$132,284 COVID HIP, Total cost \$1,242,941.

FY2024

- MCRC, Whitehall Michilinda Rd to Lakewood, Change to funding. \$278,185 STP, \$20,000 local match, \$56,835 State D, Total cost \$355,020.
- MCRC, Michilinda Rd Zellar to Scenic, Change to funding. \$783,000 STP, \$195,750 local match, Total cost \$978,750.
- MCRC, Michilinda Rd Whitehall to Zellar, Change to funding. \$774,613 STP, \$180,000 local match, \$91,336 State D, Total cost \$600,000.

FY2026

- MCRC, Bailey Rd from Ravenna to Fuller Rd, Change to funding. 489,835 STP, \$11,307 local match, \$189,693 State D, Total cost \$1,000,000.

Newaygo County

- No changes needed.

Oceana County

FY2023

- Oceana County Road Commission, Add available federal funding to the 126th – Monroe to Madison project.

A motion was made and supported to approve the proposed amendments to the FY2023-FY2026 projects. Motion approved. **m/s Williams/Bouman**

- VI. **CHANGES TO ALL SEASON ROUTE** – Mason County Road commission request that Custer Road From to be added to the All-Season map. A motion was made and supported to approve the proposed amendments to the changes. Motion approved. **m/s Wawsczyk/Lamb**
- VII. **MDOT UPDATE** - Mr. Josh Grab from MDOT spoke on matters pertaining to the RTF program.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick spoke about upcoming road ratings.
- IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – No unfinished business was discussed.
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – An opportunity was provided to allow members of the public to comment. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick read an email regarding transit in Mason County which was received from Ms. Annette Quillan.
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Timmer at 10:14 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

From: Annette Quillan <annettequillan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 9:09 AM
To: Syndi Copeland <scopeland@wmsrdc.org>
Subject: Mason County Transportation to be read at the meeting

I will not be able to do public comment, but could you see this letter is read.

"In planning for the future of Mason County transportation, I would like to see bus routes. We have a lack of affordable housing in the area. Many have to drive from outer parts of the county. Maybe a park-ride along the US -10 and US-31 corridor would help bring employees to town.

If you look at the whole county, if you don't have a vehicle, there isn't any type of transportation out of the county. Our hospital sends patients to Grand Rapids and Reed City for services.

Many other small tourist towns have some type of service for their visitors only running in the summer."

Thank you,

Annette Quillan
231-690-7670