

WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

To: Rural Transportation Task Force Members
From: Lauryn Blake, Planner, WMSRDC
RE: Review and approval of Task Force minutes

Commission staff is requesting review and approval of the attached minutes from the October 21, 2025 meeting.

REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE 14 MEETING

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Timmer called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Mark Timmer, Oceana County Road Commission (Chairperson)
Derek Wawsczyk, Newaygo County Road Commission (Vice Chairperson)
Kasey Jernberg, Newaygo County Village/City Representative
Brad Hinken, Newaygo County Agency on Aging
Eric Nelson, Mason County Road Commission
Paul Keson, Ludington Mass Transit Authority
Leroy Williams, Lake County Road Commission
Paul Bouman, Muskegon County Road Commission
Geoff Nelson, Village of Ravenna
Howard Perry, Yates Township Dial a Ride
Theresa Lamb, Village of Baldwin

B. Members Absent

Clarence Goodlein, City of Scottville
Lisa Nagel, Oceana County Council on Aging (Virtual)
Jim Koens, Muskegon Area Transit System (Excused)
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region
Steve Wessels, Mason County Road Commission
Mary Marshall, Village of Pentwater
Toby Van Ess, Village of Pentwater

C. Others Present

Brian Stark, MDOT (Virtual)

D. Staff Present

Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Lauryn Blake, WMSRDC

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting, held April 22, 2025. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes. Motion carried. ***M/S Bouman/Jernberg***

V. FY2026 – 2029 PROJECT AMENDMENT

Mason County:

FY 2026 – Job Number 223615 and Job Number 214591 are being changed from FY 2027 to FY 2026. JN 223615 is a HMA Wedging project with Chip and Fog Seal on Custer Road from Fountain Road to Freesoil Road. JN 214591 is an HMA Wedging project with Chip and Fog Seal on Custer Road from the north limit of the Village of Custer to Fountain Road.

FY 2027 – Job Number 224011 was changed from FY2026 to FY2027. This job is on Lakeshore Drive from Iris Road to Meisenheimer Road.

A motion was made and supported to approve amendments to the FY2026-2029 project list. Motion approved. ***M/S Lamb/Keson***

VI. UPDATE FROM MDOT

Mr. Brian Stark provided multiple updates to the task force:

- Finalized TEDF budget numbers will be sent out in December, and if there is a project that members want obligated prior to December then members will have to communicate with Mr. Stark regarding this and can receive 90% of the final amount.
- An additional 3-4 projects were able to be completed in FY 2025 due to bid savings.
- August redistribution contributed to statewide bridge inspections – the remaining amount will go into FY 2026 budgets.
- There will be an RTF 101 training held virtually in February of 2026 as well as another round of statewide RTF training in the fall of 2026.
- The Fed Aid buyout will not be occurring in FY 2026; the decision whether the Fed Aid buyout program will happen in FY 2027 has not been made yet.
- The RTF bylaws have been amended to allow the RTF to use STL funds on non-

- construction projects.
- New allocation targets will not reflect the changes to the census until FY 2027.
- Fremont is now a Small Urban area.

VII. RURAL TRANSPORTATION ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick clarified to the task force that if there are any small non-construction projects that members would like to see done, submit them as illustrative projects to be considered. A list of eligible projects will be sent out.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.