

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

MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Roger Bergman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Mulnix took attendance and it was determined that there was a quorum.

ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Roger Bergman, Ottawa County (Chairperson)
Susie Hughes, MATS (Vice-Chairperson)
Kim Arter, Laketon Township
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township
Rebecca Hopp, Ferrysburg
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Melissa Klos, City of Roosevelt Park
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights
Eric Mullen, MDOT Lansing
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven
Leon Stille, Crockery Township
Byron Turnquist, City of Muskegon
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport

B. Members Not Present

Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Tim Todd, City of Montague
Andrea Dewey, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Brenda Bourdon, City of Whitehall
Mark Powers, Village of Spring Lake

C. Others Present

Laird Schaefer, Citizen
Steve Redmond, MDOT-Grand Region

D. Staff Present

Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC
Amy Haack, WMSRDC

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (MAY 16, 2018) –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2018 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Kennedy/Hughes**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT- There was no public comment at this time.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –

Mr. Brian Mulnix reviewed the proposed FY2017-2020 TIP Amendment M that was approved and recommended to the Policy Committee for approval by the WestPlan Technical Committee.

Mr. Mulnix discussed the projects sent to committee members. A motion was made to approve amendment M. Motion approved. **m/s Kennedy/Hughes**

FY2017-2020 TIP Amendment M

Harbor Transit

FY2018

- 5339 Discretionary for Harbor Transit Operations Center Expansion- Federal \$800,000 State \$200,000 Total \$1,000,000

Administrative Modifications:

Harbor Transit

FY2018

- 5307- 5 replacement buses Federal \$548,041 State \$137,010 -project list
- 5339- 1 replacement bus Federal \$65,210 State \$16,303 for State -project list
- CMAQ Marketing Activities \$37,500-project list
- CMAQ- 2 replacement buses Federal \$248,000 State \$62,000 -project list

MDOT

FY2018

- CMAQ- JOB #127478 EPE Move project from FY 2019 to FY2018-US-31 @ at Pierce Street, Winans Street, and 158th Avenue

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE (ACTION)

Ms. Amy Haack discussed the proposed Public Participation Plan update. Two open house opportunities for public comment were held. No public attended. A motion was made to approve the plan. Motion approved. **M/S Kennedy/Hughes**

VI. FY2018 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (ACTION)

Mr. Mulnix discussed the FY2018 Unified Work Program. MATS is requesting an addition to the funding program for a comprehensive analysis. Motion to approve. Motion carried. **M/S Hughes/Kennedy**

VII. FY2019 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (ACTION) - Mr. Mulnix discussed the FY2019 Unified Work Program. The plan had previously been approved but was found to have the

incorrect funding table. A handout was distributed that was sent by Donna Wittl from MDOT that will replace the current Air Quality language in the FY2019 UWP as well. It was also discussed that during state and federal review there were some minor changes and grammatical errors that would be addressed. Motion to approve changes. Motion carried. **M/S Hughes/Kennedy**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Mr. Leon Stille asked about the Michigan left project for Winans Rd. and its impact on agricultural traffic. Mr. Steve Redmond noted that in the Holland MPO MDOT had come up engineering solutions for a similar situation.
- b. Mr. Brian Mulnix informed the committee about the CMAQ call for projects.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Laird Schaffer brought up a number of issues previously discussed regarding the US-31 corridor through Grand Haven including left turn at Beacon/Robbins Rd, right turn lane at Jackson, and the proposed US-31 corridor study. Discussion ensued.

X. MPO ROUNDTABLE –

- a. Ms. Kim Arter suggested the Comments item remain comments and not questioning.
- b. Ms. Kay Beecham noted that the City of Norton Shores was celebrating its 50th anniversary.
- c. Mr. Steve Redmond spoke about the upcoming TAP funding open house.
- d. Ms. Rebecca Hopp informed the committee that Ferrysburg had hired a grants consultant to apply for bridge funding.
- e. Mr. Dennis Scott spoke in favor of the US-31 study.
- f. Ms. Melissa Klos spoke about the upcoming Roosevelt Park day.
- g. Mr. Robert Monetza question about how to find out about the scope of the US-31 study. Mr. Steve Redmond responded that he would find out about the scope and would bring updates to the committee.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public spoken at this time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.