

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

MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2019

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)
Kim Arter, Laketon Township
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Dennis Kent, MDOT Grand Rapids (for Eric Mullen, MDOT Lansing)
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg
Leon Stille, Crockery Township
Byron Turnquist, City of Muskegon
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport

B. Members Not Present

Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores (excused)
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township (excused)
Melissa Klos, City of Roosevelt Park (excused)
Bob Scolnick, MATS
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven (excused)
Tom Lohman, City of Montague
Andrea Dewey, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit (excused)
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall

C. Others Present

Laird Schaefer, Citizen
Brad Sharlow, MDOT Lansing

D. Staff Present

Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC
Amy Haack, WMSRDC
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (JANUARY 16, 2019) –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Kennedy/Arter**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT- No members of the public spoke during the Public Comment agenda item.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –

- **FY2017-2020 TIP- AMENDMENT O**

Mr. Mulnix presented the proposed TIP amendment O. Discussion took place. A motion was made to approve the list of projects and to make the necessary adjustments to GPA's & GPA thresholds. Motion carried. **m/s Kennedy/Blease**

(Projects in Amendment O are listed as an Attachment).

- **FY2020-FY2023 TIP – TRANSIT PROJECTS**

Mr. Mulnix presented the proposed FY 2020-2023 TIP Transit Project list. A motion was made to approve the list of transit projects including making necessary adjustments to GPA's & GPA thresholds. Motion carried. **m/s Arter/Mogren**

(Transit Projects for FY2020-2023 TIP are listed as an Attachment).

VI. AIR QUALITY PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Ms. Amy Haack informed the committee about the Grand Rapids and Muskegon Conformity Analysis. Discussion took place. A motion was made and supported for the MPO to accept the 2015 and 1997 Ozone NAAQS conformity Analysis for the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program for the West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning program. Also, to authorize the Chair and WMSRDC Executive Director to sign resolutions for both Muskegon and the Ottawa portion of the Grand Rapids Conformity analysis. Motion carried. **M/S Kennedy/Blease**

VII. MDOT STATEWIDE LONG RANGE PLAN AND TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE

- Mr. Brad Sharlow gave an update of the Travel Demand Model Update which is being performed by Mr. Tyler Kent of MDOT. Mr. Sharlow also gave a PowerPoint presentation on the State Long Range Plan and how people could provide their input.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – No old business was discussed.

X. NEW BUSINESS– No new business was discussed.

XI. MPO ROUNDTABLE –

- a. Mr. Scott Blease discussed their attempt to acquire funding for the Smiths Bridge.
- b. Mr. Bill Mogren noted that the City of North Muskegon would be looking for funding for Ruddiman Drive in 2024. He also stated that the City was applying for Category B funding for Bear Lake Drive.
- c. Mr. Jack Kennedy noted that Ireland was using waste plastic in their asphalt. Discussion ensued.
- d. Mr. Roger Bergman noted that the Vice Chair had resigned so elections would need to be held at the next meeting.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT – No members of the public spoke during the Public Comment agenda item.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT –Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.