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## MEETING NOTICE

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There will be a Transportation Policy Committee meeting held on:

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** *\*\*Due to the State ordered social distancing requirements; this meeting will be conducted using the Zoom app. You will be able to access the meeting by video or phone. Please use the following instructions to access the meeting:.*

To join meeting click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86848389134>

Meeting ID: 868 4838 9134

Call in option: (312) 626-6799

If you are unable to attend, please email Brian Mulnix at [bmulnix@wmsrdc.org](mailto:bmulnix@wmsrdc.org)

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# WESTPLAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

August 19, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER- ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (MAY 20, 2020)  
**(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)
- IV. WESTPLAN FY2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
  - A. FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENT (9)- **(ATTACHMENT II) (ACTION)**
- V. 2045 WESTPLAN LONG RANGE PLAN- **(INFORMATION)**
- VI. MDOT UPDATE- US-31 CORRIDOR STUDY- **(INFORMATION)**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS/ MPO ROUNDTABLE
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT- **(ATTACHMENT III)**
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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

**MEETING MINUTES**  
May 20, 2020

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

WestPlan MPO staff consulted with MDOT and FHWA staff to address concerns with recent COVID-19 restrictions pertaining to public meetings and gatherings. Governor Whitmer released Executive Directive 2020-2 on March 13, 2020, which gave agencies alternative options to public meetings to allow important time sensitive issues to move forward. WestPlan provided materials to all members and opened opportunities for discussion and comment by phone or email. These same materials were available to the public as well. The meeting was held via Zoom. Access information was sent out to the transportation stakeholder list.

Chairperson Arter called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

**ATTENDANCE**

**A. Members Present**

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson  
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores  
Matt Fenske, Ottawa County  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission  
Don Mayle, MDOT  
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission  
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg  
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport  
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights  
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven

**B. Members Not Present**

Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township  
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit  
Melissa Klos, City of Roosevelt Park  
Tom Lohman, City of Montague  
Susie Hughes, MATS  
Aaron Dawson, FHWA (Non-Voting)  
Leon Stille, Crockery Township, Vice Chairperson  
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon  
Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon

**C. Others Present**

Tyler Kent, MDOT  
Brian Eatmon, Planning/Engineering Intern – MDOT Grand Region  
Marc Fredrickson, MDOT Muskegon TSC

Allison Revell, ARC Muskegon

**D. Staff Present**

Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC  
Amy Haack, WMSRDC  
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC  
Erin Kuhn, WMSRDC Executive Director

- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (APRIL 15, 2020)** –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2020 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Kennedy/McGlothlin**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT-** No members of the public identified themselves as being present at the meeting or spoke during the Public Comment agenda item.
- IV. FY2020-FY2023 TIP – Amendment 8:** Mr. Mulnix presented Amendment 8 for the FY 2020-2023 TIP.

**FY2020-2023 WestPlan TIP Amendment (8)**

Project # 200107 (Bridge- Big Bridge Program), MDOT, US-31 N over Grand River, Bridge Rehabilitation- full paint, steel repairs, grid deck replacement. Total Cost: \$19,942,089, Federal: \$16,322,600, State: \$3,619,489. Original total cost was approximately \$12,000,000, increasing to \$19,942,089.

A motion was made to approve the amendment and related GPA adjustments. A roll call vote was held. Motion approved. **m/s Beecham/Kennedy**

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, *Yes*  
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores *Yes*  
Matt Fenske, Ottawa County *Yes*  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission *Yes*  
Don Mayle, MDOT *Yes*  
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission *Yes*  
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg *Yes*  
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall *Yes*  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake *Yes*  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport *Yes*  
Bonnie McGlothlin, City of Muskegon Heights *Yes*  
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner *Yes*  
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven *Yes*

- V. WESTPLAN 2045 LONG RANGE PLAN-**Mr. Brian Mulnix gave an update on this agenda item. The 2045 WestPlan Long Range Transportation Plan was approved by the Tech and Policy committees last month. The plan has been submitted to MDOT for review.
- VI. FY2021 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UWP) -** Mr. Brian Mulnix presented this agenda item. The UWP is a required document at WestPlan MPO that shows the projects the MPO staff will be working on over the next fiscal year. A motion was made to approve the FY 2021 UWP. A roll call vote was held. Motion approved. **m/s Wilkins/Blease**

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, *Yes*  
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores *Yes*

Matt Fenske, Ottawa County *Yes*  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission *Yes*  
Don Mayle, MDOT *Yes*  
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission *Yes*  
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg *Yes*  
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall *Yes*  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake *Yes*  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport *Yes*  
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights *Yes*  
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner *Yes*  
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven *Yes*

**VI. CITY OF MUSKEGON NFC CHANGES** - Mr. Brian Mulnix presented the proposed changes to the City of Muskegon's NFC network. The City of Muskegon is requesting that the following revisions approved for their federal aid road network:

1. 4th Street  
Limits: Between Western and Shoreline  
Current classification: NFC 5 – Major Collector  
Proposed classification: NFC 7 – Local
2. 3rd Street  
Limits: From Morris to Shoreline  
Current classification: NFC 7 – Local  
Proposed classification: NFC 5 – Major Collector
3. Western Ave  
Limits: Western Ave (current NFC 4 Minor Arterial segment) to Franklin  
Current classification: NFC 7 – Local  
Proposed classification: NFC 4 – Minor Arterial
4. Michigan Ave  
Limits: From Hudson to Franklin  
Current classification: NFC 4 – Minor Arterial  
Proposed classification: NFC 7 – Local
5. Franklin St.  
Limits: Between Michigan Ave and Western Ave  
Current classification: NFC 7 – Local  
Proposed classification: NFC 4 – Minor Arterial

MPO staff worked closely with the City of Muskegon and MDOT to address this change, and recommends approval by the MPO committees. A motion was made to approve the changes. A roll call vote was held. Motion carried with one no vote from Delamater. *M/S Kennedy/McGlothin*

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, *Yes*  
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores *Yes*  
Matt Fenske, Ottawa County *Yes*  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission *Yes*  
Don Mayle, MDOT *Yes*  
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission *Yes*

Scott Blease, Ferrysburg *Yes*  
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall *Yes*  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport *Yes*  
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights *Yes*  
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner *Yes*  
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven *Yes*  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake *No*

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

- **Public Transportation** – Mr. Brian Mulnix gave an update on the SDNT application.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO Round Table

- Mr. Tyler Kent introduced MDOT’s summer engineering intern,
- Mr. Don Mayle informed the committee about MDOT employee layoffs.

## IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No members of the public identified themselves as being present at the meeting or spoke during the Public Comment agenda item.
- Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick informed the committee about a comment from Darma Canter regarding whether someone was going to respond to her previous comments. Staff sent her an email notifying her that the comments were received, shared with the committees, and included in the public comment section of the Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick also let the committee know of a comment received from Delphine Hogston of North Muskegon. Those comments are shared below.

*My apologies for this late email - I just found about today's meeting.*

*I don't feel competent to comment at this time, but wanted the following items considered.*

*Encourage Muskegon Area Transit System to acquire smaller buses (electric would be awesome) so they could more easily serve public needs. There are still many people who need the buses in downtown, but probably not the amount of space that is currently available in the large buses. I don't know how successful the longer range route between downtown Muskegon and Whitehall has been, but smaller vehicles here would also be useful.*

*Looking further into the future - I would hope that officials are contemplating light rail or some other sort of environmentally friendly mass transit that would operate between Muskegon, Grand Rapids, and Holland, perhaps on already existing street/highway right of ways. If fast, reliable mass transit was available between these communities we could boost employment and eliminate some of the air pollution/gasoline consumption of those who drive between these relatively major cities here in West Michigan for their employment.*

*Thanks for your consideration of these ideas.*

*Sincerely,*

*Delphine Hogston  
2827 Celery Lane  
North Muskegon, MI 49445*

- The following comment was received in Zoom chat after the meeting had already been adjourned.

*Hello. This is Allison Revell from The Arc Muskegon. I am commenting on behalf of my Consumer Voice program participants. Consumer Voice is a group of self-advocates with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. We want to stress the importance of remembering people with disabilities, especially those with IDD in these transportation plans. Public Transportation is important. Thank you :)*

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

## ATTACHMENT II

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To: WestPlan Policy Committee Members  
From: Brian Mulnix, Program Manager, WMSRDC  
RE: FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 9

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The following projects have been submitted to be amended in the FY2020-2023 TIP. All projects have been reviewed and discussed by the WestPlan MPO Technical Advisory Committee at their August meeting.

### FY2020-2023 WestPlan TIP Amendment (9)

#### 2021

- Project #: **205362**- City of Muskegon Heights- Hackley from Park to Fifth, Add HIP funding to federal portion making project an 80/20 split- Total cost \$324,000 Federal \$259,200 Local \$ 64,800
- Project #: **127479**- MDOT- M-104 from Kruger to 148<sup>th</sup>- ADD ROW Phase- \$8,000
- Project #: **205349**- City of Montague- Hancock from Sheridan to Old Channel Trail- Add HIP funding to federal share, increase total project cost from \$329,315 to \$404,000. Total cost \$404,000 Federal \$319,176 Local \$ 84,824
- Project #: **200664**- MDOT- M-104 from Spring Lake Channel east to Lake Ave. – GPA Cost Change- Total Cost \$747,000 State Cost \$135,581

#### 2022

- Project #: **127478**- MDOT- US-31 @ Pierce, Winans, 158<sup>th</sup> Ave. Indirect Left Turns- Moving project from 2020 to 2022- Total Cost \$865,000 State \$156,997



## ATTACHMENT III

**From:** jim thompson [<mailto:jhtclub@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 11:43 AM  
**To:** Mulnix, Brian  
**Subject:** Traffic Safety

Mr. Mulnix;

A little over a year ago, I read in the Muskegon Chronicle that the area of M-120 and US-31 (and River Road) was one of Muskegon County's hot spots for accidents. I have personally seen many accidents in that area. We have lived on East River Road since 1965 and have seen the addition of hundreds of new homes and more being built daily and the traffic is scary.

One would think that the west bound traffic on East River Road would safely enter M-120 traffic via Old Orchard Lane at the traffic signal but, that is not always the case. I am not a traffic engineer but, I do have a couple of ideas. If you are not familiar with this area, take some time and park your car near there most any time of the day and count the close calls.

Please Consider:

#1) Blocking west bound traffic from River Road onto M-120. Traffic would still be open to: the bank, the gas station, the beauty shop and Rigler Road but, blocked from turning west onto M-120. This would direct west bound traffic to use Old Orchard Lane with the safety of a traffic signal.

#2) East bound traffic from M-120 onto River Road would remain the same. Remove the "stop" sign at Old Orchard Lane and make east bound traffic on River Road a thru lane. The left turn from East River onto Old Orchard Lane would remain the same as a stop. East bound traffic from Old Orchard Lane would become a "stop".

Sincerely,

Jim Thompson

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