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## MEETING NOTICE

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There will be a Transportation Policy Committee meeting held on:

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 16, 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/84694346195>

Meeting ID: 846 9434 6195

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

September 16, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER- ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (AUGUST 19, 2020)  
**(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)
- IV. WESTPLAN FY2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
  - A. FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENT (10)- **(ATTACHMENT II) (ACTION)**
- V. 2045 WESTPLAN LONG RANGE PLAN- **(INFORMATION)**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
- VII. NEW BUSINESS/ MPO ROUNDTABLE
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT- **(ATTACHMENT III)**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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# ATTACHMENT I

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

### MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 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  
Carim Calkin, City of Roosevelt Park  
Susie Hughes, MATS  
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon  
Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon  
Tom Lohman, City of Montague

##### **B. Members Not Present**

Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township  
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven  
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit  
Andy Pickard, FHWA (Non-Voting)  
Leon Stille, Crockery Township, Vice Chairperson

##### **C. Others Present**

Tyler Kent, MDOT  
Marc Fredrickson, MDOT Muskegon TSC  
Dustin Yoak  
Steve Biesiada, Fruitport Township

Tina Hawley, Pioneer Resources

**D. Staff Present**

Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC

Amy Haack, WMSRDC

Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (MAY 20, 2020)** –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2020 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Fenske/Salter**

**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 9:** Mr. Mulnix presented Amendment 9 for the FY 2020-2023 TIP, including the local HIP projects. Mr. Tyler Kent reviewed the MDOT projects.

**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

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

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson *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*

Carim Calkin, City of Roosevelt Park *Yes*

Susie Hughes, MATS *Yes*  
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon *Yes*  
Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon *Yes*  
Tom Lohman, City of Montague *Yes*

**V. WESTPLAN 2045 LONG RANGE PLAN**

- a. No update at this time.

**VI. MDOT UPDATE- US-31 CORRIDOR STUDY**

- Mr. Tyler Kent gave a PowerPoint presentation on the potential US 31 Corridor Study.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Public Transportation** – Mr. Brian Mulnix gave an update on the SDNT application. The MPO was successful in receiving the funding and is just waiting on a contract before beginning work.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO Round Table**

- Ms. Amy Haack gave an update on the Air Quality program.
- Mr. Bill Mogren asked the question the construction timing on Laketon Avenue exit. Mr. Marc Fredrickson responded.
- Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick gave an update on the approval of the UWP and the Asset Management program.
- Mr. Steve Salter asked a question regarding high water between Whitehall and Montague. Mr. Marc Fredrickson responded.
- Mr. Tyler Kent gave an update on the State Long Range Transportation Plan.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No members of the public identified themselves as being present at the meeting or spoke during the Public Comment agenda item.
- Chairperson Arter let the committee know of a comment received from Mr. Jim Thompson. Those comments are shared below.

*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 you 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*

*2775 East River Road*

*Twin Lake, MI 49457*

*231-744-5546*

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 2:14 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 10

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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 September meeting.

### FY2020-2023 WestPlan TIP Amendment (10)

- 201924 CON phase: I-96 freeway signing upgrade, various locations in WestPlan and GVMC MPOs, and Rural areas
  - Current programmed cost: \$865,000.00
  - Proposed cost: \$1,310,000.00
  - Increase Request: \$445,000.00
  
- 127479 CON phase: M-104 between Krueger and 148<sup>th</sup> Ave
  - Current programmed cost: \$560,000.00
  - Proposed cost: \$826,000.00
  - Increase Request: \$266,000.00
  
- 205371- City of Muskegon- Change limits of project from Peck- Apple to Strong- To: Peck from Apple to Merrill- Federal funding amounts remain as programmed, non-participating costs have been removed from total cost which reduces the total cost by \$200,000.
  
- 205373 Grand Haven- Fulton Avenue- Add additional HIP Funding to the federal portion of this project- Approximately \$14,000 added to the current programmed amount of \$482,772- This item was tabled in August, will need MPO Committee approval to move forward.

## **ATTACHMENT III**

**From:** [canter2000@aol.com](mailto:canter2000@aol.com) [<mailto:canter2000@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:59 PM  
**To:** Haack, Amy; Fitzpatrick, Joel  
**Subject:** Re: Public Involvement Opportunity at Transportation Planning Mtg

**WARNING:** This email originated outside of the Muskegon County email system!  
**DO NOT CLICK** links if the sender is unknown.  
**NEVER** provide your User ID or Password.

FYI the county approved a transformation plan for MATS. It harms seniors, the disabled, veterans, inner-city residents, and low-income families. Despite numerous regulations requiring public participation in the process, about 200 riders and county taxpayers were excluded from any meaningful participation over a two year period.

The input consisted of meetings where officials talked at us and ignored any of the concerns raised by the public. Their consultant included a list of public concerns but I find no evidence they influenced the outcome.

As I wait for WMRSDC to respond to my previous comments, I will make another attempt for 9/3/20.  
Darma

-----Original Message-----

From: Haack, Amy <[AHaack@wmsrdc.org](mailto:AHaack@wmsrdc.org)>  
To: Haack, Amy <[AHaack@wmsrdc.org](mailto:AHaack@wmsrdc.org)>  
Sent: Thu, Aug 27, 2020 1:58 pm  
Subject: Public Involvement Opportunity at Transportation Planning Mtg

### **Public Comment Sought at Transportation Committee Meeting on September 3, 2020**

The Muskegon and Northern Ottawa County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is responsible for transportation planning in the area, is seeking public comment on the transportation planning process. The planning process includes the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Program of Projects (POP), and other agenda items.

The TIP is developed in a cooperative effort between federal, state, and local officials and serves as the final link in the transportation planning process. Its primary purpose is to identify transportation programs and projects to be funded with federal aid in accordance with federal law and regulations. This plan is an outline of the transportation needs of Muskegon County and Northern Ottawa County for the next four years. The LRTP is a look at the MPO's future transportation network and is to be used as a guideline for transportation investment. The FTA POP includes 5307 and 5308 funds for the Muskegon Area Transit System and Harbor Transit. Recommendations for new



construction, safety improvements, congestion (traffic) management, air quality, non-motorized, transit, planning, etc. will be accepted.

**A public comment period is scheduled at the Technical Committee Meeting on September 3, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being held virtually using a video and telephone call in format. As in an in person meeting, the public will be given an opportunity to make public comment during the established agenda items at the beginning and end of the meeting. If possible, please mute your phone and only unmute to make a public comment during the established times. Thank you. Information to join the meeting by video or telephone and meeting materials will be available on the event calendar at [www.wmsrdc.org](http://www.wmsrdc.org).

You are receiving this correspondence because you, your agency, and/or organization are considered important in the transportation planning process. For more information or to view a hard copy of the meeting materials, contact Joel Fitzpatrick, Transportation Planning Director, WMSRDC, 316 Morris Avenue Suite 340, P.O. Box 387, Muskegon Michigan 49443-0387, (231) 722-7878 ext. 16, or by email at [jfitzpatrick@wmsrdc.org](mailto:jfitzpatrick@wmsrdc.org). To garner additional outreach, please post this notice on public information boards if applicable.