I. CALL TO ORDER
Chairperson Roger Bergman called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Mr. Mulnix took attendance and it was determined that there was a quorum.

ATTENDANCE
A. Members Present
   Roger Bergman, Ottawa County
   Kim Arter, Laketon Township
   Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores
   Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission
   Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township
   Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
   Melissa Klos, City of Roosevelt Park
   Bonnie McGlothlin, City of Muskegon Heights
   Patrick Twa, Ferrysburg
   Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
   Byron Turnquist, City of Muskegon
   Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven
   Steven Salter, City of Whitehall
   Tom Lohman, City of Montague

B. Members Not Present
   Bob Scolnick, MATS
   Andrea Dewey, FHWA (Non-Voting)
   Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
   Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit (excused)
   Leon Stille, Crockery Township
   Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
   Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner

C. Others Present
   Laird Schaefer, Citizen
   Tyler Kent, MDOT
   Darma Cantor, Citizen
   Brian Dian, Citizen
   Ryan Gladding, MDOT

D. Staff Present
   Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC
   Amy Haack, WMSRDC
   Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (JUNE 19, 2019) –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2019 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. m/s Klos/Salter

III. PUBLIC COMMENT- No members of the public spoke during the Public Comment agenda item.
IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –

- FY2017-2020 TIP-

Mr. Mulnix presented the FY2017-2020 TIP Amendment R. Which is presented on the following page. A motion was made to approve. Motion carried. m/s Kennedy/Klos

- FY2020-FY2023 TIP –

Mr. Mulnix informed the committee that the new TIP has been forwarded on to FHWA.

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

Mr. Ryan Gladding from MDOT presented the Future SE data for the Long Range Transportation Plan. A motion was made to approve. Motion carried. m/s Salter/Lohman

VII. OLD BUSINESS – No old business was discussed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE– Agencies around the table discussed current events and activities around the community.

- Mr. Salter asked about the road diet plan which was completed for the City of Whitehall.
- Dennis Scott inquired about work on the boulevard through Grand Haven.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – Darma Canter spoke and asked the committee to make transit a priority. Her written comments are included below.

I am asking you as county leaders and transportation committee members to articulate the value of public transportation in futures planning. I hope you will add a vision statement, publish a ‘white paper’ or a statement of purpose describing the community benefit of expanding public bus services in metropolitan centers and as region-wide system connecting urban and suburban municipalities. I spent some time reading plans of this committee and I came away thinking there is no connection of in the material to the people served; what motivates the government and this organization? If you’re going to plan the transportation for Muskegon’s future, is the plan based on the needs of residents and growing opportunities for community improvement? Because what is there now suggests taxpayers build/ maintain a road for the sake of the road itself; or maybe plan just for the grant objective unrelated to the impact on citizens.

We can and should do better. The legislation or policy that guides your planning is a minimum and not intended to drive the region’s decision-making process. While the grants and contracts require the entities receiving MDOT dollars must comply with federal civil rights laws prohibiting disparity and assuring equal participation, the Title VI policies that I’ve read suggests there aren’t any minority communities with transportation related issues. I’d like to challenge that practice. I’m here because of the County of Muskegon’s proposal to eliminate some fixed bus routes that serve seniors, the disabled and low-income families. This cannot fit in anyone’s vision of a better community. I’m here to ask you as elected representatives or delegates to reimagine your role in building democratic communities that lead to more economic and environmental justice.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.
Amendment R