

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

MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Roger Bergman called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Mr. Mulnix took attendance and it was determined that there was a quorum.

ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Roger Bergman, Ottawa County
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Kim Arter, Laketon Township
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Don Mayle, MDOT
Bonnie McGlothlin, City of Muskegon Heights
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit
Rebecca Hopp, Ferrysburg
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven
Tom Lohman, City of Montague
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner

B. Members Not Present

Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township
Bob Scolnick, MATS
Melissa Klos, City of Roosevelt Park
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Andrea Dewey, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Leon Stille, Crockery Township (excused)
Byron Turnquist, City of Muskegon
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall

C. Others Present

Laird Schaefer, Citizen
Tyler Kent, MDOT
Darma Canter, Citizen
Suzanne Mulder, MDOT

D. Staff Present

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (AUGUST 21, 2019) –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Scott/Monetza**

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

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –

- **FY2017-2020 TIP-**

Mr. Mulnix informed the committee that the FY2017-2020 TIP would be ending at the end of September.

- **FY2020-FY2023 TIP –**

Mr. Mulnix informed the committee that the new TIP has been forwarded on to FHWA and should be approved by October 1.

VI. 2045 WESTPLAN LONG RANGE PLAN

- A. Improve and Expand Project List - A motion was made to approve the list of improve and expand projects for the 2045 LRTP. Motion approved. **m/s Hopp/Beecham**
(List is included on following page)
- B. Chapter 1 – Introduction, Chapter 2 – Regional Overview. Draft Chapters 1 and 2 for the WESTPLAN LRTP were presented to the committee. A motion was made to approve the chapters. Motion approved. **Kennedy/ Monetza**

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

Mr. Tyler Kent from MDOT gave a brief update.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – Suzanne Mulder gave updates on a number of MDOT projects/issues.

- A. US-31- GRAND HAVEN STUDY/IMPROVEMENTS (MDOT MUSKEGON TSC) – Project costs came back higher than expected. MDOT is looking for more funding.
- B. BR-31- WHITEHALL ROAD DIET STUDY (MDOT MUSKEGON TSC) - Design will begin next year with construction in 2021.
- C. BR-31- WHITEHALL FLOODING ISSUE (MDOT MUSKEGON TSC) – Looking at possible alternatives.

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

- Ms. Rebecca Hopp informed the committee that a second assessment on the Smiths bayou bridge had been received.
- Mr. Don Mayle gave the committee an update on the LRTP schedule.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Darma Canter spoke and asked the committee to make transit a priority. She also stated she felt the plans that are in place are inadequate.
- Mr. Laird Schafer asked about looking at the issue of Robbins Rd and US-31. Ms. Suzanne Mulder stated that it would be part of the US 31 study.

XI. ADJOURNMENT –Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

ATTACHMENT II

WestPlan 2045 Long Range Plan- Improve and Expand Project List

Project Name	To/From	Description	Jurisdiction	Cost	Est. Year of Const.	Project Length
168 th Avenue	Hayes Street to North of Comstock	Reconstruct- Expand from 2 to 3 lanes	Ottawa County Road Commission	\$1,400,000	2040	.8 Miles
Henry Street	Seminole to Hile	Reconstruct from 2 to 3 lanes	Norton Shores	\$1,600,000	2040	1.25 miles
Sternberg Road	Quarterline Road to Airline Road	Add center left turn lane – 1 mile	MCRC	\$800,000	2030	1 mile
Witham Road	Bear Creek Bridge to Moulton Road	Reconstruct and add left turn lane and storm sewer – 2000 feet	North Muskegon	\$670,000	2040	2,000 feet
Sternberg Road	Martin Road to Lake Harbor Road	New two lane road – 2 miles	Norton Shores	\$2,200,000	2045	2 miles
Pontaluna Road	Grand Haven Road to Harvey	Reconstruct from 2 to 3 lanes - .75 miles, with bike lanes	Norton Shores	\$1,600,000	2045	.75 miles
Grand Haven Road	Hile to 100 ft south of Seaway	Reconstruct from 2 to 3 Lanes.	Norton Shores	\$1,100,000	2045	.75 miles
Hile Road	Harvey Street to Grand Haven Road (excludes US-31 bridge)	Reconstruct from 2 to 3 lanes with bike lanes	Norton Shores	\$1,600,000	2045	.75 miles
174 th Avenue	Van Wagoner Road to Wilson Street	Reconstruct from 2 to 3 lanes	Ottawa County Road Commission	\$1,800,000	2040	1.5 miles
West Spring Lake Road Bridge	Lake Road to 168 th Avenue	Reconstruct bridge structure	City of Ferrysburg	\$13,000,000	2025	447 ft.

Public transit is an important transportation mode in our community. The public transit agencies in the MPO operate services within the financial constraints presented and, like the road agencies are continually seeking opportunities to improve and to secure additional resources where available. Current and future transit studies will help to identify specific projects.

