



MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Transportation Policy Committee meeting held on:

DATE: Wednesday, October 16, 2019

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: *WMSRDC Offices- 3rd Floor of Terrace Plaza*
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WESTPLAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

October 16, 2019

- I. CALL TO ORDER- ROLL CALL
 - APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (SEPTEMBER 18, 2019)
(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)
- III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 - A. FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENT 2- **(ATTACHMENT II)(ACTION)**
- IV. 2045 WESTPLAN LONG RANGE PLAN
 - A. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES- CHAPTER 3 (DRAFT)
(ATTACHMENT III) (ACTION)
- V. MDOT STATEWIDE LONG RANGE PLAN & TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE **(INFORMATION)**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. MPO SUPPORT FOR MULTI-MODAL PLANNING
- VII. NEW BUSINESS/ MPO ROUNDTABLE
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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ATTACHMENT I

**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.

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

(9/18/2019 Minutes continued) 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.

Attachment III

FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENT 2

ATTACHMENT III

2045 Long Range Plan Chapter 3- Goals and Objectives

CHAPTER 3: REGIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This update to the Long Range Transportation Plan for 2045 will serve as a policy statement and a guide for decision-making for Muskegon and northern Ottawa County MPO, funding agencies, stakeholders, and transportation partners. The plan includes an inventory of needs and deficiencies of the MPO's transportation network. Additionally, it establishes priorities for allocation of federal funds and directs transportation improvement programming. The 2045 LRTP continues to focus on state and federal initiatives and guidance, and to position the MPO to respond to anticipated trends of federal legislation governing transportation funding and investments. These include asset management and performance measures as two examples.

Themes, Goals, and Objectives

The 2045 LRTP will serve many purposes including setting the stage for the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, it will be used to evaluate infrastructure investments and consistency with local, county, and regional land use and development goals. These goals were developed to encompass the array of users, conditions, needs, and potential solutions exclusive to the overall transportation system within the MPO. Objectives were then developed for each goal that could be used to evaluate the value of individual projects and also measure the success of the plan as a whole. In this manner, the 2045 LRTP goals and objectives are organized into six primary themes that are consistent with the required federal planning factors and statewide guidance:

1. Economic Vitality

Goal: Ensure that transportation investments support the economic vitality of Muskegon and northern Ottawa County, and enable global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.

Objectives:

- Improve access to targeted investment areas and planned development
- Improve access to the interstate
- Improve access to major attractions
- Improve intermodal goods movement

2. Multimodal Transportation Safety

Goal: Increase the safety of the transportation system for all users

Objectives:

- Reduce the number of motorized and non-motorized crashes
- Reduce the hazard potential for roadway-rail crossings
- Improve the safety of school zones and enhance connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods

3. Multimodal Transportation Security

Goal: Increase the security of the transportation system for all users

Objectives:

- Improve traffic control devices, signage, and access management
- Improve emergency response time and access
- Address transportation concerns associated with critical facilities

4. Multimodal Choices and Connections

Goal: Increase the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across modes to increase accessibility and mobility options for people and freight

Objectives:

- Improve access and facilities for cyclists and pedestrians
- Improve access to public transportation and carpool opportunities
- Improve passenger and freight services for air, rail, waterborne transportation

5. System Sustainability and Livability

Goal: Ensure that transportation investments protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency with state and local planned growth and economic development

Objectives:

- Improve access to employment and recreational opportunities
- Reduce impacts to environmental, natural, and cultural resources
- Support locally derived land use planning initiatives
- Incorporate Smart Transportation principles into project designs

6. System Efficiency and Preservation

Goal: Ensure efficient system management and operations that emphasize preservation of the existing transportation system

Objectives:

- Improve and maintain pavement quality
- Reduce the number of structurally deficient bridges
- Improve traffic signal system operations
- Improve Level of Service (LOS) on congested corridors and intersections

Background Preparation

To achieve these goals and objectives the development of the 2045 LRTP included a comprehensive evaluation of local transportation & land use studies, municipal comprehensive plans, and county comprehensive plans, as well as coordination with

key municipal, economic development officials, and other key stakeholders. This information provided a context for the development of the plan and provided participants with a better understanding of relevant statistics, issues, and trends. Results of this activity include:

- **Review of Previous LRTP and Discussion with Partners:** A review of the previous long-range plan at the start of the plan or update process allowed staff and key stakeholders the opportunity to identify strengths and shortcomings—in process, content, or implementation—of the previous plan and adjust accordingly. While planning partners will likely have identified their own issues, there should also be the opportunity for additional stakeholders, such as MDOT, advocacy organizations, and the public, to provide additional input on how the plan and process might be improved. In addition to a critique, this discussion provides an opportunity to share lessons learned from others as well as new and evolving approaches to long-range planning.
- **Review of Other Related Plans:** In developing the next plan, it is important to look at the direction of other plans—both short- and long-term—that could directly or indirectly impact a region’s transportation system. This is an opportunity to factor in the results of corridor studies as well as other transportation plans and studies at the local, state, and even national levels. With a recent emphasis on ensuring consistency and linkages with other ongoing planning activities, it is also important to consider county land use plans, long-range plans of transit properties, economic development plans, utility expansion plans, etc. Each of these external resources can provide valuable input into development of the next long-range transportation plan, thereby increasing the value and relevance of the document.
- **Stakeholder Survey:** A transportation priorities survey was emailed to individuals and agencies currently on the transportation stakeholder list. The transportation stakeholder list is continuously updated and expanded. A link to the survey was also posted on the WMSRDC website and the WMSRDC Facebook page. A copy of the survey is included as an appendix in this document.