WEST MICHIGAN METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM (WESTPLAN)
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2019

Members Present: Matt Farrar, Muskegon County (Chairperson)
Brett Laughlin, OCRC
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg
John Nash, Spring Lake Township
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region
Mark Disselkoen, City of North Muskegon
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Derek Gajdos, City of Grand Haven
Leo Evans, City of Muskegon
James Murphy, City of Norton Shores
Paul Bouman, MCRC
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague
Dana Appel, Harbor Transit

Members Absent: Ben VanHoeven, Village of Spring Lake
Tony Barnes, Muskegon Urban Township Rep
Doug Kadzban, City of Muskegon Heights
James Koens, MATS
Andrea Dewey, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Valerie Shultz, MDOT- OPT
Marcia Jeske, Rural Township Rep
Vacant, City of Roosevelt Park

Others Present: Laird Schaefer, Citizen Grand Haven Township
Ryan Gladding, MDOT- Lansing
Brian Dian, Citizen

Staff Present: Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC
Amy Haack, WMSRDC
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Farrar called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Mr. Farrar asked all attending to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. After discussion a motion was made and supported to approve minutes of the August 1, 2019 Technical Committee meeting. Motion approved. M/S Laughlin/Nash
III. PUBLIC COMMENT

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. There were no comments from the public.

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- **FY2017-2020 TIP/ FY2020-2023 TIP** - Mr. Mulnix discussed that the FY2017-2020 TIP was ending at the end of the month and that the 2020-2023 TIP had been submitted to MDOT and was now under review at FHWA.

V. LONG RANGE PLAN & TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE

- **Draft Improve and Expand List** - Mr. Mulnix presented the draft list that was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Amy Haack discussed the input survey. After discussion a notion was made to approve the draft list*. Motion approved. *draft list is included on the following page

- **Long Range Plan Draft Chapters 1 & 2** - Mr. Mulnix began a discussion regarding the chapters that were included in the agenda packet. During discussion, it was suggested that in the chapter two sections on the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail be clarified to reflect that construction had been completed. A motion was made to approve the draft chapters with corrections. Motion approved.  

- **Travel Demand Model update** - Mr. Ryan Gladding, MDOT gave an update on the travel demand model process.

VI. MPO ROUNDTABLE

- Marc Fredrickson, MDOT Muskegon TSC gave an update on area MDOT jobs.
- Mr. Mulnix discussed the available HIP funding. Committee members were asked to submit potential projects to MPO staff by September 19.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business to discuss.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business to discuss.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. No members of the public spoke.

X. ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.
## WestPlan 2045 Long Range Plan - Improve and Expand Project List

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