

**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 Disselkoe, 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. *M/S Laughlin/Murphy*  
*\*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 include 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. *M/S Laughlin/Nash*
- **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

Project Name	To/From	Description	Jurisdiction	Cost	Est. Year of Const.	Project Length
168 <sup>th</sup> 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	2030	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	2030	.75 miles
Grand Haven Road	Hile to 100 ft south of Seaway	Reconstruct from 2 to 3 Lanes.	Norton Shores	\$1,100,000	2030	.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	2030	.75 miles
174 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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.