

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2019

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
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
Dennis Kent, MDOT
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit
Patrick Twa, Ferrysburg
Gerri McCaleb, City of Grand Haven
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township
Susie Hughes, MATS
Melissa Klos, City of Roosevelt Park
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Leon Stille, Crockery Township
Byron Turnquist, City of Muskegon
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall

B. Members Not Present

Tom Lohman, City of Montague
Andrea Dewey, FHWA (Non-Voting)

C. Others Present

Laird Schaefer, Citizen
Marc Fredrickson, MDOT

D. Staff Present

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (SEPTEMBER 18, 2019) –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Kikos/Gajewski**

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

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –

FY2020-FY2023 TIP – Amendment 2: Mr. Mulnix presented Amendment 2 for the FY 2020-2023 TIP. A motion was made to approve the amendment. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Klos**
**project list is included on the following page.*

VI. 2045 WESTPLAN LONG RANGE PLAN

Chapter 3 – Goals: Draft Chapter 3 for the WESTPLAN LRTP was presented to the committee. A motion was made to approve the chapter. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Kennedy**

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

- Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick and Ms. Amy Haack gave updates on the IAWG process.

VIII. HIP FUNDING

Mr. Brian Mulnix spoke on the recommendation from the HIP funding subcommittee. The subcommittee's recommendation is as follows:

1) Add \$75,341 to the Muskegon County Road Commission (Job #130777) – Whitehall Road from River to Bard, Total original cost: \$605,000 (Fed: \$495,192). New totals: Fed total \$570,533.local \$142,633, New total \$713,166

2) Add \$115,000 to the Village of Fruitport (Job #130798)- Third Street from Pontaluna to Park- Total original cost: \$612,920 (Fed: \$357,920) New costs \$140,000 local \$472,920 Fed
A motion was made to approve the HIP funding between the two projects and to add the changes to the existing projects as part of Amendment 2 that was acted on previously. Motion approved.
m/s Hughes/Kennedy

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- **MPO SUPPORT FOR MULTI-MODAL PLANNING.** Chairperson Bergman addressed the issue of support for Multi-Modal / Transit planning. After discussion and review of the Long Range Plan the MPO Policy Committee affirmed that it does support multi modal planning as outlined in the Goals section of the Long Range Transportation Plan. An excerpt from the Long Range Transportation Plan containing Goals 4 and 5 are included on the following page.

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

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

- Mr. Roger Vanderstelt thanks the committee for allocating more funding to the Fruitport project.
- Mr. Steven Salter commented on the ongoing flooding issues between Whitehall and Montague.
- Mr. Leon Stille mentioned the dramatic increase in truck traffic on M-104 since the M-231 opening.
- Mr. Marc Fredrickson commented on the BR-31- Flooding issue.
- Mayor Gerri McCaleb spoke on the need for a connection between MATS and Harbor Transit. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. Robert Monetza asked about the progress on the US-31/Grand Haven study funding.
- Ms. Melissa Klos stated that she will make sure that the Roosevelt Park Tech rep would show up.
- Mr. Wally Delamater gave an update on the DPW integration process.
- Mr. Patrick Twa thanked the MPO on behalf of the Mayor.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Mr. Laird Schafer reiterated the need for a connection to between the two transit systems.

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

FY2020-2023 TIP Amendment 3

Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Phase Status	S/TIP Cycle	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Fund Source	Total Job Cost	Template Name
Automobile Rd.	Lakewood Rd. to White Lake Dr.	0.072	Reconstruction	Reconstruction	CON	Programmed	20-23	\$407,613	\$0	\$90,387	\$498,000	STUL	\$498,000	STP - Small Urban