

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

MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Roger Bergman called the meeting to order at 1:33 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
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Don Mayle, MDOT
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit
Gerri McCaleb, City of Grand Haven
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township
Ben Van Hoeven, City of Roosevelt Park
Leon Stille, Crockery Township
Byron Turnquist, City of Muskegon
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall
Tom Lohman, City of Montague

B. Members Not Present

Aaron Dawson, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Kim Arter, Laketon Township (excused)
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Patrick Twa, Ferrysburg
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Susie Hughes, MATS

C. Others Present

Laird Schaefer, Citizen
Tyler Kent, MDOT

D. Staff Present

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (OCTOBER 16, 2019) –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2019 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Kennedy/Monetza**

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

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –

FY2020-FY2023 TIP – Amendment 4: Mr. Mulnix presented Amendment 4 for the FY 2020-2023 TIP. There was discussion on why some projects were listed as Kent County. Mr. Tyler Kent and Mr. Don Mayle explained the process. A motion was made to approve the amendment. Motion approved. **m/s Kennedy/Monetza**

**project list is included on the following page.*

VI. 2045 WESTPLAN LONG RANGE PLAN

Chapter 9 – Regional Issues: Draft Chapter 9 for the WESTPLAN LRTP was presented to the committee. Discussion regarding the lack of a connection between MATS and Harbor Transit ensued. The committee directed staff to add language requesting MATS and Harbor Transit to negotiate a connection. The committee also agreed to add the issue to the Old Business section of future agendas. A motion was made to approve the chapter with additions. Motion approved. **m/s Salter/Stille**

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

- Mr. Tyler Kent stated that there were issues with calibrating the model but it should be completed soon.
- Mr. Don Mayle stated the Statewide Planning had hired a new representative for WestPlan and that the person would begin on December 2.

VIII. HIP FUNDING

Mr. Brian Mulnix spoke on the HIP letter. The State had decided to use the HIP funding for bridges. Mr. Don Mayle stated that the State was still setting up criteria for project selection at this time.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

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

- Mr. Jack Kennedy stated that the use of plastic in roads was now an option.
- Ms. Kay Beecham gave an update on the demolition of the old Kmart and construction of the new Mercy Health clinic.
- Mr. Tyler Kent gave an update on the BR-31 flooding issue.
- Mr. Roger Vanderstelt informed the committee of the new lighted sign.
- Mr. Steven Salter commented on the Ferrysburg bridge.
- Ms. Betty Gajewski started a discussion of legislation in Washington State lowering vehicle registration to no more than \$30.
- Mr. Ben Van Hoeven introduced himself as representing the City of Roosevelt Park.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- The committee reviewed the email from Ms. Darma Canter. A decision was made to table the issue for one month.

XII. ADJOURNMENT –Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

FY2020-2023 TIP Amendment 4

