

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

December 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  
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores  
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission  
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township  
Susie Hughes, MATS  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission  
Melissa Klos, City of Roosevelt Park  
Don Mayle, MDOT  
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake  
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg  
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)  
Bonnie McGlothlin, City of Muskegon Heights (excused)  
Kim Arter, Laketon Township (excused)  
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit (excused)

**C. Others Present**

Tyler Kent, MDOT  
Matt Fenske, Ottawa County

**D. Staff Present**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (NOVEMBER 20, 2019)** –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Salter/Klos**

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

#### **IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –**

**FY2020-FY2023 TIP – Amendment 5:** Mr. Mulnix presented Amendment 5 for the FY 2020-2023 TIP. The amendment consists of one job and related GPA adjustments.

FY 2020, Muskegon County Road Commission, Job # 209583, Lakewood Road- Resurface-Funded with Rural Task Force (14) funding, Limits: Russell Road to Whitehall Road (2.293 Miles), Federal: \$581,670, State: \$0, Local: \$145,418, Total Cost: \$727,088

A motion was made to approve the amendment. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Klos**

#### **VI. 2045 WESTPLAN LONG RANGE PLAN**

**Existing Transportation System:** Draft Chapter 7 for the WESTPLAN LRTP was presented to the committee. Discussion ensued. Mr. Steven Salter requested maps of the non-motorized system. Ms. Gajewski noted the section on Safety planning and suggested that mention of the Whitehall /Montague flooding of Business 31 and other potential flooding issues be discussed. She also asked that it be an issue that would be discussed in greater detail at future meetings. 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. Tyler Kent presented the 2015 Base Year deficiencies for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to approve the base year model results. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Salter**

#### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Darma Canter e-mail** – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick gave an overview of the staff response to the email received from Ms. Darma Canter.
- **Transit Service Connection** – Ms. Susie Hughes gave the committee an update on the issue of a transit service connection between Harbor Transit and MATS. She stated that the progress was made at the first meeting and that the two systems were looking at future collaborations.

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**2020 State Safety Performance Measures** - Mr. Brian Mulnix spoke on the proposed State Safety Performance measures. Discussion followed. A motion was made to accept the State targets. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Klos**

#### **X. MPO ROUNDTABLE**– Agencies around the table discussed current events and activities around the community.

- Mr. Roger Bergman stated that this would be his last meeting and that he enjoyed working with everyone on the committee. He also introduced Mr. Matt Fenske who will be taking his place on the committee.
- Mr. Leon Stille noted that M-231 has significantly altered traffic flow on local roads.
- Mr. Scott Blease stated that he would now be the committee person from the Village of Ferrysburg. He also noted that a new engineering study stated that the bridge was safe to open but that there would need to be weight restrictions.

- Mr. Tyler Kent stated that MDOT Grand Region was applying for operations improvement funding.
- Mr. Steven Salter commented that the causeway between Whitehall and Montague is dry at this time.
- Mr. Byron Turnquist stated that this would also be his last meeting.
- Ms. Betty Gajewski discussed the increasing cost of salt and the potential impact of road agency budget if the winter is bad.

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

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** –Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.