

WMSRDC
WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Transportation Technical Committee meeting held on:

DATE: Thursday, August 6, 2020

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual Zoom meeting (phone or live camera option)

To join meeting click on the following link:

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Meeting ID: 848 3942 7486

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TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

August 6, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (MAY 7, 2020) - **(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT **(AGENDA ITEMS)**
- IV. HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (HIP)
- V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 - A. FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENT (9) - **(ATTACHMENT II) (ACTION)**
- VI. 2045 LONG RANGE PLAN (INFORMATION)
- VII. MPO ROUNDTABLE
 - UPDATE ON FY2020 PROJECT STATUS
 - US-31 CORRIDOR STUDY- (GRAND HAVEN) MDOT
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENT I

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

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2020

Members Present:

Matt Farrar, Muskegon County (Chairperson)
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg
Jay Bolt, Village of Fruitport
Marcia Jeske, Rural Township Rep
Doug Kadzban, City of Muskegon Heights
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep
Leo Evans, City of Muskegon
Luke Walters, MDOT Lansing
James Murphy, City of Norton Shores
Brett Laughlin, OCRC
James Koens, MATS
Paul Bouman, MCRC (Conference Line)
John Nash, Spring Lake Township
Ben Van Hoeven, City of Roosevelt Park
Mark Disselkoen, City of North Muskegon

Members Absent:

Aaron Dawson, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Heather Bowden, MDOT- OPT
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall
Steven Patrick, Harbor Transit
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Derek Gajdos, City of Grand Haven

Others Present:

Ryan Gladding, MDOT- Lansing
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region
Suzanne Mulder, MDOT-Muskegon TSC

Staff Present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Matt Farrar called the meeting to order at 1:31. Attendance was taken via roll call. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and supported to approve minutes as presented of the April 2, 2020 Technical Committee meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Laughlin/Kadzban*

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. FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENT 8 - Mr. Brian Mulnix presented the proposed amendment to the 2020-2023 TIP. The amendment consisted of one project which is listed below.

FY2020-2023 WestPlan TIP Amendment (8)

Project # 200107 (Bridge- Big Bridge Program), MDOT, US-31 N- over Grand River- Bridge Rehabilitation- full paint, steel repairs, grid deck replacement. Total Cost: \$19,942,089, Federal: \$16,322,600, State: \$3,619,489. Original total cost was approximately \$12,000,000, increasing to \$19,942,089.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment. Discussion ensued. Motion approved. *M/S Laughlin/Kadzban*

V. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Mr. Brian Mulnix gave a quick update on the Long Range Transportation Plan.

VI. CITY OF MUSKEGON NFC CHANGES - Mr. Brian Mulnix presented the proposed changes to the City of Muskegon's NFC network. The City of Muskegon is requesting that The City of Muskegon has requested to have the following revisions approved for their federal aid road network:

1. 4th Street

Limits: Between Western and Shoreline
Current classification: NFC 5 – Major Collector
Proposed classification: NFC 7 – Local

2. 3rd Street

Limits: From Morris to Shoreline
Current classification: NFC 7 – Local
Proposed classification: NFC 5 – Major Collector

3. Western Ave

Limits: Western Ave (current NFC 4 Minor Arterial segment) to Franklin

Current classification: NFC 7 – Local
Proposed classification: NFC 4 – Minor Arterial

4. Michigan Ave

Limits: From Hudson to Franklin
Current classification: NFC 4 – Minor Arterial
Proposed classification: NFC 7 – Local

5. Franklin St.

Limits: Between Michigan Ave and Western Ave
Current classification: NFC 7 – Local
Proposed classification: NFC 4 – Minor Arterial

MPO staff worked closely with the City of Muskegon and MDOT to address this change, and recommends approval by the MPO committees. A motion was made to approve the changes. Discussion ensued. Motion approved. *M/S Laughlin/Kadzban*

VII. UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM FY 2021 - A copy of the FY2021 WestPlan Unified Work Program (UWP). This document serves as a guide for the MPO’s planning activities and budget for FY2021. MPO staff is recommending approval by the MPO committees on FY2021 UWP. A motion was made to approve the changes. Discussion ensued. Motion approved. *M/S Laughlin/Kadzban*

VIII. MPO ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Jay Bolt gave an update on the Village of Fruitport’s 3rd Avenue project for FY2020.
- Mr. Brett Laughlin asked about the available HIP funding. Mr. Brian Mulnix responded that it would be discussed at the June meeting.

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

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. No member of the public spoke. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick reiterated that public comments were received and that committee members had received those comments as well. Those comments will be included in Tech committee meeting as well as the Appendix of the plan and evaluated for future planning efforts.

Ms. Amy Haack noted that the Zoom meeting notice had been sent to the public involvement list.

XI. ADJOURN- Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

ATTACHMENT II

The following projects were submitted by MDOT to be amended in the FY2020-2023TIP.

FY2020-2023 WestPlan TIP Amendment (9)

JN **127479**: M-104 ROW phase added (\$8,000), triggered federal amendment

JN **127478**: US-31 between Pierce St and 158th Ave, moving year of project from 2020 to 2022 for RR coordination efforts; no cost change.

JN **200664**: (GPA) M-104 between Spring Lake channel and Lake Ave. Cost change

From: jim thompson [<mailto:jhtclub@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Mulnix, Brian
Subject: Traffic Safety

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Mr. Mulnix;

A little over a year ago, I read in the Muskegon Chronicle that the area of M-120 and US-31 (and River Road) was one of Muskegon County's hot spots for accidents. I have personally seen many accidents in that area. We have lived on East River Road since 1965 and have seen the addition of hundreds of new homes and more being built daily and the traffic is scary.

One would think that the west bound traffic on East River Road would safely enter M-120 traffic via Old Orchard Lane at the traffic signal but, that is not always the case. I am not a traffic engineer but, I do have a couple of ideas. If you are not familiar with this area, take some time and park your car near there most any time of the day and count the close calls.

Please Consider:

#1) Blocking west bound traffic from River Road onto M-120. Traffic would still be open to: the bank, the gas station, the beauty shop and Rigler Road but, blocked from turning west onto M-120. This would direct west bound traffic to use Old Orchard Lane with the safety of a traffic signal.

#2) East bound traffic from M-120 onto River Road would remain the same. Remove the "stop" sign at Old Orchard Lane and make east bound traffic on River Road a thru lane. The left turn from East River onto Old Orchard Lane would remain the same as a stop. East bound traffic from Old Orchard Lane would become a "stop".

Sincerely,

Jim Thompson

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