

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

WestPlan MPO staff consulted with MDOT and FHWA staff to address concerns with recent COVID-19 restrictions pertaining to public meetings and gatherings. Governor Whitmer released Executive Directive 2020-2 on March 13, 2020, which gave agencies alternative options to public meetings to allow important time sensitive issues to move forward. WestPlan provided materials to all members and opened opportunities for discussion and comment by phone or email. These same materials were available to the public as well. The meeting was held via Zoom. Access information was sent out to the transportation stakeholder list.

Chairperson Arter called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores
Matt Fenske, Ottawa County
Susie Hughes, MATS
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Aaron Dawson, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Don Mayle, MDOT
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Tom Lohman, City of Montague
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport

B. Members Not Present

Leon Stille, Crockery Township, Vice Chairperson
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Melissa Klos, City of Roosevelt Park
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights

C. Others Present

Tyler Kent, MDOT

D. Staff Present

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (MARCH 18, 2020) –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2020 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Johnson**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT- No members of the public identified themselves as being present at the meeting or spoke during the Public Comment agenda item.

IV. 2045 WESTPLAN LONG RANGE PLAN

A. WestPlan 2045 Long Range Plan-Mr. Brian Mulnix presented this agenda item. He noted that the staff and committees had been working on this plan for over a year. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick noted that comments were received during the public comment period. Those comments have been added in the Appendix to the plan. Staff will be reviewing those comments for their relevance to future planning efforts. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2045 WestPlan Long Range Transportation Plan. Motion carried. **m/s Hughes/Salter**

B. Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Muskegon County Non-Attainment Area - Ms. Amy Haack gave an overview of this agenda item. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick noted that this item was open for public comment during the same period as the Long Range Transportation Plan and that no public comments had been received. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Muskegon County Non-Attainment Area. Motion carried. **m/s Hughes/Johnson**

C. Air Quality Analysis for the Grand Rapids Orphan Maintenance Area - Mr. Brian Mulnix explained this agenda item. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Grand Rapids Orphan Maintenance Area. Motion carried. **m/s Hughes/Kennedy**

D. FY2020 Unified Work Program (UWP) Amendment - Mr. Brian Mulnix presented this agenda item. The WestPlan MPO is submitting an application for federal transit planning funds (5304). The purpose of this study is to analyze management structures of Muskegon Area Transit System and Harbor Transit for possible future collaboration. A motion was made and seconded to amend the FY 2020 UWP to include this work item. Mr. Ken Johnson noted that he was very much in favor of this study and was glad to see action was being taken. Ms. Susie Hughes also reiterated these feelings. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Kennedy**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- **Public Transportation** –Mr. Brian Mulnix stated that he believed this issue was addressed with the previous agenda item.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO Round Table

- Mr. Tyler Kent informed the committee that Mr. Marc Fredrickson was the new MDOT Muskegon TSC director.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - No members of the public identified themselves as being present at the meeting or spoke during the Public Comment agenda item. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick reiterated that comments were received during the public comment period. Those comments have been added in the Appendix to the plan. Staff will be reviewing those comments for their relevance to future planning efforts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT –Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.