

**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 Disselkoe, 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.