



MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Transportation Policy Committee meeting held on:

DATE: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: ***Due to the State ordered social distancing requirements; this meeting will be conducted using the Microsoft Teams app. You will be able to access the meeting by video or phone. Please use the following link to access the meeting:*

Microsoft Teams meeting

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If you are unable to attend, please email Brian Mulnix at bmulnix@wmsrdc.org

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WESTPLAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

March 17, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (FEBRUARY 17, 2021)
(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT **(AGENDA ITEMS)**
- IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 - A. FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENT (14) - **(ATTACHMENT II) (ACTION)**
- V. FY2021 ADJUSTED NHS BRIDGE CONDITION TARGETS
(ATTACHMENT III)(ACTION)
- VI. FAST ACT ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDOR INITIATIVE
(ATTACHMENT IV)(ACTION)
- VII. FY2021 HIP & COVID FUNDING **(INFORMATION)**
- VIII. 2045 LONG RANGE PLAN **(INFORMATION)**
- IX. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE
 - A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

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ATTACHMENT I

MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2021

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 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE (Roll call)

A. Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission
Susie Hughes, MATS
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall
Tom Lohman, City of Montague
Don Mayle, MDOT
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner

B. Members Not Present

Matt Fenske, Ottawa County
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights
Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon
Richard Suchecki, Ottawa County- Township Rep
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores
Missi Klos, City of Roosevelt Park
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township
Andy Pickard, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit

C. Others Present

Tyler Kent, MDOT
Marc Fredrickson, MDOT Muskegon TSC
Bob Lukens, Muskegon County

D. Staff Present

Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC

Amy Haack, WMSRDC
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (JANUARY 20, 2020) –A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2020 meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Kennedy**

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson **Yes**
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission **Yes**
Susie Hughes, MATS **Yes**
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg **Yes**
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake **Yes**
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven **Yes**
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall **Yes**
Tom Lohman, City of Montague **Yes**
Don Mayle, MDOT **Yes**
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission **Yes**
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon **Yes**
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner **Yes**

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. FY2020-FY2023 TIP – Amendment 13: Mr. Mulnix presented Amendment 13 for the FY 2020-2023 TIP.

1. **207068-** FY2022-5339- MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM-**ABANDON** - Transit Facility Construct/Acquire Small Bus(es)/Acquire Revenue Service Minivan(s)

2. **212241-** FY2021- 5339- MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM-

(3) NEW PROJECT(S) (GPA ACCOUNT)

- Misc. Support equipment - \$ 478,958 total; \$383,166 federal; \$95,792 state
- 35-39 Foot Replacement bus - \$143,750 total; \$115,000 federal; \$28,750 state
- Capital cost of contracting- \$62,500 total; \$50,000 federal; \$12,500 state

3. **207679-** FY2021- 5307- HARBOR TRANSIT MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM- **ABANDON** – Operating Assistance- Total cost: \$1,070,000 \$535,000 federal; \$535,000 Local

4. **212361-** FY2021 – 5307- HARBOR TRANSIT MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM **NEW PROJECT** REPLACEMENT BUS- Total cost: \$138,895; \$111,116 federal; \$27,779 state

5. **212363-** FY2022 – 5307- HARBOR TRANSIT MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM **NEW PROJECT** REPLACEMENT BUS- Total cost: \$138,895; \$111,116 federal; \$27,779 state

6. **212364-** FY2022 – CMAQ- CITY OF NORTON SHORES- **NEW PROJECT-** Wireless vehicle detection system at (3) intersections on Henry Street: (@ Seminole, Norton & Broadway) Total cost: \$243,635; \$200,000 federal; \$43,635 local (Project using redistributed CMAQ funds from the previously abandoned MATS FY2022 project)

7. **205349**- FY2021 STUL City of Montague -**COST CHANGE** (local increase more than 25%) Federal remains as programmed; Federal \$202,052, Local \$115,198 (increase of \$57,000 local) Part of larger project that also has HIP funding, this change does not affect that portion. Total project cost with STUL and HIP is \$461,000: \$317,052 federal \$143,948 Local.

8. **212255**- FY2023- Bridge CPM- **NEW PROJECT**- Structure #7696 Bridge Street over Norris Creek, Village of Fruitport – Total cost: \$216,000; \$172,800 federal; \$32,400 state; \$10,800 local

9. **212256**- FY2023- Bridge CPM- **NEW PROJECT**- Structure #8831 Green Street over Stearns Bayou; Ottawa County Road Commission – Total cost: \$178,000; \$142,400 federal; \$8,900 state; \$26,700 local

V. Mr. Brian Mulnix moted that project 212256 had been accidentally left off the project listing. A motion and support were made to add the project back on to the list. Motion carried. **m/s Hughes/Salter**

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson **Yes**
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission **Yes**
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Don Mayle, MDOT **Yes**
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission **Yes**
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon **Yes**
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner **Yes**

VI. A motion and support were made to approve the amended project list. Motion carried. **m/s Hughes/Blease**

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson **Yes**
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission **Yes**
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VI. **2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN** – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick stated there was no update at this time.

VII. **MPO ROUNDTABLE**

- Mr. Tyler Kent gave an update on State bonding projects and the MDOT 5-year plan. He also stated that MDOT staff was still working from home until at least May 1, 2021.

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

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. No member of the public spoke.

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

ATTACHMENT II

To: WestPlan Policy Committee Members
From: Brian Mulnix, Program Manager, WMSRDC
RE: **FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 14**

The following project was submitted to be amended in the FY2020-2023 TIP. The project was reviewed and discussed by the WestPlan MPO Technical Advisory Committee and was recommended for approval at their March 4, 2021 meeting.

WestPlan FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (14)

FY2021- City of Muskegon TAP & Recreational Trails Funding

Project Scope and Cost Change (Cost reduction of more than 25%) *Federal Transportation Alternatives funding was reduced by \$219,562.*

Black Creek Road -Port City BLVD between Keating Avenue and Olthoff

Roadside facilities- Construct 10 foot wide HMA non-motorized trail.

Federal: \$496,024

- Recreational Trails- \$315,000
- Transportation Alternatives Program- \$181,024

State: \$0

Local: \$69,157

- Recreational Trails- \$49,057
- Transportation Alternatives Program- \$20,100

Total: \$565,181

ATTACHMENT III

In accordance with federal performance measure requirements, MDOT established Bridge Condition targets in 2018, which the Technical and Policy Committees elected to support. We have now reached the mid-point of the performance period, which allows for adjustment of the 4-year targets. Based on updated data, MDOT has elected to adjust their 4-Year Bridge Performance Targets, which are listed below.

- Percentage of NHS bridges classified as in “Good” condition
- Percentage of NHS bridges classified as “Poor” condition

Multiple factors led to MDOT adjusting their 4-Year targets, including four large deck area bridges deteriorating faster than expected and changes in the inventory of NHS bridges, which the adjusted targets account for. A table summarizing the old and new targets and data is below.

Performance Area	Measure	Baseline Condition (2017 data)	2-year target (ended 10/1/2020)	4-year target
Bridge	Percent of National Highway System Deck Area in Good Condition	32.7%	27.0%	23.0% (adjusted from the previous 4-year target of 26%)
Bridge	Percent of National Highway System Deck Area in Poor Condition	9.8%	7.0%	8.0% (adjusted from the previous 4-year target of 7%)

MPOs have until March 31, 2021 to take action on these updated targets and can continue to support State targets or develop MPO targets. Staff has participated in target coordination meetings and working groups throughout the development process of all the State targets that have been presented to the committee and believe the State’s methodology for target development to be reasonable. The generally better condition of NHS bridges in the WestPlan MPO area and the work that continues to be done by MDOT and our local agencies to improve NHS bridges in our region can support statewide target achievement.

Attached for additional information is the State’s Bridge Performance Measure Mid- Period Progress Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (231) 893-1657 or via email at bmulnix@wmsrdc.org

ATTACHMENT IV



March 17, 2021

To Whom it may concern

RE: FAST Act Alternative Fuel Corridor Initiative Round 5 Call for Nominations

Please accept this letter as confirmation of West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WestPlan)'s support for the nomination submitted by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) under the FAST Act Alternative Fuel Corridor Initiative Round 5 Call for Nominations.

The proposed corridors recognize the current and projected availability of electric and other alternative fuels, all of which offer benefits for air quality (and overall environmental health) as well as domestic fuel production and use. This region is a key corridor for interstate and in-state trade and tourism. WestPlan is an active member of the West Michigan Clean Air Coalition (WMCAC). The WMCAC is a partnership of businesses, academic institutions, government agencies, industry, and non-profit organizations in Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, and Kalamazoo counties working together to achieve cleaner air in the region through the education and promotion of voluntary emission reduction activities. The WestPlan MPO includes Muskegon County and northern Ottawa County. Muskegon County is designated as partial non-attainment for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) while Ottawa County is currently meeting attainment status, but has been a non-attainment area in the past.

I am pleased to support this nomination on behalf of WestPlan. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

Kim Arter,
Laketon Township Supervisor
WestPlan Policy Committee Chairperson

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