

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

September 3, 2020

**Members Present:**

Matt Farrar, Muskegon County (Chairperson)  
Tom Miller, City of Ferrysburg  
Jay Bolt, Village of Fruitport  
Doug Kadzban, City of Muskegon Heights  
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep  
Leo Evans, City of Muskegon  
Alex Craigmile, City of Norton Shores  
James Koens, MATS  
Ben Van Hoeven, City of Roosevelt Park  
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague  
Derek Gajdos, City of Grand Haven  
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall  
Don Mayle, MDOT Lansing

**Members Absent:**

Andy Pickard, FHWA (Non-Voting)  
Heather Bowden, MDOT- OPT  
Steven Patrick, Harbor Transit  
Marcia Jeske, Rural Township Rep  
Brett Laughlin, OCRC  
John Nash, Spring Lake Township (excused)  
Paul Bouman, MCRC  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake  
Mark Disselkoen, City of North Muskegon

**Others Present:**

Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region  
Marc Fredrickson, Muskegon MDOT TSC  
Heather Bowden, MDOT OPT  
Matt Chappela, Ottawa County Planning  
Jason Sundell, MDOT

**Staff Present:**

Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC  
Amy Haack, WMSRDC  
Joel Fitzpatrick, 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 August 6, 2020 Technical Committee meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Bolt/Evans*

## 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.

## II. FY2020-FY2023 TIP – Amendment 10: Mr. Mulnix presented Amendment 10 for the FY 2020-2023 TIP, Mr. Tyler Kent reviewed the MDOT projects.

### FY2020-2023 WestPlan TIP Amendment (10)

- 201924 CON phase: I-96 freeway signing upgrade, various locations in WestPlan and GVMC MPOs, and Rural areas  
Current programmed cost: \$865,000.00  
Proposed cost: \$1,310,000.00  
Increase Request: \$445,000.00
- 127479 CON phase: M-104 between Krueger and 148<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Current programmed cost: \$560,000.00  
Proposed cost: \$826,000.00  
Increase Request: \$266,000.00
- 205371- City of Muskegon- Change limits of project from Peck- Apple to Strong- To: Peck from Apple to Merrill- funding amounts remains as programmed.
- 205364 Grand Haven- Fulton Avenue- Add additional HIP Funding to the federal portion of this project- Approximately \$14,000 added to the current programmed amount of \$482,772- This item was tabled in August, will need MPO Committee approval to move forward.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment, including the previously approved HIP projects. Motion approved. *M/S Bolt/Kadzban*

## IV. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – Mr. Brian Mulnix stated was no update at this time.

## V. MPO ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Tyler Kent gave an update on the State Long Range Plan.
- Mr. Tyler Kent informed the committee on the August redistribution.
- Mr. Marc Fredrickson gave an update on US-31.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business to discuss.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**VIII. ADJOURN-** Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

**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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