

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

May 19, 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 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

**ATTENDANCE (Roll call)**

**A. Members Present**

Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon  
Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson  
Matt Fenske, Ottawa County  
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission  
Susie Hughes, MATS  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission  
Missi Klos, City of Roosevelt Park  
Don Mayle, MDOT  
Robert Monetza, Harbor Transit  
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg  
Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven  
Ryan Kelly Ottawa County- Township Rep  
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall  
Tom Lohman, City of Montague  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport  
Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon

**B. Members Not Present**

Andy Pickard, FHWA (Non-Voting)  
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township  
Kay Beecham, City of Norton Shores  
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake

**C. Others Present**

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

Katherine Parker, MDOT  
Brad Hastings, Disability Network

**D. Staff Present**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2021, meeting as submitted. Motion approved. **m/s Blease/Hughes**

Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon (Yes)  
Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson (Yes)  
Matt Fenske, Ottawa County (Yes)  
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission (Yes)  
Susie Hughes, MATS (Yes)  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission (Yes)  
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Dennis Scott, City of Grand Haven (Yes)  
Ryan Kelly Ottawa County- Township Rep (Yes)  
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Tom Lohman, City of Montague (Yes)  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport (Yes)  
Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon (Yes)

**III. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON-**

Mrs. Arter opened the floor for nominations, Hughes nominated Mr. Blease, supported by Monetza. No other nominations, floor was closed. Vote carried unanimously to elect Scott Blease as Vice Chairperson. **M/S Hughes/Monetza**

Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon (Yes)  
Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson (Yes)  
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Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission (Yes)  
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Steven Salter, City of Whitehall (Yes)

Tom Lohman, City of Montague (Yes)  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport (Yes)  
Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon (Yes)

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

- V. FY2020-FY2023 TIP:** Mr. Mulnix spoke on the 2020-2023 TIP as well as obligation authority.

**FY2023-FY2026 TIP:** Mr. Mulnix notified the committee that work would start on the 2023-2026 TIP would start in the fall.

#### **VI. FY2022 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Fitzpatrick presented the FY2022 Unified Work Program (UWP). A motion was made and seconded to approve the UWP. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Mogren**

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Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon (Yes)

#### **VII. FY2021 HIP & COVID FUNDING-**

Mr. Mulnix updated the committee on the progress of programming the stimulus funding.

- VIII. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN** – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick stated there was no update at this time.

#### **IX. MPO ROUNDTABLE**

##### **A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Lukens updated the committee on recent MATS activities

##### **B. MDOT UPDATES**

Mr. Kent and Mr. Walters updated the committee on the following list of topics:

- a. MDOT FIVE YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN
- b. FY2021 OBLIGATION AUTHORITY
- c. US-31 AND M-104 BRIDGEWORK UPDATES
- d. REBUILDING MICHIGAN BOND PROGRAM
- e. STATE LONG RANGE PLAN
- f. TAMC ANNUAL ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT 2020
- g. M-104 SAFETY DISCUSSION

**C. MUSKEGON COUNTY BICYCLING COALITION**

Mr. Mulnix introduced the group to the committee and informed them that they would be participating in future meetings.

**VI. 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. Mrs. Brad Hastings introduced himself.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS** – No new business was discussed.

**VIII. ADJOURN-** Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.