

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

September 2, 2021

**Members Present:** Matt Farrar, Muskegon County (Chairperson)  
Jim Murphy, City of Norton Shores  
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg  
James Koens, MATS  
Scott Borg, Harbor Transit  
Justin Clish, Village of Fruitport  
Luke Walters, MDOT Lansing  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake  
Ben VanHoeven, City of Roosevelt Park  
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague  
Jeff Marcinkowski, Rural Township Rep  
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall  
Leo Evans, City of Muskegon  
Derek Gajdos, City of Grand Haven  
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region

**Members Absent:** Andy Pickard, FHWA (Non-Voting)  
Heather Bowden, MDOT- OPT  
Brett Laughlin, OCRC  
Paul Bouman, MCRC  
John Allen, City of Muskegon Heights  
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep  
Mark Disselkoen, City of North Muskegon  
John Nash, Spring Lake Township

**Others Present:** Todd Myers, City of Norton Shores  
Dana Appel, Harbor Transit  
Melvin Barkley, Harbor Transit  
Brad Hastings, Disability Network West Michigan  
Jeff VanDyke, Disability Network West Michigan  
Diane Fleser, Disability Network West Michigan  
Marc Fredrickson, 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 1:30. Attendance was taken via roll call. A quorum was present.

## II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Mr. James Koens noted that the regular HIP funded project which was allocated to Spring Lake was still in the list for the COVID HIP funding and that the numbers did not add up.

A motion was made and supported to approve the revised minutes. Motion approved. *M/S Evans/VanHoeven*

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

## IV. FY2020-2023 TIP Amendment 17 - Mr. Brian Mulnix presented the proposed amendment listed on the following page.

- A. A motion was made and supported to approve the proposed amendment. Motion approved. *M/S Evans/Murphy*
- B. Mr. Brian Mulnix spoke on the shared that staff had met with MDOT and will begin the process of updating the Long-Range transportation Plan.
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## V. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – Mr. Brian Mulnix shared that staff had met with MDOT and will begin the process of updating the Long-Range transportation Plan.

## VI. DISABILITY NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN PRESENTATION – Mr. Brad Hastings and Mr. Jeff VanDyke gave a presentation about the Disability Network West Michigan.

## VII. MPO ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Tyler Kent discussed the Statewide Long-Range Plan and the 5-Year Plan
- Mr. Marc Fredrickson noted that US-31 drawbridge work would begin again after Labor Day.

## 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 2:49 p.m.