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## MEETING NOTICE

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There will be a Transportation Policy Committee meeting held on:

**DATE:** Wednesday July 16, 2025

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be held at the WMSRDC Office in the Terrace Plaza Building.

If you are unable to attend, please email Brian Mulnix at [bmulnix@wmsrdc.org](mailto:bmulnix@wmsrdc.org)

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# WESTPLAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

July 16, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (MAY 21, 2025) **(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT **(AGENDA ITEMS)**
- IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
  - A. FY2023-2026 TIP **(AMENDMENT 26) (ACTION)**
  - B. FY2026-2029 TIP **(INFORMATION)**
- V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) **(INFORMATION)**
- VI. WESTPLAN NON-MOTORIZED PLAN **(INFORMATION)**
- VII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE
  - A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
  - B. MDOT UPDATE
  - C. AIR QUALITY UPDATE
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

## ATTACHMENT I

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

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

May 21, 2025

#### **X. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Kim Arter called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

#### **XI. ATTENDANCE**

##### **A. Members Present**

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson  
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners  
Roger Morgenstern, City of Norton Shores  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport  
Rachel Gorman, City of Muskegon  
Chris McGuigan, Muskegon County (MATS)  
Jared Olsen, City of Roosevelt Park  
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon  
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission  
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township  
Ron Jenkins, City of Muskegon Heights  
Bob Hires, City of Montague  
Kevin McLaughlin, Harbor Transit  
Richard Carlson, Mayor of Ferrysburg  
Paul Black, Muskegon County Rural Township  
Heather Bowden, MDOT

##### **B. Members Not Present**

Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven  
Josh Brugger, Ottawa County  
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall  
Luke Walters, MDOT  
Wally Delameter, Village of Spring Lake  
Jenny Staroska, FHWA, Excused

##### **C. Others Present**

Marc Frederickson, MDOT

Tyler Kent, MDOT  
Blake Wright, MDOT  
Alexis Springer, MCC

**D. Staff Present**

Lauryn Blake, WMSRDC  
Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC  
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC  
Jack Grice, WMSRDC

**XII. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (APRIL 16, 2025)**

The minutes were reviewed from the April 16, 2025, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025, meeting. Motion approved. ***M/S Morgenstern/McGuigan***

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**XIV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

C. FY2023-2026 TIP – Mr. Brian Mulnix informed the committee that there were no amendments to be made to the TIP 2023-2026 document. Fiscal Year 2026 jobs will be frozen until October 1, 2025. Ms. Heather Bowden updated the committee on recent office reductions at the FHWA but assured the group that a timeline for TIP approvals has been made, and things will be completed and approved as planned.

D. FY2026-2029 TIP – Mr. Brian Mulnix informed the committee that the public comment period for the new TIP document has concluded and the MPO is seeking approval for the FY2026-2029 TIP draft as provided in the meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP document with resolution of support to be received. Motion carried. ***M/S Kelly/McGuigan***

E. AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DOCUMENTS – Mr. Brian Mulnix summarized the Air Quality Conformity reports to the committee, explaining that their purpose is to prevent future projects submitted in the TIP will not affect the air quality in our region. A motion was made and supported to approve the Air Quality Conformity documents with resolution of support to be received. Motion carried. ***M/S Carlson/Morgenstern***

**XV. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)**

The commission continues to monitor the MTP, but there are no updates at this time.

**XVI. FY2026 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AND APPENDICES**

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick distributed a budget table with accurate values and clarified that the numbers in the appendices are correct, but in the document, they need to be corrected to match the table. Mr. Brian Mulnix explained to the committee the purpose of the UWP, stating it is the reason the MPO is able to perform transportation related activities, including creating and acting upon the new FY2026-2029 TIP. A question was raised on where the local match funding comes from. Mr. Mulnix explained that local match for the UWP comes from MPO dues. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2026 Unified work Program. Motion carried. ***M/S Morgenstern/Mogren***

## XVII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE

D. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/AIR QUALITY – Ms. Lauryn Blake gave an update on the Clean Air Action season, stating that the first event of the season, STEAM Along the Lakeshore, was May 3, 2025, in Hackley Park, which brought in around 950 participants. Other events are soon to follow, including Feet on the Street in Whitehall on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Display rotation has begun, starting with West Michigan Works! where the display will be held for another week – spreading awareness to the locals for a total of two weeks.

### E. MDOT UPDATES –

- a. Mr. Tyler Kent discussed the state’s plan to find additional funding for Act 51 project, and that congress is looking into the reauthorization of that bill, determining whether they want to make changes or just review.
- b. Mr. Marc Frederickson updated the committee on the M-46 efforts, stating that lanes will be opening again this upcoming weekend. There are no immediate projects coming up, but informed the committee that the next year they will be busy with the M-46 redesign and preparing for I-96 at M-31 bridge fixes. More details will follow.
- c. Ms. Heather Bowden stated that they are still working on the S/TIP and announced that the small urban CFP will be released in late August/early September.

## XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. Ms. Rachel Gorman discussed the upcoming Chamber Economic Summit with the committee, emphasizing that elected officials are encouraged to participate and their admission will be covered by their sponsors. She encourages everyone to join, elected official or not, who may have interest in discussing the potential/desired I-96 at M-31 interchange work. No other members of the public spoke.

## XIX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

## **ATTACHMENT II**

### **WestPlan FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 26**

#### **City of North Muskegon-**

Job # 215731

Change of Cost and Change of Project Limits

Original Cost: \$420,074 Total- \$336,059 Federal- \$84,015 Local

Original Limits: Ruddiman Drive from Bear Lake Bridge to Linderman

New Cost: \$261,090 Total- \$191,062 Federal- \$70,028 Local

New Limits: Ruddiman Drive from Bear Lake Bridge to East Circle Drive

#### **MDOT**

Job # 214896

Change year from FY2025 to FY2026

M-46: From Muskegon Avenue east to Home Street, Road Rehab and Reconstruction

Cost: \$14,400,000 Total: \$11,786,400 Federal, \$228,690 Local