

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Arter called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)

A. Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Roger Belknap, Ottawa County
Heather Bowden, MDOT
Richard Carlson, City of Ferrysburg
Arnie Erb, Whitehall Township
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
Bob Hires, City of Montague
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Bonnie McGlothlin, City of Muskegon Heights
Kevin McLaughlin, Harbor Transit
Bob Monetza, City of Grand Haven
Roger Morgenstern, City of Norton Shores
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission
Steven Salter, City of Muskegon
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport

B. Members Not Present

Wally Delameter, Village of Spring Lake
Rachel Gorman, City of Muskegon
Marcia Hovey-Wright, Muskegon County (MATS)
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Andrew Sibold, FHWA

C. Others Present

Marc Frederickson, MDOT
Rebecca Hopp, Resident of Ferrysburg
Tyler Kent, MDOT
Bob Lukens, Muskegon County
Will Montgomery, City of Ferrysburg
Jared Olson, Roosevelt Park
Steve Sinocki, MCC
Blake Wright, MDOT

D. Staff Present

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

II. **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (MARCH 20, 2024)**

The minutes and attachments were reviewed from the March 20, 2024, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes and attachment from the meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Kelly/Hires*

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. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

A. **FY2023-2026 TIP FY2024-2026** – Mr. Brian Mulnix reported Amendment 15 has been approved and all projects in the list are current.

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

A. **2050 DRAFT MTP AND APPENDICES** – Mr. Brian Mulnix stated that the MTP has been sent out and attachments are on the website. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick gave an update on changes being made to the 2050 Draft MTP, per suggestions made by the Tech Committee. Discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2050 MTP as presented. Motion carried. *M/S Salter/Belknap*

B. **MTP AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REPORTS**

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick clarified the need for consideration of Air Quality Conformity Reports for the MTP, as well as the need for two reports for Muskegon.

1. **GRAND RAPIDS 1997 LOMA CONFORMITY REPORT** – Chairperson Arter presented the proposed Grand Rapids 1997 LOMA Conformity Report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried. *M/S Kelly/Hazekamp*
2. **MUSKEGON 1997 CONFORMITY REPORT** – Chairperson Arter presented the proposed Muskegon 1997 Conformity Report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried. *M/S Kelly/Salter*
3. **MUSKEGON 2015 CONFORMITY ANALYSIS** – Chairperson Arter presented the proposed Muskegon 2015 Conformity Analysis. A motion was made and seconded to approve the analysis. Motion carried. *M/S Kelly/Hazekamp*

VI. **WESTPLAN MPO 2024 SAFETAY ACTION PLAN**

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick introduced the purpose of the WestPlan MPO 2024 Safety Action Plan. Discussion ensued. The resolution goal datasheets were distributed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024 Safety Action Plan. Motion carried. *M/S Monetza/Kelly*

VII. **NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE**

- **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

- Mr. Bob Lukens gave an update on increasing transit numbers for MATS as well as decreasing numbers for Go2. Mr. Lukens also gave an update on the airline services through Denver Air Service coming to Muskegon County Airport in either July or August.

- **MDOT UPDATES**

- Mr. Tyler Kent announced the beginning of construction in Ionia will be in Fall of 2024 and end in either 2025 or 2026.
- Mr. Marc Frederickson updated on the progress of the Business Route 31 construction. The beams have been laid and pouring will begin in May. The expected re-opening date is the 4th of July.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. Conversation regarding positive reviews of Denver Air Services ensued. Mr. Tyler Kent mentioned that a potential traffic count for Colby Rd. might be needed, with the Safety Action Plan to back it up. Mr. Roger Belknap discussed the upcoming voting season presenting the opportunity for renewal of a 10-year mileage for preservation and construction in Ottawa County.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.