

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

MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Kim Arter called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Heather Bowden, MDOT
Richard Carlson, Mayor of Ferrysburg
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
Bob Hires, City of Montague
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township
Rachel Gorman, City of Muskegon
Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park

B. Members Not Present

Arnie Erb, Whitehall Township
Roger Morgenstern, City of Norton Shores
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Wally Delameter, Village of Spring Lake
Marcia Hovey-Wright, Muskegon County (MATS)
Kevin McLaughlin, Harbor Transit
Bonnie McGlothlin, City of Muskegon Heights
Jenny Staroska, FHWA

C. Others Present

Bob Lukens, Muskegon County
Christina Achterhoff, Secretary for Senator Jon Bumstead
Tyler Kent, MDOT
Steve Sinocki, MCC
Marc Frederickson, MDOT

D. Staff Present

Lauryn Blake, WMSRDC
Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC

Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Jack Grice, WMSRDC

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed from the December 18, 2024, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2024, meeting. Motion approved. ***M/S Salter/Hires***

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 22 – Mr. Brian Mulnix announced that Technical Committee approved recommendation of the FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment 22 to be brought to the Policy Committee. He discussed the trunkline jobs, like the bridge replacement and the funding amount changes, and the multi-modal jobs which include Harbor Transit' bus replacements and non-motorized trails in Muskegon and Roosevelt Park being resurfaced.

Mr. Tyler Kent elaborated on Trunkline Jobs, stating that the first line item is a budget increase for an existing job, and that the others in the list will come back next month as it needs the MITC-IAWG to approve it due to the size of the project.

A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 22 with exclusion to the final trunkline project lines. Motion carried. ***M/S Monetza/Goodman***

B. FY2026-2029 TIP PROJECT LIST

Mr. Brian Mulnix provided an updated version of the project list and mentioned that on December 5, 2024, WMSRDC held a work session with agencies, other MPOs, and others to work out a prioritized list of the submitted projects. There are different lists made for 2026 through 2029 fiscal years, as well as different lists for the local, trunkline, and transit projects. The 2026 list is the existing, already approved, list. In 2027, there are a couple larger jobs, including a roundabout on Airline Road, and one in Ottawa County on Lincoln, as well as a bridge deck replacement in Ferrysburg. Mr. Marc Frederickson clarified that the deck replacement job will require total closure due to the narrow bridge. Mr. Mulnix elaborated that there are not many other expansions, mostly capital preventative maintenance and bike path resurfacing, as well as more bus replacements and some marketing jobs.

Mr. Tyler Kent mentioned that projects present are developed in the 5-year plan but utilize the TIP cycle to gain public and agency involvement. Capital preventative maintenance jobs and bridge work are common in the outer years. There is an illustrative list that has been developed but needs to go through the public involvement stage.

A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2026-2029 TIP Project List. Motion carried. ***M/S Salter/Monetza***

VI. 2025 STATE SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Brian Mulnix introduced and discussed the purpose of bringing the 2025 State Safety Performance Measures to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Tyler Kent clarified that this is a measure of progress for achieving fewer crash fatalities. The fatality number has increased over the past few years. Numbers were low during the pandemic, and risky driving behavior has risen since. Discussion ensued regarding the causation of these number increases.

A motion was made and supported to support the 2025 State Safety Performance Measures as presented. Motion carried. *M/S Goodman/Hazekamp*

VII. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

There are no updates on the 2050 MTP. Much of the focus has been on the TIP cycle.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE

A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Bob Lukens discussed the three documents distributed to the committee. One document contains MATS operation report for December and Year-To-Date numbers, which show an increase in fixed routes by 2%. There is a decrease in Go2 numbers, but Mr. Lukens explains there is driver turnover and training taking place, as well as new vehicles and software incoming. The second document is a breakdown of routes and passengers. The third document shows trip origin and trip destination for Go2, which shows there were about 172,000 trips YTD.

Mr. Lukens also informed the committee that another meeting for the transit authority will take place next week.

Mr. Lukens continued on to discuss the Muskegon County Airport and Denver Air Connections. He shared that there were 769 passengers in November and 988 passengers in December – record numbers for the facility. Glass has been received and is being installed. A bathroom behind the secure area will be completed in February. Floor repairs and replacements will be occurring late February – March.

Mr. Field Reichardt, as a member of the committee for the airport, shared information regarding a \$104 million grant that was approved for a new and taller tower. This tower should prevent runway closures.

B. MDOT UPDATES

Mr. Tyler Kent informed the committee that MDOT's 5-year program has been approved.

Mr. Marc Frederickson announced that signal work on M-46 is nearly complete. Following utility work being finalized, the project should be completed by the end of February.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

WESTPLAN FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 22

The following projects have been submitted to be added to the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 22. Please review the projects and prepare for discussion and action at the meeting. The WestPlan MPO Technical Committee reviewed and acted at their January 9, 2025 meeting to recommend approval of this amendment.

Fiscal Year	Job Type	Job#	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Fund Source	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Federal Amendment Type
TIP Line Items														
2025	Trunkline	215062	MDOT	M-46	M-46 over Crockery Creek	Bridge Replacement	Bridge Replacement	CON	BFP	\$3,576,845	\$793,155	\$0	\$4,370,000	Phase Budget equal or over 24%
2025	Local	222756	Muskegon	Sanford St	Sanford Street, Muskegon	New Facilities	Construct 1.5 mile non-motorized pathway	CON	TAL	\$1,909,129	\$0	\$940,451	\$2,849,580	Phase Added
2026	Multi-Modal	222982	Harbor Transit Multi-Modal Transportation System	Transit Capital	Areawide	SP1101-<30 foot replacement bus with or without lift	2026 CRSM 3 Replacement Busses	NI	CRSM	\$256,000	\$64,000	\$0	\$320,000	Phase Added
2026	Local	223025	Roosevelt Park	Garrison Rd	North of Garrison road, south of railroad tracks	New Facilities	Construct Asphalt Non-Motorized Trail	CON	CRSM	\$120,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$150,000	Phase Added
Transit Capital GPA														
2026	Multi-Modal	214053	Muskegon County Board of Commissioners	Transit Capital	Areawide	SP1603-marketing	FY 26 5307 CMAQ Outreach and Marketing	NI	CM	\$140,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$175,000	GPA over or over 25%
2026	Multi-Modal	220694	Muskegon County Board of Commissioners	Transit Capital	Areawide	6410-5310 Projects	5310 - Mobility Management	NI	5310	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$50,000	
MPO Adjustment														
2025	Trunkline	214896	MDOT	M-46	from Muskegon Avenue east to Home Street	Road Rehabilitation	Concrete pavement inlay and road diet	ROW	NH	\$20,463	\$4,141	\$397	\$25,000	Road Diet over 1/2 mile
2025	Trunkline	214896	MDOT	M-46	from Muskegon Avenue east to Home Street	Road Rehabilitation	Concrete pavement inlay and road diet	CON	NH	\$22,079,857	\$4,467,732	\$428,413	\$26,976,000	Road Diet over 1/2 mile

WESTPLAN FY2026-2029 TIP PROJECT LIST

Attached as a separate link in the email you will find the local, state, and transit project lists for the FY2026-2029 TIP. The final draft list was reviewed and discussed at the December 5, 2024, Technical Committee TIP Development work session that was held at the WMSRDC Office prior to the regular MPO Technical Committee meeting. Please review the list and be prepared to discuss and take action to approve the list for the new FY2026-2029 TIP.



GRETCHEN WHITMER
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LANSING

BRADLEY C. WIEFERICH, P.E.
DIRECTOR

September 18, 2024

Dear Metropolitan Planning Organization Director:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to provide you with the state targets for the federally required safety performance measures for calendar year 2025. MDOT appreciates the efforts your Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has made to participate in the coordination process for the safety performance measure.

State Safety Targets for Calendar Year 2025:

Safety Performance Measure (5-year rolling average)	Baseline Condition	2025 State Safety Target
Fatalities	1,085.2	1,098.0
Fatality Rate Per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	1.137	1.113
Serious Injuries	5,727.8	5,770.1
Serious Injury Rate per 100 million VMT	5.988	5.850
Nonmotorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	743.0	728.3

In accordance with 23 CFR §490.105(f)(1), MPOs shall establish safety targets no later than 180 days after MDOT establishes the state targets in the Michigan Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) annual report. MDOT submitted Michigan's HSIP annual report on August 31, 2024, and MPOs are required to report the metropolitan planning area calendar year 2025 safety targets to MDOT by February 27, 2025. Enclosed is a report documenting the background and analysis for the development of the safety targets.

For each performance measure, MPOs shall establish targets for the metropolitan planning area by either (1) agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the relevant State target for that performance measure, or (2) committing to a quantifiable target for that performance measure for the metropolitan planning area [23 CFR §490.105(f)(3)]. For example, an MPO can elect to plan and program projects toward accomplishing state targets for two measures and develop quantifiable metropolitan planning area targets for the remaining three measures.

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If an MPO elects to develop a quantifiable metropolitan planning area target for one or more safety measures, the MPO is required to coordinate the target development process with MDOT.

Questions regarding the national performance program requirements including coordination for developing quantifiable metropolitan planning area targets should be directed to Kelly Travelbee, Departmental Specialist, Bureau of Performance Management, at (517) 898-4875 or TravelbeeK@michigan.gov. For questions regarding statewide planning processes, please contact either me, or John Lanum, Supervisor, Statewide Planning Section, at 517-243-3554 or LanumJ@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your commitment to improve traffic safety in Michigan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Mayle", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Don Mayle, Manager
Statewide Planning Section

Enclosure

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