

WESTPLAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes

May 15, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Arter called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Roger Belknap, Ottawa County
Heather Bowden, MDOT
Richard Carlson, City of Ferrysburg
Arnie Erb, Whitehall Township
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park
Bob Hires, City of Montague
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights
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
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
Marcia Hovey-Wright, MATS
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township
Kevin McLaughlin, Harbor Transit
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
Alexis Springer, MCC
Blake Wright, MDOT

D. Staff Present

Laurn Blake, WMSRDC
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC

II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (APRIL 17, 2024)

The minutes and attachments were reviewed from the April 17, 2024, meeting. A spelling correction was made. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes and attachment from the meeting with adjustments. Motion approved. *M/S Kennedy/Salter*

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

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 AMENDMENT 16

Mr. Brian Mulnix presented on TIP Amendment 16 – the construction phase has been approved. Mulnix announced that a \$58,000 increase in the budget will be applied to the engineering phase. Mr. Tyler Kent provided details of why we needed the engineering phase added and clarified the amount of funds needed. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 16. Motion carried. *M/S Carlson/Monetza*

V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Mr. Brian Mulnix announced the approval of the MTP and the submittal of the MTP to MDOT. Currently, the MPO is operating under the 2045 LRP until the 2050 MTP is approved.

VI. WESTPLAN MPO FY2024 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick announced that once the FY2024 UWP Amendment is approved, then the FY2025 UWP and Appendix can get approved. Mr. Fitzpatrick detailed a budget increase from \$50,000 to \$105,000 due to donations from the City of Muskegon and the Muskegon County Bicycling Coalition. Discussion ensued. A motion was made and supported to approve the WestPlan MPO FY2024 UWP Amendment. Motion carried. *M/S Morgenstern/Belknap*

VII. WESTPLAN MPO FY2025 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM & APPENDIX

Mr. Brian Mulnix emphasized the importance of the approval of the FY2025 UWP and Appendix, as this will be the guidelines for FY2025. This document contains the outline of the MPO's daily responsibilities. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick presented an adjustment to be made to the Air Quality conformity wording. A motion was made and supported to approve the WestPlan MPO FY2025 UWP and Appendix with adjustments. Motion carried. *M/S Salter/Bowden*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE

A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- a. Mr. Bob Lukens presented on and distributed operations report for the MATS transit numbers. Discussion ensued. A similar report for Harbor Transit was

requested. Mr. Lukens also informed the committee that Denver Air Connection is now working with the DOT and should be active by July.

B. MDOT UPDATES

- a. Mr. Tyler Kent updated the committee on the continuation of the Grand Rapids construction on US-131.
- b. Mr. Marc Frederickson reported on the progress of multiple bridge construction projects and upcoming inspections on Business Route 31, in White Lake, Grand Haven, and Black Creek. Mr. Frederickson also informed the committee on traffic signal updates occurring on M-46 from Creston to Maple Island.
- c. Ms. Heather Bowden announced that the Public Participation Plan for the STIP is being finalized for 2026-2029.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. Ms. Rebecca Hopp commented on her appreciation for the TIP adjustment being approved. No other members of the public spoke.

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