

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

May 18, 2022

**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 (Roll call)**

**A. Members Present**

Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon  
Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission  
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park  
Jeff Franklin, MDOT  
Scott Blease, Ferrysburg  
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport  
Bob Hires, City of Montague  
Susie Hughes, MATS  
Kevin McLaughlin, Harbor Transit  
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights  
Ryan Kelly Ottawa County- Township Rep

**B. Members Not Present**

Roger Bergman, Ottawa County  
Ken Johnson, City of Muskegon  
Roger Morgenstern, City of Norton Shores  
Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Road Commission  
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake (Non-Voting)  
Cathy McNally, City of Grand Haven  
Andrew Sibold, FHWA (Non-Voting)  
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner

**C. Others Present**

Bob Lukens, Muskegon County  
Marc Fredrickson, MDOT-Muskegon TSC  
Tyler Kent, MDOT  
Spencer Williams

**D. Staff Present**

Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC  
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC  
Amy Haack, WMSRDC  
Erin Kuhn, WMSRDC  
Amanda Snyder, WMSRDC

## **II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve minutes from the March 166, 2022, MPO Policy Committee meeting. Motion approved. **m/s Hughes/Blease**

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**A. FY2020-2023 TIP – Amendment 22**-Mr. Brian Mulnix gave an overview of the proposed Amendment 22 as outlined on the following page. A motion was made and supported to approve the proposed amendment. **m/s Hughes/Blease**

**B. FY2020-2023 TIP** - Mr. Brian Mulnix gave an overview of the ongoing process for developing the FY2023-2026 TIP. Ms. Amy Haack updated the committee with regards to the public comment period and the upcoming Open House for the new TIP.

**V. 2045 LONG RANGE PLAN** - Mr. Brian Mulnix gave an update on the plan and the modeling that is currently being developed at MDOT.

A. MDOT TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL- Presentation- MDOT staff gave a brief presentation about the upcoming Model updates for the WestPlan Long Range Plan.

## **VI. FY2023 UNIFIED WOK PROGRAM (ATTACHMENT III) (ACTION)**

The FY2023 Unified Work Program (UWP) was presented as an attachment to the agenda email and was also available at the meeting as a hard copy. Mr. Mulnix discussed the document and the content. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023 UWP as presented. **m/s. Hughes/Kelley**

## **VII. WESTPLAN MPO DUES (PRESENTATION)**

Ms. Erin Kuhn and Amanda Snyder from WMSRDC, gave a brief presentation on the current status of the MPO Dues structure. It was noted that dues had not been adjusted since the 2000 Census. Ms. Snyder noted that the MPO turns back a significant amount of available funding each year because the agency is not able to provide required match. Ms. Snyder indicated that by raising the dues the agency would be able to use the more of the PL funding that MDOT allocates for administrative expenses. MPO Staff asked for support from the committee on increasing the dues. Ms. Kuhn would plan to meet with each MPO agency to discuss the issue in more detail. A motion was made and supported for the MPO to move forward with seeking an increase to the FY2023 dues. **m/s. Salter/Hughes**

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE**

### **A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

- Mr. Brian Mulnix gave an update on the Regional Transit Study.

- Mr. Bob Lukens presented the committee with the most recent report showing ridership numbers for MATS.
- Mr. Bob Lukens discussed a possible new carrier for the Muskegon Airport that would increase commercial traffic at the airport.

**B. MDOT UPDATES**

- Mr. Marc Fredrickson gave updates the US-31 bridge work.

**C. OTHER**

- Ms. Amy Haack gave an update on the Air Quality program.

**VI. 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. There were no public comments.

**X. ADJOURN**- Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

WestPlan FY2020-2023 TIP Amendment 22 as presented to the Policy Committee on May 18, 2022.

Fiscal Year	Job Type	Job#	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Fund Source	Federal Amendment Type	Comments
2023	Trunkline	201293	Muskegon	MDOT	US-31BR	US-31 BR SB/NB Over The Black Creek	0.000	Bridge Replacement	Structure Replacement	\$7,230,630	\$1,603,372	\$0	\$8,834,000	ST	New Project	
2023	Local	205418	Muskegon	MCRC	Shettler Rd	US-31 to Sheridan Road	1.000	Road Rehabilitation	Resurface, Crush and Shape	\$376,000	\$0	\$219,000	\$595,000	STUL	Scope Work Sub Category Change	