



MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Transportation Policy Committee meeting held on:

DATE: Wednesday May 21, 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

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WESTPLAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

May 21, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (APRIL 16, 2025)
(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT **(AGENDA ITEMS)**
- IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 - A. FY2023-2026 TIP **(INFORMATION)**
 - B. FY2026-2029 TIP **(SEPARATE ATTACHMENT) (ACTION)**
 - C. OZONE CONFORMITY- MUSKEGON PARTIAL COUNTY
NONATTAINMENT **(SEPARATE ATTACHMENT) (ACTION)**
 - D. OZONE CONFORMITY- MUSKEGON COUNTY ORPHAN
MAINTENANCE AREA- **(SEPARATE ATTACHMENT) (ACTION)**
 - E. OZONE CONFORMITY-GRAND RAPIDS LOMA **(SEPARATE
ATTACHMENT) (ACTION)**
- V. FY2026 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AND APPENDICES **(SEPARATE
ATTACHMENT) (ACTION)**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE
 - A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
 - B. MDOT UPDATES
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENT I

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2025

IX. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kim Arter called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m. A quorum was present.

X. 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)
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park
Josh Brugger, Ottawa County
Ryan Kelly, Crocker Township
Heather Bowden, MDOT
Tom Lohman, City of Montague

B. Members Not Present

Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission
Ron Jenkins, City of Muskegon Heights
Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven
Richard Carlson, Mayor of Ferrysburg
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Luke Walters, MDOT
Wally Delameter, Village of Spring Lake
Kevin McLaughlin, Harbor Transit
Jenny Staroska, FHWA, Excused

C. Others Present

Marc Frederickson, MDOT
Tyler Kent, MDOT
Steven Sinocki, MCC

D. Staff Present

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

XI. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (MARCH 19, 2025)

The minutes were reviewed from the February 19, 2025, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025, meeting. Motion approved.

M/S Kennedy/Goodman

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

XIII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

F. FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 25 – Mr. Brian Mulnix introduced

Amendment 25 to the committee, clarifying that six of the line items represent a total of three MDOT jobs. Mr. Tyler Kent delved further into the details of each job, stating their separations are due to different planning phases and two bridges being bundled. Mr. Kent also detailed the reason behind abandoning a pavement markings job, stating they are reconfiguring based on the cost increase of specialty paint and will resubmit the job soon.

Mr. Brian Mulnix explained the purpose of the last job on the list, being the Smith Bayou bridge. There was a state-level change in the funding. Mr. Blake Wright stated that the federal funding source has been shifted to a federal discretionary grant that was awarded in November 2024. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 25. Motion carried.

M/S Monetza/Brugger

G. FY2026-2029 TIP – Mr. Brian Mulnix informed the committee that the MPO staff have completed the Draft FY 2026-2029 TIP document, which was introduced to the public at the TIP Open House that was held on April 15, 2025. A couple of members of the public attended and gave valuable comments. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick explained that this open house has kicked off the public comment period for the TIP document, which will end in 14 days, on April 29, 2025. These comments will be included in the document, which will be brought to the Policy Committee in May – a quorum will be needed to approve the document.

XIV. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

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

XV. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE

C. 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, is May 3, 2025, in Hackley Park and other events are soon to follow. Swag/promotional items have all arrived and are being sorted in preparation for the display rotation and outreach events.

D. MDOT UPDATES – Mr. Marc Frederickson stated that the following week, the week of the 21st, is National Work Zone Awareness Week. He continued to update the committee on the work on M-46, stating that it has begun and there is active lane closures. The “messier” work should be done by Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Frederickson informed the committee that fast-tracked design work is being performed for the work to begin on M-31 over I-96 in 2026. For this, SB M-31 and EB I-96 will be rerouted for a majority of the summer season. MDOT is also currently in the design phase for work on M-46 beginning in 2026 as well.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. Ms. Rachel Gorman announced to the committee that on Thursday, May 29, 2025, there will be an Economic Summit for elected officials to meet and network with local businesses and other elected officials. The goal of this summit is to determine how elected officials can assist MDOT in future and proposed projects. Another member of the committee asked if there was any update on the work for the remainder of Broadway Ave. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick stated that work would start again soon.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY2026-2029

The WestPlan MPO Technical Committee has reviewed and approved the FY2026-2029 TIP Document and Appendices, as well as the (3) Air Quality reports that were all included with the agenda email. Please review the information and if you have questions, feel free to discuss with MPO staff or your designated MPO Technical Committee representative.

The FY2026-2029 TIP was developed over the last year with coordination between MPO staff and MDOT. MPO staff followed strict guidelines set by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and MDOT to engage the public and work together cooperatively with all member MPO agencies.

The projects lists were developed and approved by both MPO committees and have been deemed fiscally constrained by MDOT. Once these lists were developed, MPO staff were able to complete the rest of the document using the projects as a guide for analyses and air quality modeling which is required due to the status of the air quality designation for the Muskegon area.

Following state and federal approval of the FY2026-2029 TIP document, it will become active at the beginning of the FY2026 fiscal year (October 1, 2025) and the current FY2023-2026 TIP will be obsolete.

The WestPlan MPO staff is asking for action to approve the FY2026-2029 TIP and Appendices, as well as a separate, single motion to approve all (3) Air Quality Documents that accompany the TIP.

UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM FY2026

Attached to the original email you will find a draft copy of the FY2026 Unified Work Program. This document is federally required and is updated and approved by this committee on an annual basis.

The Unified Work Program outlines the work elements for the MPO as well as budgets for different tasks that the MPO will perform throughout the fiscal year. The budget estimates are provided by MDOT at the annual Pre-UWP Meeting that is held on March 10.

MPO Staff is recommending approval of the FY2025 Unified Work Program