

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

November 15, 2023

**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**

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson  
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon  
Roger Belknap, Ottawa County  
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission  
Marcia Hovey-Wright, MATS  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission  
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park  
Luke Walters, MDOT  
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights  
Cathy McNally, City of Grand Haven  
Ryan Kelly Ottawa County- Township Rep  
Rachel Gorman, City of Muskegon  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon Co. Road Commission  
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall  
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Commissioner  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport  
Tom Lohman, City of Montague

**B. Members Not Present**

Roger Morgenstern, City of Norton Shores  
Kevin McLaughlin, Harbor Transit  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake (Non-Voting)  
Andrew Sibold, FHWA (Non-Voting)  
Elmer Hoyle, Ravenna Township  
Richard Carlson, Ferrysburg

**C. Others Present**

Mark Fredrickson, MDOT  
Steve Sanocki, Muskegon Community College  
Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven

**D. Staff Present**

Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC  
Robert Johnson WMSRDC

**I. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes were reviewed from the October 18th, 2023, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes from the meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Salter/Hazekamp*

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**FY2023-2026 TIP-** No new amendments.

**IV. 2050 LONG RANGE PLAN PROJECT LIST**

*A. Long Range Plan Update* - Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick spoke about the processes of the Long Range Plan update.

**V. FY2024 SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Mr. Luke Walters explained the new safety performance targets. Targets are higher based on average of last 5 years, using that to predict what the next amount will be. Numbers have been increasing in last few years. National trends are trending in the same direction for increases. Attachment II is the number of fatalities and injuries from last year. A motion was made and supported to approve the targets set by MDOT. Motion approved. *M/S Salter/Hazekamp*

**A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

- No update

**B. COMMUNITY REMARKS SOFTWARE**

- Mr. Robert Johnson provided a presentation on the public involvement software. Spoke about the ongoing safety plan and how we will be incorporating Community Remarks into safety planning.

**C. MDOT UPDATES**

Mr. Mark Fredrickson and Mr. Luke Walters provided an update.

- Staff changes, Heather Bowden is taking over for Jeff Franklin as West Unit Supervisor
- Bridge work on Business US-31, opening north bound, halfway through project. Working through winter, complete by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**VII. ADJOURN-** Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

## ATTACHMENT II

### FY2024 Highway Safety Improvement Program Safety Performance Measures



GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
LANSING

BRADLEY C. WIEFERICH, P.E.  
DIRECTOR

October 17, 2023

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 2024. 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 2024:

Safety Performance Measure (5 year rolling average)	Baseline Condition (2018-2022)	2024 Targets (2020-2024)
Fatalities	1,061.6	1,109.2
Fatality Rate Per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	1.099	1.152
Serious Injuries	5,681.8	5,785.0
Serious Injury Rate per 100 million VMT	5.863	5.999
Nonmotorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (Pedestrian and Bicycle)	734.0	710.8

Federal Law and regulations require that MPOs establish targets not later than 180 days after the State Department of Transportation establishes and reports state safety targets in the State Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) annual report. MDOT submitted Michigan's HSIP annual report on August 31, 2023. MPOs are now required to decide on their MPO safety targets for calendar year 2024 no later than February 27, 2024.

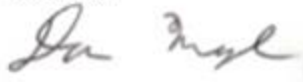
MPOs may support all the state safety targets, establish their own specific numeric targets for all the performance measures, or may support the state safety target for one or more individual performance measures and establish specific numeric targets for the other performance measures. Enclosed is a report documenting the background and analysis for the development of the safety targets.

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Thank you for your participation in the performance measure coordination process.

If you have questions, please contact either me, or John Lanum, Supervisor, Statewide Planning Section, at 517-243-3554 or [LanumJ@michigan.gov](mailto:LanumJ@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,



Don Mayle, Manager  
Statewide Planning Section

Enclosure

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