

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

MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Kim Arter called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. ATTENDENCE (ROLL CALL)

A. Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Roger Belknap, Ottawa County
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
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Jared Olson, City of Roosevelt Park
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport

B. Members Not Present

Arnie Erb, Whitehall Township
Wally Delameter, Village of Spring Lake
Rachel Gorman, City of Muskegon
Marcia Hovey-Wright, Muskegon County (MATS)
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township
Bonnie McGlothin, City of Muskegon Heights
Kevin Mclaughlin, Harbor Transit
Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven
Roger Morgenstern, City of Norton Shores
Christina Nicolaides, FHWA

C. Others Present

Alexis Springer, Muskegon Community College
Bob Lukens, Muskegon County
Blake Wright, MDOT – Grand Region
Tyler Kent, MDOT – Grand Region

D. Staff Present

Lauryn Blake, WMSRDC
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed from the October 16, 2024, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024, meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Mogren/Salter*

IV. 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.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 20 – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick presented on the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 20. The amendment was presented to the Technical Committee and was recommended for approval by Policy committee members. Mr. Fitzpatrick elaborated on each item line stating that the first two lines are one job split due to different funding sources, the third line is a transit job funding change, and the remainder are MDOT bridge preventative maintenance jobs. Mr. Tyler Kent informed the committee that a 5-year plan for bridge preventative maintenance has been approved for the M-231 bridge, and the amendments regarding the bridge are a request for an overall GPA increase. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 20. Motion carried. *M/S Salter/Hires*

B. FY2026-2029 TIP DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick informed the committee that every road agency, minus Spring Lake, submitted projects for FY2026. A work session to discuss funding will be held the morning of December 5, 2024 prior to the Technical Committee meeting. Details will be ironed out during the Technical Committee meeting of December 4, 2024, and will be brought to the January meeting for voting.

VI. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick informed the committee that the 2050 MTP has previously been approved, but there are no present updates. The monitoring of the plan will resume. Monitoring of the Harbor Transit facility project will continue.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick announced that the asset management council has made funding available for culvert inventory data collection and inspection. He also informed the group that WMSRDC is hiring consultants to work on a non-motorized plan. After receiving positive results from an RFP sent out at the beginning of October, a meeting with these consultants will take place in Early December. The goal of this non-motorized plan is to encourage and gain reconnection of communities that have been previously cut off due to road infrastructure.

A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- a. Mr. Bob Lukens reported on MATS transit numbers. MATS fixed routes passenger numbers were up while GO2 numbers were down. This decline is likely due to a driver shortage, but they are estimated to increase with the season change. Mr. Lukens also announced to the committee that Muskegon Airport with Denver Air Connection has begun service as of November 1, 2024. A steady climb in passengers has been noted, as well as the significant increase in airport usage compared to prior months. There are currently renovations and repairs being made to the terminal, and they are hoping to bring a restaurant to the airport within a year.

B. MDOT UPDATES

- a. Mr. Kent reported that the I-96 construction has wrapped up and there will be signal modernization on M-46 east of US-31. He confirmed that MDOT wants to collaborate with WMSRDC on TIP development.
- b. Discussion ensued regarding environmental concerns during the upcoming winter season regarding salting roads. Mr. Kent ensured that there is a research group looking into alternatives, like beet juice and sand.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

WESTPLAN FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 20

Fiscal Year	Job#	GPA Type	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Fund Source	Template Name	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Federal Estimated Amount	Federal Amendment Type
2026	215733	S/TIP Line items	Muskegon	Lakeshore Dr	Lakeshore Drive from Beach Street to 600' West of Sherin	Reconstruction	Reconstruct	CON	ST	Stp Flex - Small Mpo	\$135,266	\$0	\$33,817	169,083.00	
2026	215733	S/TIP Line items	Muskegon	Lakeshore Dr	Lakeshore Drive from Beach Street to 600' West of Sherin	Reconstruction	Reconstruct	CON	STUL	STP - Small MPO	\$854,334	\$0	\$1,376,583	2,230,917.00	
2025	214113	Transit Capital	Muskegon County Board of Commissioners	6th St	Areawide	SP1802-capital cost of contracting	FY2025 5339 Capital	NI	5339	Transit	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$0	375,000.00	GPA over or over 25%
2025	221814	Trunkline Bridge	MDOT	M-231	7 Structures on M-231 (SN 13300, 13302, 13449, 13452, 13456, 13458, 13462)	Bridge CPM	Capital Preventative Maintenance on M-231 Corridor	PE	BFP	Bridge Replacement and Preservation	\$56,155	\$12,452	\$0	68,607.00	GPA over or over 25%
2025	221814	Trunkline Bridge	MDOT	M-231	7 Structures on M-231 (SN 13300, 13302, 13449, 13452, 13456, 13458, 13462)	Bridge CPM	Capital Preventative Maintenance on M-231 Corridor	PES	BFP	Bridge Replacement and Preservation	\$238,406	\$52,866	\$0	291,272.00	GPA over or over 25%
2026	221814	Trunkline Bridge	MDOT	M-231	7 Structures on M-231 (SN 13300, 13302, 13449, 13452, 13456, 13458, 13462)	Bridge CPM	Capital Preventative Maintenance on M-231 Corridor	CON	BFP	Bridge Replacement and Preservation	\$2,258,301	\$500,770	\$0	2,759,071.00	GPA over or over 25%
2025	222219	Trunkline Bridge	MDOT	M-231	M-231 over Grand River	Bridge CPM	Epoxy Overlay	PE	BFP	Bridge - Big Bridge Program	\$7,541	\$1,672	\$0	9,213.00	GPA over or over 25%
2025	222219	Trunkline Bridge	MDOT	M-231	M-231 over Grand River	Bridge CPM	Epoxy Overlay	PES	BFP	Bridge - Big Bridge Program	\$147,908	\$32,798	\$0	180,706.00	GPA over or over 25%
2026	222219	Trunkline Bridge	MDOT	M-231	M-231 over Grand River	Bridge CPM	Epoxy Overlay	CON	BFP	Bridge - Big Bridge Program	\$1,502,670	\$333,212	\$0	1,835,882.00	GPA over or over 25%
2025	221066	Trunkline Road	MDOT	M-231	M-231: M-45 to M-104; M-104: 124th Ave to I-96; M-45: M-231 to 120th Ave	Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	Cape Seal	PE	ST	Road - Capital Preventive Maintenance	\$36,833	\$8,168	\$0	45,001.00	GPA over or over 25%
2026	221066	Trunkline Road	MDOT	M-231	M-231: M-45 to M-104; M-104: 124th Ave to I-96; M-45: M-231 to 120th Ave	Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	Cape Seal	CON	ST	Road - Capital Preventive Maintenance	\$2,077,354	\$460,648	\$0	2,538,002.00	GPA over or over 25%