

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

March 6, 2025

**Members Present:** Brett Laughlin, OCRC, Chairperson  
Paul Bouman, MCRC  
Luke Walters, MDOT  
Todd Myers, City of Muskegon  
Scott Borg, Harbor Transit  
Wade Vandenbosch, Muskegon County DPW  
James Koens, MATS  
Ben Vanhoeven, City of Roosevelt Park  
Amy Haack, Village of Fruitport  
Jim Murphy, City of Norton Shores  
Mark Disselkoen, City of North Muskegon  
Jeff Marcinowski, Rural Township Rep

**Members Absent:** Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague  
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall  
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake  
Craig Bassinger, City of Ferrysburg  
Khi Guy, City of Muskegon Heights  
Jenny Staroska, FHWA (Non-Voting)  
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep

**Others Present:** Matthew Schindlbeck, City of Ferrysburg  
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region  
Blake Wright, MDOT Grand Region  
Dana Appel, Harbor Transit  
Kyle Botbyl, Spring Lake Township

**Staff Present:** Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC  
Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC  
Lauryn Blake, WMSRDC  
Jack Grice, WMSRDC

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brett Laughlin at 1:30 PM. A quorum was present. Attendance was recorded via sign-in sheet.

**II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes was made. Motion approved.

*M/S Vanhoeven/Murphy*

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**a. FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 24**

Mr. Brian Mulnix discussed TIP Amendment 24. He explained that several jobs had cost changes that needed approval from the committee. He further explained that there was a MDOT job that was repackaged to include work on the rampways of the US-131 at I-96 interchange. Mr. Luke Walters explained that the Bridge projects in Amendment 24 were all approved by the FHWA as Technical Correction. Motion approved.

*M/S Bouman/Vanhoeven*

**b. FY2026-2029 TIP**

Mr. Brian Mulnix explained that 4 Rural Task Force jobs required approval by the committee to be added to the FY 2026-2029 TIP. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick explained that although these jobs are Rural Task Force jobs, they fall within the boundaries of WestPlan and therefore needed to be listed in the FY2026-2029 TIP. He further explained that there is an alteration to the 2027 RTF project cost because of mislabeled funds that were corrected. Motion Approved. There was also a reminder that any alterations to the FY2026-2029 projects need to be completed by the May meeting, as the TIP projects will be frozen from June until October.

*M/S Bouman/Marcinowski*

**V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)**

Mr. Brian Mulnix informed the committee that there is nothing new to report regarding the 2050 MTP.

## **VI. MPO ROUNDTABLE**

Mr. Tyler Kent explained that on March 15<sup>th</sup>, Bascule Bridge will begin operation again.

Mr. Luke Walters shared that the Safety Call for Projects are due May 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Bridge Call for Projects are due April 1<sup>st</sup>. He also explained that the FHWA and FTA procedures are back to normal after a period of review. Further, Mr. Luke Walters shared that the State's Obligation Authority ends at the end of the week starting on 03/10/2025. He is monitoring for any extension to this Authority and will keep the Committee informed as he learns more.

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick reminded the Committee that the pre-UWP meeting is being held on Monday (03/10/2025) to discuss the Work Program for the next fiscal year. He also explained that there will be an amendment introduced to the existing UWP. Both the proposed Amendment and upcoming UWP will only need approval by the Policy Committee.

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick also updated the committee that the Shoreline Trailways and Greenways (STAG) project is ongoing to develop non-motorized options within the MPO with an emphasis on the Muskegon waterfront. The STAG Steering Committee meets once a month.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.

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**ATTACHMENT II**

WestPlan FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 24

Fiscal Year	Job#	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Primary Work Type	Phase	Fund Source	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Federal Amendment Type
2025	214896	MDOT	M-46	from Muskegon Avenue eas	Reconstruction	ROW	NH	\$36,833	\$7,453	\$715	45,001.00	Phase Budge
2025	214896	MDOT	M-46	from Muskegon Avenue eas	Reconstruction	CON	NH	\$11,786,400	\$2,384,910	\$228,690	14,400,000.00	
2025	218166	Muskegon Cou	Pontaluna Rd	Various Locations - Muskeg	Bridge CPM	CON	BFPO	\$29,450	\$0	\$1,550	31,000.00	Phase Budge
2025	218167	Muskegon Cou	Countywide	Various Locations - Muskeg	Bridge CPM	CON	BFP	\$16,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	20,000.00	Phase Budge
2025	218167	Muskegon Cou	Countywide	Various Locations - Muskeg	Bridge CPM	CON	BFP	\$22,400	\$4,200	\$1,400	28,000.00	Phase Budge
2025	218167	Muskegon Cou	Countywide	Various Locations - Muskeg	Bridge CPM	CON	BFP	\$23,200	\$4,350	\$1,450	29,000.00	Phase Budge
2025	218167	Muskegon Cou	Countywide	Various Locations - Muskeg	Bridge CPM	CON	BFP	\$24,800	\$4,650	\$1,550	31,000.00	Phase Budge
2025	218167	Muskegon Cou	Countywide	Various Locations - Muskeg	Bridge CPM	CON	BFP	\$26,400	\$4,950	\$1,650	33,000.00	Phase Budge
2025	218167	Muskegon Cou	Countywide	Various Locations - Muskeg	Bridge CPM	CON	BFP	\$28,000	\$5,250	\$1,750	35,000.00	Phase Budge
2026	219008	Muskegon Cou	Ravenna Rd	Ravenna Road - Mortimer t	Road Rehabilitati	CON	EDD	\$0	\$331,555	\$0	331,555.00	Phase Budge
2026	219008	Muskegon Cou	Ravenna Rd	Ravenna Road - Mortimer t	Road Rehabilitati	CON	STL	\$799,000	\$0	\$412,340	1,211,340.00	Phase Budge
2025	223531	MDOT	US-31 at I-96 Interchange Ran	US-31 at I-96 Interchange R	Reconstruction	PE	NH	\$245,550	\$54,450	\$0	300,000.00	Phase Adde
2025	223531	MDOT	US-31 at I-96 Interchange Ran	US-31 at I-96 Interchange R	Reconstruction	CON	NH	\$1,882,550	\$417,450	\$0	2,300,000.00	Phase Adde

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**ATTACHMENT III**

**WestPlan FY2026-2029 TIP PROJECT LIST**

The WestPlan MPO is asking to have the following list of projects added to the FY2026-2029 TIP Project list. The projects are from the Muskegon County portion of the Rural Transportation Task Force 14 and were selected through that committee.

**Muskegon County RTF/MPO Jobs 2026-2029**

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Job #</b>	<b>STBG</b>	<b>TEDF - D</b>	<b>Other (Safety, Etc.)</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Total</b>
2026	Ravenna Rd - Mortimer to Apple	219008	\$799,000	\$331,555		\$412,340	\$1,542,895
2027	Trent Road from Apple to Bailey	222224	\$816,000	\$0		\$739,000	\$1,555,000
2028	Maple Island - White to Sweeter	223923	\$832,000	\$373,377		\$426,750	1,632,127
2029	Moorland Rd - Heights Ravenna to Apple	222253	\$849,000	\$0		\$731,000	\$1,580,000