

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2025

Members Present: Brett Laughlin, OCRC, Chairperson
Derek Gajdos, City of Grand Haven
Paul Bouman, MCRC
Luke Walters, MDOT
Todd Myers, City of Muskegon
Scott Borg, Harbor Transit
Ben Vanhoeven, City of Roosevelt Park
Amy Haack, Village of Fruitport
Jim Murphy, City of Norton Shores
Jacob Kurtzhal, City of North Muskegon
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg
Khi Guy, City of Muskegon Heights

Members Absent: Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague
Wade Vandenbosch, Muskegon County DPW
James Koens, MATS
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Craig Bassinger, City of Ferrysburg
Jenny Staroska, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep
Jeff Marcinowski, Rural Township Rep

Others Present: Michele Zawerocha, MDOT LAP
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region
Blake Wright, MDOT Grand Region
Dana Appel, Harbor Transit
Kyle Botbyl, Spring Lake Township
Jacob Griffis, Village of Fruitport

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 25

Mr. Brian Mulnix brought forth Amendment 25 for the FY2023-2026 TIP. Mr. Tyler Kent explained that there were four projects that represented different phases of the same work. However, two of these were being abandoned and repackaged with the remaining projects to reduce costs. Mr. Tyler Kent further explained that the limits of project 221449 are being extended. Mr. Luke Walters explained that project 217025 saw a change in funding source and therefore needed amending. Project costs for this project will be similar as before. The motion was approved. *M/S Bassinger/Myers*

b. FY2026-2029 TIP

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick explained that the MPO staff was working to write the FY2026-2029 TIP. The staff are waiting for the air quality reports from MDOT to finalize this document. Staff are planning to host a TIP open house on April 15th and send public notice of this event on April 8th, 2025.

Mr. Luke Walters reminded the committee that the May meeting will be the last opportunity to make amendments until October 2025.

V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

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

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick updated the committee on the status of the Non-Motorized Plan for the MPO. This update included the status of acquiring GIS data of existing infrastructure and the focus group meetings that were held in Muskegon Heights and with the Muskegon Lake Watershed Partners. He also stated that there will be larger community events in the future, but no dates have been set for these events. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick also stated that the committee will have an opportunity to provide input on the non-motorized plan.

VI. MODEL INVENTORY OF ROADWAY ELEMENTS (MIRE)

Ms. Heather Hoeve was unable to attend the meeting. Her presentation of the Model Inventory of Roadway Elements will be given to the committee at the May 2025 meeting.

VII. ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Tyler Kent shared that the M-46 resurfacing project east of US-31 will begin on April 14th. He also shared that the reconstruction of I-96 east of Grand Rapids will begin soon. Lastly, Mr. Tyler Kent reminded the committee that the review process of National Functional Classifications will be starting soon.

Ms. Michele Zawerocha wanted to bring several projects to the attention of the committee. Some of these projects include a traffic signal upgrade in Norton Shores and a non-motorized project in Roosevelt Park. These projects require either CMAQ, NEPA, or Historical Review documentation. Ms. Michele Zawerocha urged that this paperwork continue to be sent to MDOT LAP and submitted these documents as early as possible.

Mr. Khi Guy shared that Muskegon Heights will begin their Broadway project on May 1st. Several intersecting roads will be impacted as part of this project.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

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ATTACHMENT II

WestPlan FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 25



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