

**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 15<sup>th</sup> and send public notice of this event on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Several intersecting roads will be impacted as part of this project.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Annual Job Type	Job #	MPO	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Phase Status	B/TYP Cycle	Fund Source	Template	ADJ. AOC Year(s)	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Phase Participating Amount	Phase Non Participating Amount (Part + Non-Part)	Total Phase Amount + Non-Part	Total Job Cost Incl Non LAP	Action Type	Action Approval Date	Local/Fed Approval Date	FINRA Approval Date	ITA Approval Date	Schedule Obligation	Actual Obligation	Schedule Let Date	Actual Let Date	Federal Awarded Type	STTP Exempt	Comments	STTP Status
STTP Line Items																																				
2026	Transkine	213275	West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WESTPLAN)	Kent	MDOT	Regionwide	AI Turnkine Routes in Grand Region	17,668	Traffic Safety	Application of permanent pavement markings on turnkines in Grand Region	PE	Programmed	23-26	HSP	Traffic Aed Safety - Pavement Markings		\$1,812	\$168	\$0	\$1,680	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$4,660,000	\$4,660,000	Admin Modification	03/24/2025			N/A	10/10/2025	04/03/2026		Phase Budget total or over 3%		Pending
2026	Transkine	213276	West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WESTPLAN)	Kent	MDOT	Regionwide	AI Turnkine routes in Grand Region, AI Turnkine routes in Grand Region	17,668	Traffic Safety	Application of permanent pavement markings on turnkines in Grand Region	CON	Programmed	23-26	HSP/IRU	Traffic Aed Safety - Pavement Markings	\$350,784	\$38,876	\$0	\$389,760	\$4,640,000	\$0	\$4,640,000	\$4,660,000	\$4,660,000	Admin Modification	03/24/2025			N/A	03/06/2026	04/03/2026		Phase Budget total or over 3%		Pending	
2026	Transkine	213339	West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WESTPLAN)	Kent	MDOT	Regionwide	AI Turnkine Routes in Grand Region	1,657	Traffic Safety	Application of permanent pavement markings on turnkines in Grand Region	PE	Assigned	23-26	HSP	Traffic Aed Safety - Pavement Markings		\$766	\$84	\$0	\$840	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0				N/A	10/10/2025	03/06/2026		Phase Assigned		Pending	
2026	Transkine	213339	West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WESTPLAN)	Kent	MDOT	Regionwide	AI Turnkine Routes in Grand Region	1,657	Traffic Safety	Application of permanent pavement markings on turnkines in Grand Region	CON	Assigned	23-26	HSP	Traffic Aed Safety - Pavement Markings	\$47,284	\$7,476	\$0	\$74,760	\$890,000	\$0	\$890,000	\$0	\$0				N/A	01/09/2026	03/06/2026		Phase Assigned		Pending		
2026	Local	217025	West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WESTPLAN)	Ottawa	State Wide	W Spring Lake Rd	West Spring Lake Road over Smith Bayou	0.000	Bridge Replacement	Superstructure CON	Programmed	23-26	BIP	Bridge Bundle		\$1,213,772	\$303,443	\$0	\$1,517,215	\$14,243,532	\$0	\$14,243,532	\$14,301,782	\$14,301,782	Admin Modification	03/24/2025	03/24/2026		N/A	04/10/2026	06/06/2026			Pending		
2026	Local	217026	West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WESTPLAN)	Ottawa	State Wide	W Spring Lake Rd	West Spring Lake Road over Smith Bayou	0.000	Bridge Replacement	Superstructure CON	Programmed	23-26	BIP	Bridge Bundle		\$10,181,054	\$2,846,263	\$0	\$12,726,317	\$14,243,532	\$0	\$14,243,532	\$14,301,782	\$14,301,782	Admin Modification	03/24/2026	03/24/2026		N/A	04/10/2026	06/06/2026			Pending		
2025	Transkine	221449	West Michigan Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (WESTPLAN)	Kent	MDOT	H&W	US-31N @ I-96, I-96 @ 112th	0.000	ITS Applications	ITS Device Installation	CON	Programmed	23-26	ST	Intelligent Transportation Systems - Cattle		\$72,220	\$16,018	\$0	\$88,236	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000				N/A	09/08/2025	11/07/2025		Phase Added		Pending	
OPA Type Subtotal:																\$11,887,882	\$2,911,426	\$0	\$14,799,307																	
Grand Total:																\$11,887,882	\$2,911,426	\$0	\$14,799,307																	