

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2024

Members Present: Dana Appel, Harbor Transit
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg
Scott Borg, Harbor Transit
Paul Bouman, MCRC
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Derek Gajdos, City of Grand Haven
Khi Guy, City of Muskegon Heights
Amy Haack, Village of Fruitport
Dennis Kent, MDOT Grand Region
James Koens, MATS
Jake Kurtzal, City of North Muskegon
Brett Laughlin, Ottawa County Road Commission
Jeff Marcinkowski, Rural Township Rep
Jim Murphy, City of Norton Shores
Todd Myers, City of Muskegon
Wade Vandenbosch, Muskegon County DPW
Ben VanHoeven, City of Roosevelt Park
Luke Walters, MDOT Lansing

Members Absent: Andrew Sibold, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague

Others Present: Suzanne Mulder, MDOT TSC
Blake Wright, MDOT
Ryan Gladding, MDOT Lansing

Staff Present: Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Lauryn Blake, WMSRDC

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30. A quorum was present. Attendance was taken via roll call.

II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes. Motion approved. *M/S Delamater/Bessinger*

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Brian Mulnix presented no new amendments to the FY2023-2026. Approved.

V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

- Mr. Ryan Gladding presented information on the MTP. The Urban Traffic Demand (UTD) model is a useful tool outside of the MTP, like for funding. The model runs through the 2050 network system and assists in congestion mapping. Mr. Ryan Gladding also reported that the projects stated in the appendix are in the model and haven't shown to impact traffic.
- Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick reported that he received edits and is still accepting comments and revisions. He proceeded to detail errors found: the Greyhound no longer runs through the area. The airport provider has since changed. The table of contents needs adjustment post-removal of a redundant chapter. There are some maps needing adjustment. The MDOT Operations and maintenance dollar-figures in the Financial Chapter were incorrect. Appropriate changes will be made before sending the Draft MTP to the Policy Committee.

A. 2050 DRAFT MTP AND APPENDICES

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick presented the Draft 2050 MTP and Appendices. A motion was made and supported to approve the revised Draft and Appendices. Motion approved. *M/S Gajdos/Murphy*

B. AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REPORTS (3)

- Conformity reports presented by Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick are open for public comment.

1. GRAND RAPIDS 1997 LOMA CONFORMITY REPORT

A motion was made and supported to approve the Grand Rapids 1997 LOMA Conformity Report. Motion approved. *M/S Haack/Delamater*

2. MUSKEGON 1997 CONFORMITY REPORT

A motion was made and supported to approve the Muskegon 1997 Conformity Report. Motion approved. *M/S Delamater/Vandenbosch*

3. MUSKEGON 2015 CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

A motion was made and supported to approve the Muskegon 2015 Conformity Analysis. Motion approved. *M/S Bessinger/Haack*

VI. WESTPLAN MPO 2024 SAFETY ACTION PLAN

A motion was made and supported to approve the WestPlan MPO 2024 Safety Action Plan. Motion approved. *M/S Bouman/Murphy*

VII. MPO ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Dennis Kent presented projects to be carried out by MDOT beginning in May. There will be an official detour set North of West River Drive.
- Ms. Suzanne Mulder presented Signal Modernization on Apple Avenue and a new signal at Car Rd. There will be construction by Hile Rd.
- Mr. Luke Walters announced full-year reauthorization. He informed the applicants of the Federal Aid Bio program should receive 2024 transfers within the next few weeks.
- Mr. Paul Bouman presented upcoming construction on behalf of the road commission. Road reconstruction will begin in a few weeks through the end of June on Airport Rd. to Hile Rd.
- Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick announced the contract signing with AECOM and informed the members that traffic counts will begin soon.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. There were no comments from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.