

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

MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2024

Members Present: Brett Laughlin, Ottawa County Road Commission, Chair
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Derek Gajdos, City of Grand Haven
Paul Bouman, MCRC
Scott Saigeon, MCRC
Amy Haack, Village of Fruitport
James Koens, MATS
Luke Walters, MDOT Lansing
Todd Myers, City of Muskegon
Mark Disselkoen, City of North Muskegon
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg
Ben VanHoeven, City of Roosevelt Park

Members Absent: Andrew Sibold, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep
Jeff Marcinkowski, Rural Township Rep
Jim Murphy, City of Norton Shores
Wade Vandenbosch, Muskegon County DPW
Scott Borg, Harbor Transit
Khi Guy, City of Muskegon Heights

Others Present: Ruth Grenell, Whitehall Township
Marc Frederickson, MDOT Muskegon
Blake Wright, MDOT Grand Region
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region
Dana Kollewehr, City of Grand Haven
Jessica Cook, Muskegon County
Brock Freeman, Roosevelt Park

Staff Present: Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Laurny Blake, WMSRDC
Brian Mulnix, 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 Beishuizen

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)

Mr. Brian Mulnix introduced Amendment 18 to the committee for approval.

A. FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 18

Mr. Tyler Kent informed the committee of the necessity for Amendment 18, stating obligation for this project won't be until FY2025. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 18.
Motion approved. *M/S Beishuizen/Gaidos*

B. FY2026-2029 TIP DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Brian Mulnix informed the committee that there isn't an official call for projects for the FY2026-2029 TIP Development yet. An official CFP will be released in mid-September with a form containing funding availability; the CFP forms will be updated for consistency. All forms and applications should be completed and submitted by the October meeting. Programming projects should begin in February. The approval for the new TIP will be either in May, June, or July. CMAQ and STIP are included in this timeframe.

V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick informed that there was nothing new with the 2050 MTP, but that it was approved. Conversations with Harbor Transit about their new facility potentially needing an amendment have occurred and are still in discussion.

VI. MPO ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Marc Frederickson announced a pre-construction meeting taking place the following week, as well as the likely closure dates for the I-96 culvert replacement project in mid-October. Likely dates are October 11th and October 18th.
- Mr. Tyler Kent informed the committee that there has been a push-back in the reopening of Northbound 131 and Eastbound I-96 for the end of the month.
- Mr. Paul Bouman discussed the authority of MATS transit. The 4 cities involved will take up articles of agreement within the next 45 days.

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VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. Ms. Jessica Cook with Muskegon County introduced herself and thanked the committee. Ms. Ruth Grenell, an active member of the Whitehall community, spoke to the committee regarding a concerning lack of affordable public and medical transportation near section 8 housing. Mr. Grenell expressed her concern focused on transit between housing and grocery stores, as walkability is hindered by a double-bound highway. Communication with Mr. Grenell continued post-meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

WESTPLAN FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 18

The following projects have been submitted as the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 18. Please review these projects and prepare for discussion and action at the meeting.