

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2024

Members Present: Brett Laughlin, Ottawa County Road Commission, Chairperson
Derek Gajdos, City of Grand Haven
Paul Bouman, MCRC
Luke Walters, MDOT Lansing
Todd Myers, City of Muskegon
Mark Disselkoen, City of North Muskegon
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague
Khi Guy, City of Muskegon Heights
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg
Ben VanHoeven, City of Roosevelt Park
Dana Appel, Harbor Transit
Dan VanderHeide, City of Muskegon

Members Absent: Christina Nicolaides, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Scott Saigeon, MCRC
James Koens, MATS (Excused)
Amy Haack, Village of Fruitport (Excused)
Wally Delamater, Village of Spring Lake
Brian Armstrong, City of Whitehall
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep
Jeff Marcinkowski, Rural Township Rep
Jim Murphy, City of Norton Shores
Wade Vandenbosch, Muskegon County DPW

Others Present: Alexander Conway, Kent County
Marc Frederickson, MDOT Muskegon
Blake Wright, MDOT Grand Region
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:42. A quorum was present. Attendance was taken via roll call.

II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes with corrections to attending representatives was made and supported. Motion approved. *M/S: Bouman/VanHoeven*

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 19 to the committee for approval.

A. FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 19

Mr. Brian Mulnix informed the committee on the jobs abandoned and added, locations and types of projects, and job phase. Mr. Tyler Kent elaborated on traffic signage as well as the importance of emphasizing the PE phase. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 18. Motion approved. *M/S Beishuizen/Bouman*

B. FY2026-2029 TIP DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Brian Mulnix announced that the MPO has received most agency's projects. Some agencies haven't submitted, but they are being reached out to. The jobs will be added to the spreadsheet, including ones sent from the FTA. The original October meeting may be pushed to November. Projects need to be approved of and programmed by February 2025. Mr. Paul Bouman requested further information on Air Quality approval; Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick discussed this with the committee.

V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick informed the committee that the MPO is actively waiting for Harbor Transit's NEPA application to go through.

VI. MPO ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Marc Frederickson discussed current maintenance on M31 to 120 South. He mentioned the next set of construction on M-104 from 9am-3pm. For I-96, westbound closures will occur 7 p.m. October 18 through 3 p.m. on October 23; eastbound closures will occur 7 p.m. October 23 through 3 p.m. on October 27. Both closures will maintain a M31 to M104 detour. A press release regarding these closures will be out by the end of next week
- Mr. Luke Walters reminded the committee that FY2025 project obligations open October 15.

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 1:54 p.m.

WESTPLAN FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 19

The following project has been submitted as the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 19. Please review the project and prepare for discussion and action at the meeting.

Fiscal Year	Job no.	Phase	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary work Type	Project Description	Federal Budget	Federal Fund Source	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	Amendment Type
2024	213745	CON	Muskegon	Norton Shores	Harvey St	Harvey Street at Pontoluna Road and at Sternberg Rd, city of Norton Shores	0.298	Traffic Safety	Signal Backplates	\$9,000	HSIP	\$1,000	\$10,000	PHASABND
2026	220426	PE	Muskegon, Mason, Ottawa, Oceana	MDOT	US-31	All within WESTPLAN area	67.368	Traffic Safety	Freeway Ground-Mounted Sign Replacement	\$881,750	NHG	\$0	\$881,750	T, CNSTR LGTH
2026	221934	CON	Muskegon	Muskegon County	Countywide	Various Locations - Muskegon County	0.206	Traffic Safety	Horizontal curve signing	\$211,154	HSIP	\$23,462	\$234,616	PHASADD
2026	221965	CON	Muskegon	Muskegon County	Countywide	Various Locations - Muskegon County	0.2	Traffic Safety	Intersection signing	\$132,119	HSIP	\$14,680	\$146,799	PHASADD
2024	214665	CON	Muskegon	Norton Shores	Lincoln St	Lincoln St west of Leon St, city of Norton Shores	0.129	Traffic Safety	High Friction Surface Treatment	\$55,280	HSIP	\$13,820	\$69,100	PHASABND