

**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 1-96, 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, Ocean | MDOT               | US-31        | All within WESTPLAN area   | 67.368 | Traffic Safety    | Freeway Ground-Mounted Sign Replacement | \$881,750      | NHG                 | \$0          | \$881,750        | T, CNSTRLG     |
| 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       |