

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

MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Kim Arter called the meeting to order at 1:30p.m. A quorum was present

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Roger Morgenstern, City of Norton Shores
Josh Brugger, Ottawa County
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission
Paul Black, Muskegon County Rural Township
Chris McGuigan, Muskegon County (MATS)
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park
Heather Bowden, MDOT
Ron Jenkins, City of Muskegon Heights
Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township
Rachel Gorman, City of Muskegon
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Bob Hires, City of Montague

B. Members Not Present

Richard Carlson, Mayor of Ferrysburg
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, Excused
Luke Walters, MDOT
Wally Delameter, Village of Spring Lake
Kevin Mclaughlin, Harbor Transit
Jenny Staroska, FHWA, Excused

C. Others Present

Marc Frederickson, MDOT
Blake Wright, MDOT
Rebecca Hopp, Harbor Transit
Bob Lukens, MATS
Grace Sietzema, City of Muskegon

D. Staff Present

Lauryn Blake, WMSRDC
Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC
Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Jack Grice, WMSRDC

III. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed from the July 16, 2025, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2025, meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Kennedy/Salter*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

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

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. **FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 27** – Mr. Brian Mulnix informed the committee that this will be the last amendment for the FY2023-2026 TIP. He clarified each project to the group, stating that the first project is a budget increase due to funds becoming free from another project, and the second project is signal installation at a railroad crossing on Columbus Avenue. The third project was discussed by Mr. Marc Frederickson and Mr. Tyler Kent as being a part of their 5-year program. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 27. Motion carried. *M/S Monetza/McGuigan*

B. **FY2026-2029 TIP AMENDMENT 1** – Mr. Brian Mulnix announced that although the FY2026-2029 TIP hasn't been approved yet, early approval from the committee on this amendment is being sought to eliminate waiting time for project implementation upon FHWA and MDOT approval. Mr. Tyler Kent discussed details of the projects with the committee members. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment 1. Motion carried. *M/S Salter/Vanderstelt*

VI. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

The commission continues to monitor the MTP, but there are no updates at this time.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE (INFORMATION)

A. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** – Mr. Bob Lukens gave an update to the committee on the status of the Transit Authority, stating that with the lack of support from all communities, the authority is being shelved. Individual 5-year service contracts for each community are currently being drafted. Mr. Lukens also mentioned that an RFP for restaurants to be located in the Muskegon airport has been sent out, responses are due after Labor Day.

- B. MDOT UPDATE – Mr. Tyler Kent informed the committee that their 5-year program has been updated and is publicly available to view. The next 5-year program is currently in review. Mr. Marc Frederickson announced that there will be a meeting in Whitehall about the Whitehall/Montague bridge, stating that this is the bridge chosen by MDOT to represent the bridges in West Michigan important to our transportation systems that are on the list of 100 bridges in Michigan in poor condition. Mr. Frederickson also announced that construction on East M-46 will continue nightly for the next week. Construction and cleanup should be completed by Labor Day. Ms. Heather Bowden informed the group that the STIP and TIP have been submitted to the FHWA on August 14. She also announced that the Small Urban 2027-2029 CFP will be released soon. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick mentioned that two of the three Small Urban meetings have been scheduled: Whitehall’s meeting is September 18, and Fremont’s meeting is October 7.
- C. AIR QUALITY UPDATE – Ms. Lauryn Blake gave an update on the Clean Air Action program’s progress for the FY2025 season. The display rotation has been completed for the season, as well as outreach events. The season is winding down.
- D. WESTPLAN NON-MOTORIZED PLAN – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick announced to the committee that a draft document of the plan has been received, reviewed, and returned to the consultants, whom are currently working on the final draft. This final draft is expected to be delivered around September 15.
- E. TRAFFIC COUNT STUDY PRESENTATION – Ms. Grace Sietzema gave a presentation to the committee on a traffic count study for the intersections connecting to/near the new Costco location in Muskegon. Discussion ensued.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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- IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

WestPlan FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 27

Fiscal Year	Job no.	Job Type	Phase	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Project Description	Federal Budget	Federal Fund Source	State Budget	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	Amendment Type
2025	214151	Local	CON	Roosevelt Park	Broadway Ave	from Glenside 2000' east	Construct non-motorized pathway	\$226,223	CM	\$0	\$43,382	\$286,940	PHASBDG T
2025	224887	Local	CON	Michigan Shore Railroad	Columbus Ave	At Michigan Shore Railroad in the City of Grand Haven, Ottawa County	upgrade flashers to 12 LEDs - Material Only"	\$14,929	STRP	\$1,659	\$0	\$16,588	PHASADD
2025	216348	Trunkline	PE	MDOT	US-31	Madison Street north to 3rd Street	Two Course Asphalt Resurfacing	\$491,100	NH	\$108,900	\$0	\$600,000	PHASADD

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Fiscal Year	Job Type	Job#	Notes	GPA Type	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Fund Source	Template Name	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Phase Participating Amount	Total Phase Amount (Part + Non - Part)	Total Job Cost Incl Non LAP	Total Job Cost	Federal Amendment Type
2027	Trunkline	216348	Moved from FY30 to FY27	S/TIP Line Items	Ottawa	MDOT	US-31	Madison Street north to 3rd Street	Road Rehabilitation	Two Course Asphalt Resurfacing	CON	NH	Road - Rehabilitation and	\$4,964,203	\$1,100,798	\$0	6,065,001.00	\$6,065,000	6,065,000.00	\$6,665,000.00	\$6,665,000.00	Phase Added
2026	Trunkline	207544	Increased Length by 2.09 miles	S/TIP Line Items	Muskegon	MDOT	M-45/M-46	Non-Freeway Signing Upgrade, Non-Areawide	Traffic Safety	Non-Freeway Sign Replacement	CON	STG	Traffic And Safety - Signs	\$525,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000.00	\$1,050,000	1,050,000.00	\$1,265,000.00	\$1,265,000.00	Scope Construction Length Change
2026	Multi-Modal	224752	Added to FY GPA after TIP approval	Transit Capital	Muskegon	Muskegon County Board of	Transit Capital	6410-5310	6410-5310	5310 - Mobility Management	NI	5310	Transit	\$26,838	\$6,709	\$0	\$33,547.00	\$33,547	33,547.00	\$33,547.00	\$33,547.00	GPA over or over 25%
2027	Trunkline	213616	Moved from FY30 to FY27 GPA	Trunkline Traffic Operations	Ottawa	MDOT	US-31	at Jackson Street	Traffic Safety	Realign US-31 SB, add turn lanes	CON	CM	Operations	\$2,401,479	\$532,521	\$0	2,934,000.00	\$2,934,000	2,934,000.00	\$3,169,000.00	\$3,169,000.00	GPA over or over 25%
2026	Multi-Modal	224993	New Job	Transit Operating	Ottawa	Harbor Transit	Transit Operating	Areawide	3000-5311 Operating Assistance	FY2026-5311- Operating Assistance	NI	5311	Transit	89,659	89,660	\$0	179,319	179,319	179,319.00	179,319.00	179,319.00	Phase Added