

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

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Kim Arter called the meeting to order at 1:33p.m. A quorum was present.

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Richard Carlson, Mayor of Ferrysburg
Bob Hires, City of Montague
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission
Roger Morgenstern, City of Norton Shores
Steven Salter, City of Whitehall
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park
Josh Brugger, Ottawa County
Rachel Gorman, City of Muskegon
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven
Chris McGuigan, Muskegon County (MATS)
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Ron Jenkins, City of Muskegon Heights

B. Members Not Present

Paul Black, Muskegon County Rural Township
Heather Bowden, MDOT
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township
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, Muskegon
Alexa Springer, MCC

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 May 21, 2025, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025, meeting. Motion approved. ***M/S Kennedy/Salter***

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

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 26** – Mr. Brian Mulnix presented on Fiscal Year 2023-2026 TIP Amendment 26 to the committee. He clarified that one job is from the city of North Muskegon and needed amending for a cost and scope change. The other is a job from MDOT and is a year change from 2026 to 2025. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 26. Motion carried. ***M/S Monetza/Hazekamp***

B. **FY2026-2029 TIP** – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick informed the committee that the FY2026-2029 TIP was approved in May and is currently at MDOT awaiting to be sent to the FHWA for final approvals. Everything should be wrapped up by October 1.

VI. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

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

VII. WESTPLAN NON-MOTORIZED PLAN

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick discussed the progress on the non-motorized plan, stating that the consultants are in the drafting process and creating renderings to present at the next steering committee meeting. Many outreach events have been held/attended, and survey results are being collected and analyzed. The draft deadline is September 15.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE

A. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** – Mr. Bob Lukens presented on MATS transit data from April through June, which was distributed to the committee, as well as discussed the beach line that was placed in May. Mr. Lukens also reported on the progress of the airport, stating that the terminal construction is completed, leaving the airport with an updated, more energy efficient, terminal. There will be a refacing project coming within the next couple of years and a new tower in 2028. Ridership numbers

have only been increasing.

- B. MDOT UPDATE – Mr. Marc Frederickson discussed the ongoing M-46 project, informing the group that paving work has been performed at night to prevent traffic disruptions and the project should be completed by mid to late fall of this year.
- C. AIR QUALITY UPDATE – Ms. Lauryn Blake updated the committee on the display rotation as well as how many air quality days there have been so far in the summer season. Discussion regarding air quality monitor location ensued as the committee expressed desire to see if the monitor can be relocated.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

WestPlan FY2023-2026 TIP AMENDMENT 26

City of North Muskegon-

Job # 215731

Change of Cost and Change of Project Limits

Original Cost: \$420,074 Total- \$336,059 Federal- \$84,015 Local

Original Limits: Ruddiman Drive from Bear Lake Bridge to Linderman

New Cost: \$261,090 Total- \$191,062 Federal- \$70,028 Local

New Limits: Ruddiman Drive from Bear Lake Bridge to East Circle Drive

MDOT

Job # 214896

Change year from FY2025 to FY2026

M-46: From Muskegon Avenue east to Home Street, Road Rehab and Reconstruction

Cost: \$14,400,000 Total: \$11,786,400 Federal, \$228,690 Local