



MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Transportation Policy Committee meeting held on:

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: This meeting will be held at the WMSRDC Office in the Terrace Plaza Building.

If you are unable to attend, please email Brian Mulnix at bmulnix@wmsrdc.org

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WESTPLAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

MARCH 18, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (FEBRUARY 18, 2026)
(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT **(AGENDA ITEMS)**
- IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 - A. FY2026-2029 TIP AMENDMENT 6 **(ATTACHMENT II) (ACTION)**
- V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)
(INFORMATION)
 - A. TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW**(INFORMATION)**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE **(INFORMATION)**
 - A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
 - B. MDOT UPDATE
 - C. AIR QUALITY UPDATE
 - D. WESTPLAN UPDATES
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENT I

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

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

IX. CALL TO ORDER

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

X. ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson
Richard Carlson, Mayor of Ferrysburg, Vice Chairperson
Bob Hires, City of Montague
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
Paul Black, Muskegon County Rural Township
Ron Jenkins, City of Muskegon Heights
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Jay Kilgo, City of Muskegon
Scott Borg, Harbor Transit
Luke Walters, MDOT (Alternate)
Tom Ziemer, City of Whitehall
Chris McGuigan, Muskegon County (MATS)
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
John Teeples, Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
Wally Delameter, Village of Spring Lake
Dan Tavernier, City of Whitehall

Members Not Present

Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township
Kevin Mclaughlin, Harbor Transit
Jenny Staroska, FHWA
Elizabeth Fox, City of Norton Shores

Others Present

Marc Frederickson, MDOT
Blake Wright, MDOT
Steve Sinoki, MCC
Aaron Maike, Baker College
Bob Lukens, MATS

Staff Present

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

XI. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed from the January 21, 2026, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, meeting with corrections made to the attendance list. Motion approved. *M/S Hazekamp/Kilgo*

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

XIII. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

B. FY2026-2029 TIP AMENDMENT 5 – Mr. Brian Mulnix and Mr. Marc Frederickson presented on Amendment 5 for the FY2026-2029 TIP. Mr. Frederickson discussed the first four list items, stating these are three MDOT projects. The first two line items are different phases for JN 214169, which are the Right-Of-Way and Construction phases for US-31 road rehabilitation. He continued to mention that JN 226296 is a minor infrastructure job based in Northern Ottawa County and that JN 226302 is a small portion of a job that is mostly in Mecosta County but contains an intersection near White Lake.

Mr. Mulnix discussed that there are two jobs that have been abandoned to update the funding for a roundabout project on Airline Rd at Sternberg (JN 2230534 and JN 225643) from federal funding to SS4A grant funding. The federal funding that was for that job previously was redistributed to JN 223031 and the CMAQ funding will be allocated to signal interconnectivity upgrades on Whitehall Rd.

A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment 5. Motion carried. *M/S Hazekamp/Kilgo*

XIV. WMSRDC REGIONAL GIS INITIATIVE

Ms. Erin Kuhn discussed upcoming efforts to study the feasibility of establishing a regionwide GIS that allows for improved coordination between the region, local agencies, and the state. This will begin with a survey that will identify current GIS practices and local need for a regional GIS. The overall goal of this system is to inventory infrastructure assets like water lines, sewage, capital improvement plans, etc. which will allow for better coordination across asset owners and the region.

XV. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

B. TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

This presentation has been tabled until the next Policy Committee meeting.

XVI. WESTPLAN MPO POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Kim Arter opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the MPO Policy Committee.

A motion was made and supported to maintain Ms. Kim Arter as chairperson. Motion carried *M/S McGuigan/Hazekamp*

A motion was made and supported to elect Mr. Richard Carlson as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried. *M/S Reichardt/Goodman*

XVII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE (INFORMATION)

E. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Scott Borg announced that Harbor Transit has board approval to break ground on their new facility on March 2nd. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on March 25th.

Mr. Bob Lukens informed the committee that fixed routes are down 18% in terms of ridership, but Go2 was up significantly. He also mentioned that a new vendor for Go2 will be selected soon. Discussion regarding Muskegon Heights access to Go2 and additional fixed routes.

Mr. Lukens moved on to discuss the Muskegon Airport, stating that ridership was tough in January, but it was better than the year prior. He added that the restaurant will be opening on May 1, as well as Enterprise.

F. MDOT UPDATE – Mr. Marc Frederickson updated the committee on the status of the White Lake bridge and stated they are still reviewing the needs and best course of action. They are hoping to have the ramp re-opened by the end of March, but they are expecting the total closure to be the end of May.

G. AIR QUALITY UPDATE – Ms. Lauryn Blake announced that the WMCAC have selected WZZM, WXMI, WoodTV 8, Townsquare streaming, Spotify, and WGHN for advertisement for the Clean air Action educational campaign for FY2026. Discussion ensued regarding radio. Events are being sought after and stakeholders should expect email communication regarding the informational display rotation shortly.

H. WESTPLAN UPDATES – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick informed the committee that the Pre-UWP meeting for FY2026 will occur in March.

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

XIX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

ATTACHMENT II

FY2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AMENDMENT 6

The WestPlan FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment 6 was reviewed and approved by the WestPlan Technical Committee at their March 5, 2026 meeting.

Fiscal Year	Job Type	Job#	County	Notes	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Fund Source	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount
2027	Local	223027	Muskegon	Work Type Change	Roosevelt Park	Summit Ave	Henry Street to Westland Road	Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	Resurface	CON	STUL	\$339,000	\$0	\$131,000	470,000.00
2027	Local	226334	Muskegon	New Job	Muskegon County	Roberts Rd	Various Routes, Muskegon Township, Muskegon County	Traffic Safety	Safe Routes to School Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements	CON	TAUL	\$1,020,167	\$0	\$0	1,020,167.00
2027	Trunkline	226396	Kent	New Job	MDOT	Regionwide	All trunkline routes in the WESTPLAN MPO	Traffic Safety	Application of permanent pavement markings on trunklines in Grand Region	PE	HSIP	\$1,512	\$168	\$0	1,680.00
2027	Trunkline	226396	Kent	New Job	MDOT	Regionwide	All trunkline routes in the WESTPLAN MPO	Traffic Safety	Application of permanent pavement markings on trunklines in Grand Region	CON	HSIP, VR U	\$373,464	\$41,496	\$0	414,960.00
2026	Local	226414	Muskegon	New Job	Region Wide	Various Locations	WestPlan Area	Bridge Miscellaneous	Local Agency load ratings and other related tasks	OPS	ST	\$256,600	\$0	\$56,900	313,500.00