

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

MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ATTENDANCE

III. 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
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven
Chris McGuigan, Muskegon County (MATS)
Heather Bowden, MDOT
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission
Ron Jenkins, City of Muskegon Heights

IV. Members Not Present

Paul Black, Muskegon County Rural Township
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township
Luke Walters, MDOT
Wally Delameter, Village of Spring Lake
Kevin Mclaughlin, Harbor Transit
Jenny Staroska, FHWA, Excused

V. Others Present

Blake Wright, MDOT
Rebecca Hopp, Harbor Transit
Steven Sinoki, MCC

VI. Staff Present

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

VII. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed from the August 20, 2025, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025, meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Kelly/Monetza*

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. One member brought an error in the amendment spreadsheet to the attention of the committee.

IX. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. FY2026-2029 TIP AMENDMENT 2 – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick discussed the details of the amendment to the committee. He explained that two line items were one job (Job Number 225643) was being moved from the FY2023-2026 TIP to the FY2026-2029 TIP, two jobs (Job Numbers 214189 and 223025) were budget increases, three jobs (Job Numbers 214704, 222756, and 224887) were changing fiscal years from 2025 to 2026, and finally, the last job on the list (Job Number 213939) changed responsible agencies. A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment 2. Motion carried. *M/S Field/Johnson*

X. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

The commission will begin preliminary work on the MTP in February 2026 where review of the population, employment rates, and other variables will occur. This will be completed in the spring of 2027.

XI. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE

A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – No report given.

B. MDOT UPDATE – Ms. Heather Bowden informed the committee that the federal buyout program will continue in FY2027 and that there will be about \$45 million available to convert from federal dollars to state dollars, which will allow jobs submitted to bypass the NEPA process and allows for local bidding. The application and guideline forms will be sent out in about two weeks.

C. AIR QUALITY UPDATE – The authorization of the program was received the week of November 10. No major updates.

D. WESTPLAN NON-MOTORIZED PLAN – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick announced to the committee that the first Post-Plan meeting occurred on November 6. These meetings will continue quarterly. The completed STAG plan is upload to the WMSRDC website.

E. 2026 SCHEDULE – The schedule was provided in the agenda for this meeting. No

meeting dates for the Policy committee were changed. The next meeting will be held December 17. If any meetings are to be cancelled, proper notice will be given to the committee. Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick emphasized that if anyone cannot attend a meeting, inform him and send an alternate to ensure a quorum.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The WestPlan Public Participation Plan procedure was followed to achieve public participation for this meeting. Ms. Rebecca Hopp, on behalf of Mr. Scott Borg, stated that a press release announcing free rides through Harbor Transit to food pantries through December 31, 2025.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

FY2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT II

WestPlan MPO staff are recommending approval of this amendment, which was reviewed and approved by the WestPlan MPO Technical Committee at their November 6, 2025, meeting. There was an amendment presented in October, but the MPO Policy committee could not take action because there were not enough members present to have a voting quorum. Projects from that amendment as well as several new changes are on this project list. Please review and discuss it with your Technical Committee representative if you have questions. The yellow indicated what the change is that has triggered the need to amend that project.

Fiscal Year	Job Type	Job#	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Comments	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Fund Source	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Total Job Cost	Federal Amendment Type
2026	Trunkline	214189	Muskegon	MDOT	Regionwide	M-104 at Fruitport	Budget Increase	Traffic Safety	Modernize signal	STG	\$3,333	\$0	\$0	3,333.00	\$2,595,415.00	
2026	Local	214704	Ottawa	Ottawa County	Cleveland St	Str #9849 over the Crockery Creek Tributary, Ottawa County	Moved from FY25 to FY26	Bridge Replacement	Bridge Replacement	BFP	\$1,079,200	\$0	\$269,800	1,349,000.00	\$1,349,000.00	
2026	Local	222756	Muskegon	Muskegon	Sanford St	Sanford Street, Muskegon	Moved from FY25 to FY26	New Facilities	Construct 1.5 mi	TAJUL	\$2,332,381	\$0	\$517,199	2,849,580.00	\$2,849,580.00	Phase Added
2026	Local	223025	Muskegon	Roosevelt Park	Garrison Rd	North of Garrison road, south of railroad tracks	Budget Increase	New Facilities	Construct Aspha	CRSM	\$120,000	\$0	\$118,349	238,349.00	\$258,349.00	Phase Budget equal
2026	Local	224887	Ottawa	Michigan Shore Railroad	Columbus Ave	At Michigan Shore Railroad in the City of Grand Haven, Ottawa County	Moved from FY25 to FY26	Railroad	upgrade flashers	STRP	\$14,929	\$1,659	\$0	16,588.00	\$16,588.00	Phase Added
2026	Local	225643	Muskegon	Muskegon County	Sternberg Rd	Sternberg Rd at Airline Rd	New Phase	Traffic Safety	Construct round	HSIP	\$112,582	\$0	\$112,582	225,164.00	\$1,551,805.00	Phase Added
2027	Local	225643	Muskegon	Muskegon County	Sternberg Rd	Sternberg Rd at Airline Rd	New Phase	Traffic Safety	Construct round	HSIP	\$750,000	\$0	\$576,641	1,326,641.00	\$1,551,805.00	Phase Added
2027	Trunkline	213939	Muskegon, Mason	MDOT	M-116	TSC - Major PR	Was originally programmed to Muskegon TSC, JobNet correction to move within	Traffic Safety	Non-Freeway sig	STG	149,500	\$0	\$0	149,500	\$191,500.00	

ATTACHMENT III

Please mark these dates on your calendars and assign an alternate for the day (s) you may not be able to attend.

WestPlan MPO Committee Meeting Schedule

FY2026

Technical Committee (1st Thursday of the month at 1:30 P.M.)

October 2, 2025
November 6, 2025
December 4, 2025
January 8, 2026
February 5, 2026
March 5, 2026
April 2, 2026
May 7, 2026
June 4, 2026
July 9, 2026
August 6, 2026
September 3, 2026

Policy Committee (3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 P.M.)

October 15, 2025
November 19, 2025
December 17, 2025
January 21, 2026
February 18, 2026
March 18, 2026
April 15, 2026
May 20, 2026
June 17, 2026
July 15, 2026
August 19, 2026
September 16, 2026

-Dates are subject to change and cancellation at request of the Chairperson