

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

MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2025

- Members Present:** Brett Laughlin, OCRC, Chairperson
Paul Bauman, MCRC
Luke Walters, MDOT
Todd Myers, City of Muskegon
Scott Borg, Harbor Transit
Ben VanHoeven, City of Roosevelt Park
Don Bond, City of Whitehall
James Koens, MATS
Jim Murphy, City of Norton Shores
Mark Dissolkoon, City of North Muskegon
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg
Kyle Botbyl, Village of Spring Lake
Khi Guy, City of Muskegon Heights
Dale Lee, Fruitport Township
Michael England, City of Grand Haven
- Members Absent:** Jenny Staroska, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep
Jeff Marcinowski, Rural Township Rep
Amy Haack, Village of Fruitport
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague
Wade Vandenbosch, Muskegon County DPW
- Others Present:** Marc Frederickson, MDOT Muskegon TSC
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region
Dana Appel, Harbor Transit
- Staff Present:** Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC
Lauryn Blake, WMSRDC
Jack Grice, WMSRDC

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brett Laughlin at 1:30 PM. A quorum was present. Attendance was recorded via sign-in sheet.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes was made. Motion approved.
M/S Vanhoeven/Bothyl

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)

A. FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment 2

Mr. Brian Mulnix explained that the Policy Committee did not have a quorum so TIP Amendment 2 seeds re-approval from the Technical Committee. The amendment has 6 jobs. Job 214189 has a budget increase. Jobs 214704, 222756, and 224887 are all being moved to FY2026. Job 225643 was awarded additional funding so there is a new phase being added. Lastly, job 213939 was originally programmed to the Muskegon TSC but needed a jobnet correction because the work will be done outside the MPO. *M/S Murphy/Vanhoeven*

V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick informed the committee that MPO staff will begin preliminary work on the 2055 MTP in early 2026 and that MDOT modeling is expected to begin in February 2026.

VI. NATIONAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION (NFC)

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick shared that the requested revisions from the Ottawa County Road Commission, Muskegon County Road Commission, and MDOT were all shared with the state for pre-approval.

VII. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Mr. Scott Borg informed the committee that they intend to break ground on their new facility in Spring after the completion of the NEPA process. They are waiting for approval from a federal grant before obligation.

Mr. Jim Koens had no update regarding MATS.

VIII. MPO ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Marc Frederickson informed the committee that the stop signs at the Pontaluna and US-31 S interchange have been installed, and monitoring of the new traffic flow is ongoing. He also shared that a public notice will be shared on 11/6/2025 regarding skid-paving work to be done on the onramp to US-31 S from North Muskegon.

Mr. Luke Walters informed the committee that the federal government has not approved a new budget, but that projects are still being obligated.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

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X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.