

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

MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2025

- Members Present:** Brett Laughlin, OCRC, Chairperson
Paul Bouman, MCRC
Luke Walters, MDOT
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 Disselkoen, City of North Muskegon
Craig Bessinger, City of Ferrysburg
Kyle Botbyl, Village of Spring Lake
Brian Jarosz, City of Grand Haven
Amy Haack, Village of Fruitport
Scott Beishuizen, City of Montague
Wade Vandenbosch, Muskegon County DPW
- Members Absent:** Jenny Staroska, FHWA (Non-Voting)
Steve Biesiada, Muskegon Urban Township Rep
Jeff Marcinowski, Rural Township Rep
Todd Myers, City of Muskegon
Khi Guy, City of Muskegon Heights
Dale Lee, Fruitport Township
- Others Present:** Marc Frederickson, MDOT Muskegon TSC
Blake Wright, MDOT Grand Region
- 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 Murphy/Beishuizen

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 3

Mr. Brian Mulnix summarized the multiple jobs being amended with Amendment 3. A bridge project on Farr Road and a bridge project on Ryerson Road both saw a budget increase equal or over 25%. The Harbor Transit job to construct a new facility was moved from FY25 to FY26. MDOT also added multiple new jobs to the TIP including a design and construction phase for cape seal on the M-120 Causeway, a design and construction phase for a milling and one course asphalt overlay of US-31 in Ferrysburg, a design and construction phase for US-31 NB from the CSX railroad to Fruitvale road, and a design phase for US-31 SB for the same limits. The City of Montague was also awarded a Safe Routes to School grant for pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements.

M/S Vanhoeven/Beishuizen

V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Mr. Brian Mulnix explained that there is nothing currently to report. Modeling will begin in coordination with MDOT in February.

VI. HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Brian Mulnix displayed and explained the 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program safety performance measures that the state has set. He explained that each MPO in the state can set their own safety performance measures, but the West Plan MPO has historically approved the standards set by the state. He told the committee that safety performance measures needed to be selected by the MPO for 2026.

Mr. Luke Walters explained that in the past, the state standards had been set by evaluating the five-year rolling average. However, the state has adjusted their

standards by multiplying this rolling average by a factor less than 1 to align with the goal of zero deaths by 2050. **M/S Koens/Beishuizen**

VII. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Mr. Jim Koens informed the committee that MATS halted operations on Tuesday (12/2/25). Public safety during adverse snowy conditions was the main reason for the services being halted. He also explained that the new busses, purchased with CMAQ, Carbon Reduction, and 5303 funds in years past, are set for delivery this week. Mr. Koens also asked the committee if the county has an established prioritization for plow routes, and if there was any consideration to adding public transit routes to these priorities. He also asked if there is any program for plowing sidewalks within municipalities.

Mr. Scott Borg informed the committee that Harbor Transit continued to operate as normal. He also shared that Harbor Transit is accepting and awarding construction bids and is still on track to break ground on their new facility in the Spring of 2026.

VIII. MPO ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Marc Frederickson informed the committee that bridge work near Montague and Whitehall is being wrapped up and MDOT is preparing for the snow season.

Mr. Mark Disselkoe informed the committee that the road work on the north end of the M-120 Causeway in North Muskegon should be completed by the weekend. He explained that there was a water main break that needed repaired.

Mr. Luke Walters shared that applications for the Federal Buyout Program are due in January.

Mr. Jim Murphy informed the committee that work to replace a main sewer line that runs under Grand Haven Road will be started later this year in 2026. The limits of this work will be from Farr Road to Mount Garfield.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

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X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.