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**MEETING NOTICE**

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There will be a Transportation Policy Committee meeting held on:

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 15, 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](mailto:bmulnix@wmsrdc.org)

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# WESTPLAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

APRIL 15, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (MARCH 18, 2026)  
**(ATTACHMENT I) (ACTION)**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT **(AGENDA ITEMS)**
- IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
  - A. FY2026-2029 TIP AMENDMENT 7 **(ATTACHMENT II) (ACTION)**
- V. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)  
**(INFORMATION)**
- VI. WESTPLAN MPO NATIONAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION REVIEW **(ATTACHMENT III) (ACTION)**
- VII. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE **(INFORMATION)**
  - A. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
  - B. MDOT UPDATE
  - C. AIR QUALITY UPDATE
  - D. WESTPLAN UPDATES
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

## ATTACHMENT I

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

#### MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2026

#### X. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### XI. ATTENDANCE

##### **Members Present**

Kim Arter, Laketon Township, Chairperson  
Richard Carlson, Mayor of Ferrysburg, Vice Chairperson  
Field Reichardt, Ottawa County Road Commission  
Diane Goodman, City of Roosevelt Park  
Michelle Hazekamp, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners  
Roger Vanderstelt, Village of Fruitport  
Jay Kilgo, City of Muskegon  
Scott Borg, Harbor Transit  
Blake Wright, MDOT (Alternate)  
Jack Kennedy, Muskegon County Road Commission  
Josh Bruggger, Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
Kyle Botbyl, Village of Spring Lake  
Dan Tavernier, City of Whitehall  
Ryan Kelly, Crockery Township  
Elizabeth Fox, City of Norton Shores  
Robert Monetza, City of Grand Haven

##### **Members Not Present**

Bob Hires, City of Montague  
Paul Black, Muskegon County Rural Township  
Ron Jenkins, City of Muskegon Heights  
Bill Mogren, City of North Muskegon  
Jenny Staroska, FHWA  
Chris McGuigan, Muskegon County (MATS)

##### **Others Present**

Heather Bowden, MDOT  
Tyler Kent, MDOT  
Ryan Gladding, MDOT  
Alexis Springer, MCC  
Aaron Maike, Baker College  
Bob Lukens, MATS

**Staff Present**

Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC  
Brian Mulnix, WMSRDC  
Jack Grice, WMSRDC

**XII. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes were reviewed from the February 18, 2026, meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026, meeting. Motion approved. *M/S Hazekamp/Bothyl*

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**XIV. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

B. FY2026-2029 TIP AMENDMENT 6 – Mr. Brian Mulnix presented the projects included on Amendment 6. These projects include a work type change for an existing Roosevelt Park job (JN 223027), a new job to construct sidewalks that service Reeths-Puffer Schools that is being funded by a Safe Routes to School grant (JN 226334), a new job to apply trunkline pavement markings throughout the region (JN 226396), and a new job to fund local agency bridge load ratings throughout the region (JN 226414).

A motion was made and supported to approve the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment 6. Motion carried. *M/S Monetza/Kelly*

**XV. 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)**

**A. TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW**

Mr. Ryan Gladding presented to the Committee. He explained the purpose of statewide modeling for use in the MTP. He discussed how Traffic Analysis Zones are utilized along with socioeconomic data to generate trip data throughout the region. This data is used to forecast network capacity in 2055 which is fundamental in developing the MTP for 2055. He also outlined the process for local agency review of model data over the course of the year.

**XVI. NEW BUSINESS/MPO ROUNDTABLE**

**E. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION –**

Mr. Bob Lukens provided an update regarding MATS. He shared that February presented a challenging month for fixed route ridership. However, the Go2 micro transit services are up year-to-date. There are also several items being brought forward to the County Board meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. These items include the FY27 Federal Application, a Bus Stop Assessment to determine priority locations for improvements to match new federal guidelines, and micro-transit contract approval. They also will be seeking approval at the City of Muskegon City Council meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> for a beach route

in the City of Muskegon. He also shared that Mr. Jim Koens has officially stepped away from his role with MATS to work with MDOT OPT on rural and special services grants and compliance. His position has been posted publicly. MATS continues to operate normally until his position is filled.

Mr. Bob Lukens provided an update regarding the county airport. He shared that there have been minimal cancellations, and these are due to weather or operational delays at the larger Chicago hub. There are ongoing issues with TSA but currently no TSA agents operating at the airport are being asked to assist at larger regional hubs.

Mr. Scott Borg shared that ridership was down 3% in February due to weather. He also shared that the City of Grand Haven is the largest destination and origin for on-demand services.

#### F. MDOT UPDATE –

Ms. Heather Bowden shared that the State is beginning to develop the Michigan Mobility 2050 plan and two webinars regarding this project will occur on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March. She also asked local agencies to review the federal buy-out project list to ensure consistency for programming.

Mr. Blake Wright shared that the US-31 over I-96 project and the M-46 project both will be starting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. He noted that messaging for these projects should be released soon. He also shared that work on the White Lake Drive bridge continues and is weather dependent. The region office is in discussions to move construction on the bridge up one fiscal year to FY27.

#### G. AIR QUALITY UPDATE –

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick shared that all contracts have been signed and executed. Event scheduling is underway and a call for hosting the Air Quality materials has been sent.

#### H. WESTPLAN UPDATES –

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick shared that the pre-UWP meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss FY2027 budget and projects.

### XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

## ATTACHMENT II

### FY2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

#### AMENDMENT 7

The WestPlan FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment 7 was reviewed and approved by the WestPlan Technical Committee at their April 2, 2026 meeting.

Fiscal Year	Job Type	Job#	County	Notes	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Phase	Fund Source	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Total Job Cost	Federal Amendment Type
2026	Local	215762	Muskegon	Budget Change	Norton Shores	McCracken St	Norton Avenue to Boneville Drive	0.512	Reconstruction	CON	STUL	\$990,520	\$0	\$1,269,140	2,259,660.00	\$3,369,323.00	Phase Budget equal or over 24%

**ATTACHMENT III**

**2020 National Functional Classification Review**

**WMSRDC  
Muskegon MPO  
2020 NFC Review  
MDOT Proposal Review**

**Route:** Site A Roberts and River

**Limits:** Holton Road (M120) to Getty St

**Proposed Revision:**

**From:** Urban Major Collector

**To:** Local

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Route:** Site B Reginald Dr

**Limits:** Black Creek Road to Heights-Ravenna Road

**Proposed Revision:**

**From:** Local

**To:** Urban Minor Collector

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Route:** Site C Sheridan Road

**Limits:** Airline Road to Hile Rd

**Proposed Revision:**

**From:** Local

**To:** Urban Minor Collector

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support as *Urban Major Collector*.

**Route:** Site D Holton Duck Lake Rd

**Limits:** Marvin Road to Holton Road (M-120)

**Proposed Revision:**

**From:** Local

**To:** Rural Major Collector

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Route:** Site E Nichols Road  
**Limits:** Owasippi Road to Fruitvale Road

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Rural Major Collector  
**To:** Rural Minor Collector

**MDOT Concurrence:** *Do not support. Remain Rural Major Collector.*

**Route:** Site G Blue Lake Rd  
**Limits:** Owasippe Road to Skeels Road

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Local  
**To:** Rural Major Collector

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Route:** Site H Dangl Rd  
**Limits:** Airline Road to Heights-Ravenna Road

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Major Collector  
**To:** Minor Arterial

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Route:** Site I Sternberg Rd  
**Limits:** Airline Road to Dangl Road

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Urban Major Collector  
**To:** Urban Minor Arterial

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Route:** Site J Farr Rd  
**Limits:** Airline Road to I-96 WB Offramp

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Major Collector  
**To:** Minor Arterial

**MDOT Concurrence:** *Do not support. Remain Major Collector.*

**Route:** Site F Owasippi Rd  
**Limits:** Nichols Rd to Blue Lake Rd

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Rural Major Collector  
**To:** Rural Minor Collector

**MDOT Concurrence:** *Do not support. Remain as Major Collector.*

**Route:** M-231  
**Limits:** M-104 to M-45

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Urban Minor Arterial  
**To:** Urban Principal Arterial

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Route:** Lincoln St  
**Limits:** From 144th to M-231.

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Urban Major Collector  
**To:** Urban Minor Arterial

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Route:** Ferris St.  
**Limits:** US-31 to 152nd Ave

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Local  
**To:** Major Collector

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Route:** 152nd Avenue/Groesbeck Street  
**Limits:** Lincoln St to Mercury Dr.

**Proposed Revision:**  
**From:** Local  
**To:** Urban Major Collector

**MDOT Concurrence:** Support.

**Muskegon - WMSRDC  
Solar Farm NFC Proposals  
2020 NFC Review**

**Note:** Chase Rd, Old Hwy 99 Rd, Post Rd, and Meinert Rd are all to be considered in relation to each other. These proposals are being submitted to prepare for a large solar farm being constructed in White River Twp, Muskegon County. (Lakeside Solar Project)

**Website:** <https://geronimopower.com/in-development/lakeside-solar-project/>

**Route:** Site K Chase Rd

**PR#:** 0868008

**Limits:** Post Road to Meinert Road

**Proposed Revision:**

**From:** Local

**To:** Rural Major Collector

**ADT:** 360 (2025)

**Route:** Site L Old Hwy 99 Rd

**PR#:** 3611052

**Limits:** Post Road to Meinert Road

**Proposed Revision:**

**From:** Rural Major Collector

**To:** Local

**ADT:** 248 (2025)

**Route:** Site M Post Rd

**PR#:** 0871705

**Limits:** Chase Road to Old 99 Rd

**Proposed Revision:**

**From:** Rural Minor Collector

**To:** Rural Major Collector

**ADT:** 188 (2025)

**Route:** Site N Meinert Rd

**PR#:** 0871606

**Limits:** Chase Road to Old 99 Rd

**Proposed Revision:**

**From:** Rural Minor Collector

**To:** Rural Major Collector

**ADT:** 516 (2025)