

Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

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- ✦ Kurt Van Koevering

- ✦ Executive Committee

April 24, 2023, 12:00 pm
Port Sheldon Township Hall
16201 Port Sheldon St, West Olive, MI 49460

MINUTES

BOARD PRESENT: Tom Bird, Jacob Bonnema, Jeff Franklin, Jim Gerard, Elsa Hoekwater, Kevin Klynstra, Al Nienhuis, Terry Nienhuis, Tom Oonk, Mike Sabatino, Kurt Van Koevering,

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Page, J.R. Valderas (Videographers), Eric Dykstra (MACC), Kelly Goward (ODC), Tyler Kent (MDOT), Jason Latham (MACC), Alec Miller (MACC), Kait Riegling, Sandra Korhorn (MAX), Judy Visscher (MACC)

I. ROLL CALL (for quorum)

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****It was moved by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Mr. Klynstra to approve the March 27, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. FY 2023 – 2026 TIP Amendments – Mr. Miller shared the details of the amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP. Ms. Hoekwater shared more details on the MAX Transit grant involving software that can be used up and down the lakeshore.

*****It was moved by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Mr. Van Koevering to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP amendments as presented. Motion carried.**

B. Traffic Count Locations – Mr. Miller and Mr. Dykstra shared the details of the process for selecting traffic count locations for this year. Mr. Latham shared that we typically choose the same locations every 3-5 years so we can see trends. This data is used for creating model travel projections for MDOT and local projects. The counts will take place the end of May 2023.

*****It was moved by Mr. Oonk, supported by Mr. Nienhuis to approve the 2023 Traffic Count locations as presented. Motion carried.**

C. FY 2024 Unified Work Program Discussion – Mr. Miller shared details on the process of updating this document, and what it includes. Ms. Hoekwater recommended that the MACC 2018-2019 Regional Transit Access and Conductivity Study be added to the “Special Projects” section. She explained that

this is an excellent tool for MAX Transit bus route planning. She added that MAX would like to share grant funds with the MACC on Special Projects. Mr. Latham added that we may want to amend the current UWP to include any work done on special projects this year . The draft UWP will be presented to the next TAC for approval, then will be brought to the July Policy meeting for final approval via a resolution.

D. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent shared updates on the local highway projects. Discussion about details on some projects ensued.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Financial Report – Mr. Latham shared the current report data is coming in as expected. We are making headway on the BL-196 pedestrian crossing project, and hope to have a plan by the end of May.

B. MACC Executive Committee Report – Mr. Latham shared that MDOT has agreed with the recommendations made from the BL-196 Open House, and will add those crosswalk improvement projects to their overall road replacement project (well over \$50K of improvements). Regarding the MACC’s Community Enhancement Program (CEP): our lawyer, Mr. Jim Donkersloot, is reviewing the program organization documents to make sure we understand the intention of the program. Regarding the draft 2024 budget: our Consolidated Planning Grant funding increased almost \$45,000. Environmental (aka Watershed) and CEP dues overall will stay the same. CMAC 2024 went down a little. Data Collection/ Asset Management stayed the same. Jurisdictional dues methodology has been clarified; and the amounts are not expected to change for the next five years.

C. Draft budget for FY2024 – Mr. Latham shared information on this topic above.

D. Present SWFI Consultant contract – Mr. Latham shared details on this Sustainable Watershed Funding Initiative, which was started in 2018. Burch Partners has been selected to do the marketing for this state-wide initiative. Discussion followed.

*****It was moved by Mr. Gerard supported by Mr. Sabatino to approve the selected firm – *Burch Partners* – to develop the brand and marketing material outlined in the RFP. Motion carried.**

Mr. Latham shared that the annual Project Clarity dinner is being held June 6, 2023. If any board members are interested in attending, let Ms. Visscher know by May 28, 2023, and she will send in reservations.

VI. MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

A. Host sharing - Mr. Sabatino shared highlights from Port Sheldon Township: some equipment/technology upgrades for the township hall, County will take over management of township lakeshore parks, and details on the closure of the J. H. Campbell power plant decommissioning, set to begin in 2025. One issue that will present itself in the near future: dredging of the harbor channel at the power plant site is currently done by Consumers. Once they shut down, this may change.

B. Member questions or comments

Ms. Hoekwater introduced two new staff members to MAX Transit. They will work on route studies and how MAX is functioning.

Mr. Nienhuis shared that Olive Township is beginning work on updating their Master Plan, and wondered if Consumers power lines and property would stay. Unknown at this time.

Mr. Van Koevering shared that some road construction projects in the county will hopefully be complete before the snow falls later this year.

Mr. Bonnema shared that Ottawa County approved funding for fighting chemical fire response across the county in a timely manner.

VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT

*****It was moved by Mr. Klynstra supported by Mr. Oonk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: June 5, 2023, Holland City Hall, Training Room, 270 South River Avenue, Holland, MI 49423

*****Action Item**