

Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

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MACC POLICY BOARD

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- ✦ Kevin Klynstra
- Jeff Franklin
- Al Nienhuis
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- ✦ Tom Oonk
- ✦ Pankaj Rajadhyaksha
- Mike Sabatino
- ✦ Jim Storey
- Russ Te Slaa
- Kurt Van Koevering

- ✦ Executive Committee

June 5, 2023, 12:00 pm
Holland City Hall, Training Room
270 S. River Avenue, Holland, MI 49423

MINUTES

BOARD PRESENT: Tom Bird, Nathan Bocks, Jacob Bonnema, Amanda Cooper, Ken DeWeerd, Jeff Franklin, Jim Gerard, Elsa Hoekwater, Linda Howell, John Kleinheksel, Kevin Klynstra, Al Nienhuis, Terry Nienhuis, Tom Oonk, Pankaj Rajadhyaksha, Mike Sabatino, Jim Storey, Kurt Van Koevering,

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Bruskotter (videographer), Eric Dykstra (MACC), Jason Latham (MACC), Tyler Kent (MDOT), Alec Miller (MACC), Judy Visscher (MACC)

I. ROLL CALL (for quorum)

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****It was moved by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Mr. Oonk to approve the April 24, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. Area Four-Lane Roads Presentation – Mr. Dykstra shared accident data that he gathered on area four-lane roads. Mr. Latham shared what can be done to get closer to our safety targets.

B. FY 2024 Unified Work Program (UWP) – Mr. Miller shared details of the subject UWP. TAC recommended approval of the draft version.

*****It was moved by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Ms. Hoekwater to Adopt the FY 2024 Unified Work Program. Motion carried.**

C. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) – Mr. Dykstra shared details on the subject grant that is opening for applications. Deadline is July 9 for developing a Safety Action Plan, so that we can apply. We plan to apply for \$250,000 with a \$50,000 local match.

*****It was moved by Ms. Howell, supported by Mr. Bocks to Approve the application advancement of the Safe Streets for All Action Plan grant. Motion carried.**

Mr. Latham shared that the \$50,000 match would come from the MACC. He also explained how the grant process would work.

D. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent shared I-96 construction continues into Fall, US 31 is wrapping up, Byron Road segment should be done late July–early August. MDOT will be meeting with EGLE, EPA and others regarding the air quality non-attainment status for western Allegan county. Mr. Franklin shared no applications for Safety improvement were received this year from Ottawa/Allegan counties. The Safe Streets for All grant program is open to all – there are funds for planning, then later funds for implementation. Some bad news: the recent federal debt ceiling compromise affected funds for some local highway projects. MACC area projects lost \$32k.

Mr. Latham thanked Mr. Kent for his efforts in bringing up the air quality non-attainment issue again. There will be an opportunity for all to comment when this subject shows up the Federal Register in the near future.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Financial Report – Mr. Latham shared that we on track for our financials.

B. MACC Executive Committee Report – Mr. Latham shared that the MDOT Master Agreement (done every 3 years) was signed and submitted. This agreement allows MACC to receive CPG, CMAC, asset management and other funding that comes through MDOT.

C. Finalize FY24 budget – Mr. Latham shared some high level details on the proposed budget; items that have changed and why. Invoices will go out in October.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks supported by Mr. Rajadhyaksha to Adopt the FY2024 Budget and Recognize the Renaming of Watershed/Stormwater Dues as Environmental Dues. Motion carried.**

VI. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

A. Member questions or comments – Mr. Bocks shared that Tulip Time did VERY well this year, fiber broadband is moving forward (breaking ground late Summer/early Fall), and the vote to sell waterfront properties passed, with no visible action happening for 1-2 years. Sixth St area activities have started (re-construction of 6th Street, temporary road installed, tear down of electric peaking unit, construction of ice rink). The James De Young Power Plant is currently under demolition.

Ms. Cooper shared that a new building housing “The Next Center” will be constructed in downtown Holland.

Mr. Kleinheksel shared that they are busy with paving projects county wide.

Mr. Van Koevering shared concerns about stones being cleared from bike lanes – funding may be needed.

Ms. Howell shared information about the free community concerts to be held this summer at the Felt Mansion, and a township website update.

Mr. Storey shared info on Allegan's effort to apply for grants for fiber optic cable installation for remote areas of the county. Also thanks to Jason and MDOT for raising the issue again about the air quality non-attainment status.

Mr. Sabatino shared that Port Sheldon township hosted a "Summer Fest" that was very well attended. Planning continues regarding the Consumers Energy power plant shutdown.

Mr. Nienhuis shared that Olive Township is continuing work on their master plan update. They have concerns regarding voting this year regarding funding for the "nine days" of site voting now required. Looking for ideas for funding cleanup of old structures in the township.

Mr. Klynstra shared information on summer music events occurring in Zeeland, and the city's snowmelt project is beginning.

Mr. Oonk is looking forward to the re-opening of Byron Road!

Mr. Bonnema shared that Ottawa County is in budget season.

VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT

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

Next Meeting: July 24, 2023, Zeeland City, Howard Miller Library, 14 S. Church Street, Zeeland, MI 49464