

# **MACC** Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

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## **MACC POLICY BOARD**

August 28 2023, 12:00 pm  
Fillmore Township Hall  
4219 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Holland, MI 49423

### **Policy Board**

- Jacob Bonnema
- ✦ Thomas Bird
- Nathan Bocks
- ✦ Amanda Cooper
- Ken DeWeerd
- Linda Howell
- Jim Gerard
- John Kleinheksel
- ✦ Kevin Klynstra
- Jeff Franklin
- Al Nienhuis
- ✦ Terry Nienhuis
- ✦ Tom Oonk
- ✦ Pankaj Rajadhyaksha
- Mike Sabatino
- ✦ Jim Storey
- Russ Te Slaa
- Kurt Van Koevering
- ✦ Executive Committee

## **MINUTES**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Tom Bird, Nathan Bocks, Amanda Cooper, Ken De Weerd, Jim Gerard, Dean Kapenga, John Kleinheksel, Terry Nienhuis, Tom Oonk, Mike Sabatino, Russ Te Slaa, Kurt Van Koevering, Luke Walters

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Camenga (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. Gerard and seconded by Mr. T. Nienhuis to approve the July 24, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none**

**IV. Update on Project Clarity** – Mr. Latham provided highlights from the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Clarity event, most notably a significant reduction in phosphorus content and an increase in water clarity for Lake Macatawa. The long term management plan and future activities were also presented.

### **V. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

A. FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment – Mr. Miller presented four amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP, with additional clarifications provided by Mr. Kent and Mr. Latham.

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Oonk and seconded by Ms. Cooper to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments as listed. Motion carried.**

B. PASER Presentation – Mr. Dykstra presented area road pavement surface condition ratings (PASER) and bridge ratings. Evaluations were done with in June and July with MDOT and a local representative. The entire network of roads was completed this year. General road conditions deteriorated this year due to the I-196 road construction. These ratings are used to prioritize future road projects. Of area bridges, two were rated “severe”; the remaining 92 bridges were rated fair to good. Mr. Dykstra will send out a detailed report to members.

A general discussion followed regarding bridge conditions statewide, and funding available for fixing.

- C. Green Commute – Mr. Dykstra presented details on the 2023 Green Commute week, which will be held September 10-16. Billboards, radio spots, trailhead signs, social media posts, T-shirts, MAX Transit free rides and random drawings for gift cards have been developed.
- D. GVMC Texting & Driving PSA – a video was shown of a Public Service Announcement developed by GVMC to remind drivers “don’t text and drive”. The MACC’s Ms. Visscher participated in the filming.
- E. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent shared that the current road projects continue to make progress. Most of the big projects will be finished in mid September – mid October. Mr. Walters shared that the MACC’s FY23 UWP was approved by the Feds. Jeff Franklin, who is the listed MACC Policy Board member has taken the Executive Director position at the Battle Creek MPO starting in October 2023.

## VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

- A. Financial Report – Mr. Latham shared details on the current financial position of the MACC. Overall, still looking good.
- B. Community Enhancement Program (CEP) – Mr. Latham shared the legal opinion he received regarding the relationship between the MACC Board and the CEP Board. Mr. Donkersloot recommended that CEP be recognized as a “subcommittee” of the MACC board. Mr. Latham clarified that MACC Board members who choose to participate in the CEP authorize their own representatives to be on the CEP Board, and provide their own funding for the CEP.

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Bocks and seconded by Mr. T. Nienhuis that the MACC provide administrative support to the CEP & that the CEP be recognized as a subcommittee of the MACC in accordance with the CEP bylaws as established. Motion carried.**

- C. Investment Policy – Mr. Latham shared that the MACC does not currently have an Investment Policy. Last year our auditors suggested “Michigan Class Local Government Investment Pool” which has several advantages over the local banks that MACC currently invests in, such as liquidity and good rate of return. To participate, we would need to develop an investment policy. Mr. Oonk shared that Zeeland Charter Township invests in this vehicle and speaks favorably of it. Mr. Van Koevering also shared that the Allegan Road Commission also invests here, and shared some downsides of this pool. Mr. Latham explained that the policy as presented in the packet allows us to add this pool as an option along with the banks we currently use.

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Van Koevering and seconded by Mr. Oonk to adopt the investment policy as presented. Motion carried.**

- D. Strategic Planning – Mr. Latham shared that the last strategic planning the MACC conducted was in 2020. He discussed some of the outcomes of that planning session. He would like feedback on some of the items developed in

that session, and what members would like to focus on for the near future.

- E. MACC Executive Committee Report – Mr. Latham shared highlights from the last meeting: the progress of the office remodel, upcoming election of MACC officers in October, and MACC Holding election of officers in September, performance reviews coming up, and the comments that Mr. Latham sent into the state regarding the State Implementation Plan for Ozone (transport across Lake Michigan affects Allegan County attainment status unfavorably).

## **VII. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- A. Member questions or comments - Mr. Te Slaa shared that MAX Transit is doing a presentation on route study that they received a grant for, and there is a hold on buying large electric buses due to battery and service issues. Mr. Sabatino shared that Port Sheldon finished their ADA grant application and will move to the next round. They are also interviewing for Clerk position. Mr. Kleinheksel shared that the Allegan Road Commission road projects are moving along. Mr. Bocks shared info about the old JDY power plant demolition, bonds for the fiber broadband project have been approved, Mark Meyers is joining the city as a planner, Mr. Van Koevering shared that the Ottawa Road Commission has released their strategic road improvement plan for the next 5 years and it is out for comment. They are working with Senator Roger Victory along with a lobbyist to see if non-motorized funding can be amended to include maintenance. Mr. T. Nienhuis shared that Holland Charter Township is in budget season. Ms. Cooper shared that Lakeshore Advantage will soon be breaking ground on their new headquarters/entrepreneurial innovation center, and will be hosting their annual business industry trends event on September 13. Mr. Gerard shared the new name for the former airport in Park Township: Park Township Community Park. He also shared that they will be working on an ordinance for bike paths in the township – what is allowed on the paths (due to the current popularity of E-bikes). Ken De Weerd shared that Fillmore Township has completed road maintenance on 11 miles this summer, and 4 miles of road reconstruction. Their Planning Commission is working on a Land Use Plan, and this will be a record permit year for remodeling projects. Outdoor Discovery Network demolished a 100-year old building and will be constructing a new community use building. Discussion of ARPA use funds continues. The agricultural community is flourishing this year – and as a result Boeve Farms generously provided a “sampling” of their produce for members today.

## **VIII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT** - Mr. Latham adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: September 25, 2023, Park Township Hall, 52 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue,  
Holland, MI 49424