

Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government

MACC POLICY BOARD

September 25, 2023, 12:00 pm
Park Township Hall
52 152nd Avenue, Holland, MI 49424

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, Jacob Bonnema, Ken De Weerd, Jim Gerard, Sally Gruppen, Linda Howell, John Kleinheksel, Al Nienhuis, Terry Nienhuis, Mike Sabatino, Russ Te Slaa, Kurt Van Koevering, Pankaj Rajadhyaksha, Jim Storey, Melissa Veldheer, Luke Walters

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Camenga (videographer), 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. Storey and seconded by Mr. T. Nienhuis to approve the August 28, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment - Mr. Miller presented the details on the amendment needed to add a new project to the TIP.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the FY 2023-2026 TIP amendment as listed Motion carried.**

B. Approve LRTP Chapters Three, Four, Five, & Seven – Mr. Miller noted that members were sent these chapters earlier via email to review. Chapter six is being revised and will be presented at a later policy meeting. Mr. Latham requested that any “changes” be highlighted so members can easily find them.

*****It was moved by Mr. T. Nienhuis and seconded by Mr. Sabatino to approve the LRTP Chapters Three, Four, Five and Seven as presented. Motion carried.**

C. Approve LRTP Project List – Mr. Miller presented general information on the subject list, and how it was created and that it was approved by the TAC.

*****It was moved by Mr. Gerard and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the LRTP Project List as presented. Motion carried.**

- D. Approval to Pursue the Reconnecting Connecting Communities Grant – Mr. Lathan presented details on this grant that MACC is interested in pursuing for the BL–I196 pedestrian crossing. Even if we don't get this grant, it will give us time to learn what is needed and be ready for the next round of grants.

Mr. Bonnema emphasized the importance of this crossing, and Mr. Latham confirmed the location of the proposed crossing.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bonnema and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the pursuit of the Reconnecting Communities Grant as presented. Motion carried.**

- E. Green Commute Week Update (added to agenda at this meeting) – Mr. Miller and Mr. Latham provided a recap of GCW 2023 which occurred September 10-16. We had over 200 entries via our website, which accounted for 2,153 GC miles, and saved roughly 1, 658 lbs of carbon dioxide emissions. There were eleven winners who received gift cards and T-shirts. Good conversations with MACC staff ensued while the winners were at the MACC office.
- F. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent provided updates on the area road projects, 196 and M40. Both are nearing completion. Mr. Walters shared that the focus at MDOT currently is changing over to the new fiscal year.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

- A. Financial Report and Budget Amendment – Mr. Latham shared that the MACC finances are on track. He also presented details on the budget amendment, which is necessary to get a “clean” audit for FY2023.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks and seconded by Mr. ? to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried.**

- B. MACC Executive Committee Report - Mr. Latham provided highlights on the most recent Executive Committee meeting. The Reconnecting Communities grant was discussed, along with the MI Class investment opportunity and future strategic planning for the MACC. Mr. Bird requested that if any members have any comments or suggestions for strategic planning goals, please contact any executive committee member or Mr. Latham. We are also involved in the route study that MAX Express is working on.

VI. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- A. Member questions or comments – Mr. Gerard, our host this month, shared highlights of activities occurring in Park Township. Additional sharing by members present about their represented communities followed.

VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: October 23, 2023, Dragonflies Learning Lab