

Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government

MACC POLICY BOARD

Policy Board

- Thomas Bird
- Nathan Bocks
- Heather Bowden
- Gretchen Cosby
- Amanda Cooper
- Ken DeWeerd
- Jim Gerard
- Linda Howell
- John Kleinhessel
- Kevin Klynstra
- Al Nienhuis
- Terry Nienhuis
- Tom Oonk
- Pankaj Rajadhyaksha
- Mike Sabatino
- Jim Storey
- Russ Te Slaa
- Kurt Van Koevering

- Executive Committee

February 26, 2024, 12:00 pm
Riley Street Fire Station
131 Riley Street, Holland, MI 49424

MINUTES

BOARD PRESENT: Tom Bird, Larry Brown, Vince Bush, Heather Bowden, Amanda Cooper, Ken De Weerd, Linda Howell, Skip Keeter, Mike Sabatino, Jeff Salisbury, Jim Storey, Keith Van Beek

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Brown (Strategic Accounting), Jim Camenga (videographer), Eric Dykstra (MACC), Doug Vredeveld (Vredeveld Haefner LLC), Tyler Kent (MDOT), Jason Latham (MACC), Alec Miller (MACC), Judy Visscher (MACC)

PUBLIC HEARING – (required for approval of item V.A. 2050 LRTP)

*****It was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Howell to open the public hearing regarding the MACC's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Motion carried.**

There were no comments from the pub

*****It was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Bush to close the public hearing regarding the MACC's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Motion carried.**

I. ROLL CALL (for quorum)

Quorum was achieved

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****It was moved by Mr. Van Beek and seconded by Ms. Cooper to approve the January 22, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments

IV. PRESENTATION – FY2023 AUDIT RESULTS – Douglas Vredeveld presented the FY2023 financial audit results for the MACC. Our net position regarding investment in capital and unrestricted is good. Revenues are slightly higher than expenditures for both Transportation and Watershed. The historical transfer of

money from Transportation to Watershed has ended; the historical difference can either be paid back or written off. Overall, a clean audit.

A discussion of the amount in the Transportation fund followed; is the range and continued increase acceptable or not. Mr. Latham relayed that right now we are in a good position.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bush and seconded by Keeter to approve the FY2023 Audit Results as presented. Motion carried.**

V. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. Approval of 2050 LRTP – Mr. Miller shared that the LRTP revision has wrapped up! After approval today, the plan goes on for further approvals at the state and federal levels. Hopefull, final approval will be done in April/May time frame.

*****It was moved by Mr. De Weerd and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the MACC 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Motion carried.**

B. Air Quality Conformity Resolutions – Mr. Miller shared details on the documents prepared for Allegan and Ottawa County. It is an addition to the LRTP. Discussion followed about the problem of up-range pollution that ends up getting monitored by the Allegan air quality monitor.

*****It was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve both the Allegan County and Ottawa County Air Quality Conformity Analysis documents. Motion carried.**

C. FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments – Mr. Miller shared details on the two jobs that are being revised.

*****It was moved by Mr. Van Beek and seconded by Mr. Storey to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments as presented. Motion carried.**

D. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) – Mr. Dykstra shared details of where we are in the process of utilizing the \$300,000 grant we received last year. The first draft of our grant agreement has been submitted to the FHWA, and are waiting for their approval. Once we receive approval, we will then send out requests for proposals. Mr. Dykstra also relayed that “demonstration” projects by locals can be applied for without waiting for the plan to be approved.

E. Non-Motorized Committee Meeting – Mr. Dykstra shared that MACC staff will be out starting this Spring to rate side paths utilizing our electric bikes. A rating system is being developed for paths. All nine jurisdictions will get input on their paths to be rated. Staff hopes to do 200 miles of roadside paths this year. This plan and ratings will enable the MACC and members to apply for grants for improving paths as needed. We will be the first in the state to do this on a large scale!

F. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent shared that there will be a virtual public hearing on road projects on regional road projects coming up, along with another meeting regarding the local BL-196 project starting this summer. The big regional project that may be of interest to MACC area residents involves the freeway between Grand Rapids and Lansing. Dates for these meetings will be forwarded to the MACC.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

- A. Financial Report – Mr. Latham shared that all is good in this area
- B. MACC Executive Committee Report - Mr. Latham shared that no executive meeting was held this month. He did give a talk at the Lakeshore Advantage/West Coast Chamber recent meeting, that helped solidify ideas for updating the MACC mission and vision statements.

VII. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- A. Member questions or comments - Members shared highlights of activities happening in their jurisdictions.

VIII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT

*****It was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Storey to Adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: March 25, 2024, Olive Township Hall