

# Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

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## MACC POLICY BOARD

### Policy Board

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- 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

July 24, 2023, 12:00 pm  
Howard Miller Community Center, lower level, West Activity Room  
14 S. Church Street, Zeeland, MI 49464

## MINUTES

**BOARD PRESENT:** Tom Bird, Nathan Bocks, Amanda Cooper,  
, Jim Gerard, Elsa Hoekwater, John Kleinheksel,  
Kevin Klynstra, Terry Nienhuis, Tom Oonk, Pankaj Rajadhyaksha,  
Mike Sabatino, Jim Storey, 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**

Correction of July minutes, and suggested for future minutes was noted: add first initial in front of "Nienhuis" as appropriate, as there are now two Nienhuis' on Policy Board.

**\*\*\*It was moved to approve the June 5, 2023 meeting minutes as written (excepting the note above). Motion carried.**

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

### **IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

A. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Chapters One & Two – Mr. Dykstra discussed generally the LRTP, focusing on these chapters. The details were provided in the Policy Packet. Group consensus was positive. A vote will not be requested until the document is complete.

B. Adjusted Census Urban Boundary (ACUB) – Mr. Dykstra presented details of the adjusted ACUB. Mr. Walters and Mr. Latham clarified how this adjustment affects funding, and how those dollars can be spent.

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Rajadhyaksha and seconded by Ms. Cooper to approve the Adjusted Census Urban Boundary as presented. Motion carried.**

D. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent updated the board on the progress of area projects.

## V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Financial Report – Mr. Latham noted that the financial report included in the packet was from May; the hard copy provided as a handout at today’s meeting is from June. He then discussed details of the June report. We are a little over on “data collection”; but overall we are in good shape.

B. MACC Executive Committee Report (Memo Attached) – Mr. Latham discussed the topics discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting: we are starting on a “office refresh” – flooring and painting – estimating \$20k. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which describes the MACC-MAX Transit relationship is being renewed; no changes in wording were made. The “Safe Streets for All” grant application for \$300k was submitted; we should hear back in October-November time frame. The I-196 Business Loop pedestrian crossing study update: the MDOT project went out for bid last month. Comments received at the MACC/MDOT joint public meeting were incorporated, adding \$50k worth of improvements to the project. Location/type of crossings still needs to be determined; the draft report for this information should be in hand this week. The finalized report will be brought to the public, followed by pursuit of grants to help facilitate the construction. Work on the LTRP included meeting with 34 community groups/organizations to draft the update. Green Commute Week will be September 10-16. Information is now available to the public via our website, social media and signs at trailheads. \$500 total, split among 10 prizes will be available for participants via random drawing. ODC is looking for support for a consultant presenting MS-4 road salting best practices. Two handouts on resilience are available today, describing upcoming events for Green Storm Water Infrastructure and a Farm-Field Day. MACC staff will be attending the Michigan Transportation Planners Conference this week in Ann Arbor. Lastly, the Traverse City area is being designated a new Metropolitan Planning Organization in Michigan.

Mr. T. Nienhuis mentioned that Holland Charter Township has experienced an uptick in gypsy moth complaints. He inquired if any other member areas have noticed this.

## VI. MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

A. Member questions or comments - Mr. Klynstra welcomed all attendees to Zeeland. He shared highlights for his city: snowmelt is expanding, the Sligh building will be adding apartments, two new three-story buildings will be going up downtown and various evening activities and concerts for the public. Other members shared “what’s happening’ in their communities.

## VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT \*\*\*

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Rajadhyaksha and seconded by Mr. Klynstra to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: August 28, 2023, Fillmore Township Hall