

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Meeting

**September 11th, 2023
10:00 AM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM

Members Present:

- Al Meshkin – Laketown Township
- Al Nienhuis – Olive Township
- Brett Laughlin – OCRC
- Brian White – City of Holland
- Craig Atwood – ACRC
- Howard Fink – Park Township
- Kait Riegling – MAX Transit
- Ken DeWeerd – Fillmore Township
- Kevin Plockmeyer – City of Zeeland
- Luke Walters – MDOT
- Mike Sabatino – Port Sheldon Township
- Steve Bulthuis – Holland Charter Township
- Tom Oonk – Zeeland Charter Township

Others Present:

- Tyler Kent – MDOT
- Matt Block - MDOT
- Valerie Schultz* - MDOT
- Alec Miller – MACC
- Jason Latham – MACC
- Eric Dykstra - MACC

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2. APPROVAL OF 8/14/23 MEETING MINUTES

Craig Atwood made a **MOTION** to approve the 8/14/23 minutes. **SUPPORTED** by Ken DeWeerd. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments

Alec Miller explained the one TIP amendment.

JN: 219499 is a new job for MAX Transit focused on planning services – specifically, MAX’s new route study.

Craig Atwood made a **MOTION** to approve the above TIP amendments. **SUPPORTED** by Howard Fink. **MOTION PASSED.**

B. LRTP – Project List

Eric Dykstra asked the TAC if they were okay with the current LRTP 2050 project list. The following Non-Motorized projects were added:

Zeeland Township:

1. 76th Avenue (Byron to Perry)
2. Perry Street (76th to 74th)
3. 74th Avenue (Perry to Adams)

Olive Township:

1. 96th Avenue (Bingham to Blair)

Laketown Township

1. 145th Avenue (60th to 64th)
2. Blue Star Highway (Shangri La to 60th)
3. 136th Avenue (60th to 63rd)

Holland Township

1. 144th Avenue (Georgian Bay to New Holland)
2. New Holland Street (144th to 136th)
3. Quincy Street (John F Donnelly to West Shore)
4. West Shore Drive (Greenly to Quincy)

Zeeland

1. South Side Business Loop I-196 (104th to 88th)

Fillmore Township

1. 136th Avenue (48th to 60th)

2. 60th Street (136th to Blue Star)

Holland

1. 17th Street (South Shore to Central) BIKE LANES

Park Township

1. Ottawa Beach Road (144th to State Park)

2. Old Orchard Road (South Shore to 32nd)

Port Sheldon Township:

1. Stanton Street (US-31 to Lakeshore)

2. Van Burn Street (152nd to Lakeshore)

3. Port Sheldon Street (152nd to Lakeshore)

Howard Fink made a **MOTION** to approve the project list + the new non-motorized projects. **SUPPORTED** by Tom Oonk. **MOTION PASSED.**

C. LRTP – Chapters

Chapters Five, Six, and Seven were brought to the TAC. It was discussed that the chapter six M-231 section should be rewritten including comments from TAC members and then sent back out for approval.

Kait Riegling made a **MOTION** to approve LRTP Chapters Five and Seven, **SUPPORTED** by Mike Sabatino. **MOTION PASSED.**

D. Reconnecting Communities Grant

Eric Dykstra and Jason Latham explained the MACC's intention to seek the Reconnecting Communities Grant (RCG) for the I-196 BL Pedestrian Bridge project. Jason clarified that although the project is still in its early stages of cost estimation/funding, it aligns with the RCG's provisions for projects without finalized funding. The grant application deadline is set for the end of September, and there is an awareness that the MACC may not secure it this time, but anticipates valuable feedback to enhance future applications. Notably, both the City of Zeeland and Zeeland Charter Township expressed their support for this endeavor.

Brett Laughlin made a **MOTION** to suggest that the MACC pursues the Reconnecting Communities Grant. **SUPPORTED** by Steve Bulthuis. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. COMMENTS BY MDOT

Matt Block explained that I-196 and Bryon Road are to open in mid-late October and have traffic back on their normal sides. Blue Star Highway bridge is open at exit 41. SB on US-

31 is also officially done.

7. COMMENTS BY MACC STAFF

Alec Miller showed the website and how to use the Green Commute Week form – already over 50 submissions. Velo City stopped by the MACC and gave us 2 gift cards to give away, along with some t-shirts and hats.

Eric Dykstra mentioned that later this month he will be going to the AMPO Conference in Cleveland, OH at the end of this month. Jason is also doing a leadership program this week. He also led an AMPO discussion at a national web conference.

The MACC also held a successful BL I-196 stakeholder meeting this past week.

8. MACC MEMBER REPORTS / STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS

Olive Township – concerned that the state wants to take over solar and wind control.

MAX Transit – currently doing the Route Study and had the first stakeholder meeting the other week. There also will soon be surveys on the MAX website. October 24th at Evergreen Commons will be the first of three open-house public engagement events.

City of Holland – Dual left at M-40 and Waverly was recently obligated. CoH is playing to close VanRaalte and detour traffic for a month.

ACRC – 146th Ave W of 48th is on schedule for a mid-October completion.

City of Zeeland – moving into block two of their Main Street project. Opened the section in front of the school.

OCRC – 8th / Chicago is still underway. 64th Ave just started and should be done in a couple of weeks.

Holland Charter Township – 8th / Chicago is moving along. Greenly Path from 120th to 112th will be starting soon and should be finished in early November.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM