



# Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

*A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government*

## **MACC POLICY BOARD**

February 28, 2022

12:00 pm

Zeeland Township Hall

6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, MI 49464

**Face Masks Optional**

## **MINUTES**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Howard Baumann, Jr., Joe Baumann, Tom Bird, Nathan Bocks, Vince Bush, Amanda Cooper, Ken DeWeerd, Sally Gruppen, Skip Keeter, Tyler Kent, John Keinheksel, Russ TeSlaa, Melissa Veldheer, Todd Wolters

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Camenga (Videographer), Jason Latham (MACC), Alec Miller (MACC), Judy Visscher (MACC)

### **I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. TeSlaa, supported by Mr. Joe Baumann to approve the January 10, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none**

### **III. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – Mr. Miller presented information on the following:**

A. FY21 Obligated Projects List – Mr. Miller shared that this list is for informational purposes only. This listing shows the differences between the programmed amounts and the obligated amounts. The two railroad jobs that show large unobligated amounts were advance constructed.

B. FY22 IIJA Funding Allocations – Mr. Miller shared that new allocation estimates/targets were received for FY22 after the passing of IIJA. Due to receiving these amounts late in the year, and the current situation with obligation authority, it was determined that holding a sub-group meeting to determine funding prioritization to jobs was the best way to go about this. All changes to add federal funding (and decrease the local match) to jobs qualified as Administrative Modifications as it did not reach the 25% increase in total cost threshold for a federal amendment. These added funds did not require any additional action from the committee – information only.

C. MACC CMAQ Estimates – Mr. Miller shared that the MACC's CMAQ amounts were reduced due to the IIJA Bill. The MACC was over programmed for FY23-26. However, they did receive substantial funding from the Carbon Reduction Program. At the 2/14/22 TAC meeting, it was voted to use these funds in order to make the CMAQ projects whole again. The remaining carbon reduction funds available, as

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✦ Executive Committee

well as added STP and STP flex funds in excess of previous targets for FY23-26 will be brought forward to the committee at a later date

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Ms. Cooper to approve reducing the CMAQ funding, and replacing it with carbon reduction money to make the existing CMAQ FY22 program whole. Motion carried.**

D. FY20-23 TIP Amendments (TAC) – Mr. Miller and Mr. Kent reviewed the proposed amendments to the FY20-23 TIP. Mr. Miller explained that the Allegan County job was a non-motorized path that had a cost increase and a revised scope. Mr. Kent explained that JN: 212791 was abandoned and JN: 214956 was a new bridge project with two phases. The two phases (PE & PES) required amendment.

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Ms. Cooper to approve the amendments to the five projects in the FY20-23 TIP as presented. Motion carried.**

A. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent shared that MDOT is looking at this new federal IIJA funding, and how it can be used in state transportation projects, focusing on preservation first. Flexibility is important. He also shared some details on I-196 work this year. The decking on the Grand Haven bridge is being replaced, and all bridge work should be complete by the end of this summer.

**IV. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)** – an update of the CEP program was provided by Mr. TeSlaa. The goal of the CEP is to help fund startup projects that enhance quality of life in the MACC area. Applications for projects are on the MACC website, and proposed projects are reviewed four times a year at the CEP Board meetings. He encouraged more MACC members to participate.

A. Summary Report of awards - CY2021

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

A. Financial Report – Mr. Bird discussed the current MACC financials. Not many changes; still waiting for some funding streams to come in. Expenses are down slightly because of changes in personnel/vacancies.

B. MACC Executive Committee Report - Mr. Bird shared that Mr. Latham was welcomed as the new MACC Executive Director, and Executive Committee structure/duties were discussed. Updates on current initiatives were discussed.

C. Authorize additional executive officers to assume banking powers for the MACC - Mr. Latham discussed the request for changes to the current authorization for various banking tasks.

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Howard Baumann, supported by Mr. Bush to authorize banking powers for the MACC as presented in the memo attached. Motion carried.**

D. Fireworks for July 4, 2022 – Mr. Latham presented the request for contributions to the 2022 community fireworks. Use of any excess MACC funds to defray the contribution split was discussed.

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Ms. Gruppen to approve the MACC collecting money from members for the July 4 2022 community fireworks, and approve \$36,800, to be split among member township/cities using the previous formula updated with 2020 census data. Motion carried.**

E. Welcome to new MACC team members – Mr. Bird introduced our new MACC team members, Jason Latham and Alec Miller. Information was shared about their work backgrounds.

## **VI. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

A. Host sharing about their community – Ms. Veldheer shared current activities going on in Zeeland Charter Township, including the imminent closure of the Byron Road Bridge, expansion of Gentex, Walters Gardens, rezoning of areas for various companies, and several building permits/area improvements.

B. Member questions or comments – Mr. Kent reminded everyone that TIP FY23 will soon be frozen, so get any scope/cost changes, etc. in before the deadline.

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

Next Meeting: March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 12:00 pm | Olive Township Hall

\*\*\*Action Item