



**Macatawa Area
Coordinating Council**
A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Meeting

**February 13th, 2023
10:00 AM**

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM

Members Present:

- Al Meshkin* – Laketown Township
- Michelle Sall – Laketown Township
- Fred Keena – OCRC
- Ryan Kemppainen - ACRC
- Ken DeWeerd – Fillmore Township
- Kevin Plockmeyer – City of Zeeland
- Luke Walters – MDOT
- Mike Sabatino – Port Sheldon Township
- Melissa Veldheer – Zeeland Charter Township
- Al Nienhuis – Olive Township
- Elisa Hoekwater – MAX Transit
- Mark Reese – MAX Transit
- Kait Riegling – MAX Transit

Others Present:

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

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2. APPROVAL OF 12/12/22 MEETING MINUTES

Mike Sabatino made a **MOTION** to approve the 12/12/23 minutes. **SUPPORTED** by Luke Walters. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2020 Urban Boundary Update

In his presentation, Eric Dykstra showed that the Holland/Zeeland urban area boundary had grown from 59 to 65 square miles from 2010 to 2020. This represents an increase of almost 10%. Our urban area population has also increased from almost 100,000 to just over 107,000 since 2010. This represents an increase of just over 7%.

B. Area Demographics

In his presentation, Eric Dykstra showed that the MACC area has grown 50.30% since 1990, currently at 125,147 residents in 2020, and that MDOT is planning for another 50% growth rate between 2020 and 2050. If that is correct, we will have an anticipated 160,000 residents in the Holland/Zeeland area in 2050. Eric broke down race and ethnicity at the block group level for the following: Black, Hispanic, Asian, and American Indian. After this, Eric discussed poverty rates in our area, with data coming at the block group level from the 2016-2021 American Community Survey.

C. MACC Area Trail Connections

Alec Miller explained that the MACC is still working on updating their Non-Motorized Plan. He asked if all the municipalities would share whatever trail/shared use path data they may have. He also asked the TAC members to email him with suggestions for the most vital trail connections.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments

Alec Miller explained that there were six amendments for this month and they are as followed:

JN: 207573 – MAX Transit job, moved to FY23

JN: 207574 - MAX Transit job, moved to FY23, scope code changes

JN: 207578 - MAX Transit job, moved to FY23

JN: 218505 - MAX Transit new job, siphoned from JN: 207574

JN: 210058 – MDOT job, added ROW phase, scope changes, budget adjustments

JN: 214812 – ACRC job, budget increase

Ken DeWeerd made a **MOTION** to approve the amendments as presented.
SUPPORTED by Michelle Sall. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. COMMENTS BY MDOT

Matt Block touched on the I-196 Reconstruct Phase II. Contractors are beginning to remove trees on the EB side in March and MDOT is looking at shifting traffic the week of April 3rd. EB ramps at Byron Road will be closed for the season.

I-196 BL under I-196 work will be starting after Labor Day. The US-31 reconstruct to finish the SB roadway will also be starting in mid-April. They will also be planting trees on the newly reconstructed US-31 portion; finishing touches.

7. COMMENTS BY MACC STAFF

Jason Latham explained that the MACC met with Jason Sundell and they decided to have a joint public open house regarding I-196BL. The plan is to have it at the Howard Miller Library in Zeeland on March 1st. He also mentioned that the MPOs have been meeting to discuss the formula regarding how funding is dispersed. This will be changing because Traverse City will soon be a new MPO.

Alec Miller mentioned that the MACC will be traveling to Lansing on Wednesday to meet with MDOT to go over their 2050 LRTP. MACC staff is still working on their Non-Motorized Plan and will be starting their FY24 UWP. The website is still being updated as well.

8. MACC MEMBER REPORTS / STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS

Al Meshkin – have to do a historic review with their bike path along Blue Star Highway.

Mike Sabatino – has a meeting with Consumers to discuss future land use for the coal plant that will be shutting down.

Ryan Kemppainen – 136th Ave project will be in May letting for MDOT, with completion in August.

Fred Keena – traffic signals will be going in at 120th/Quincy & 136th/Quincy.

Elisa Hoekwater – mentioned they won many grants but are delaying buying an EV bus because the range isn't there. It's too soon for the technology.

Kevin Plockmeyer – let Main Ave project (streetscape, sidewalks, and snowmelt) Also reconstruct Fairview from E city limits.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Michelle Sall made a **MOTION** for adjournment. **SUPPORTED** by Mike Sabatino.
MOTION PASSED.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM