



**Macatawa Area  
Coordinating Council**

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**MINUTES**

**MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL  
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**January 12, 2009  
Holland Township Hall**

**Policy Board**

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H \*Executive Committee

**I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Members Present: Brian White (Chair), Linda LeFebre, Al Meshkin, Keith Potter, Steve Redmond, Sandra Cornell-Howe, Don Komejan, Brett Laughlin, Scott Nienhuis, Sarah Koepke, Todd Wolters, Howard Baumann, Bill Nelson

Members Absent: Al Myaard, Michael Toscano, Mark Knudsen, Jason Latham

Others Present: Elisa Hoekwater, Steve Bulthuis

**It was moved by Mr. Potter and supported by Mr. Nienhuis to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008, Technical Committee meeting as presented. The motion carried.**

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. White asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak. There was no public who wished to speak.

**III. TIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON  
FY2012 & 2013 STP NOMINATIONS**

Mr. Bulthuis reviewed the list of projects that were nominated for FY2010 and FY2011 CMAQ and FY2012 and FY2013 STP funding noting that \$11.7 million was requested and \$4 million was available. He then reviewed the list of projects recommended by the TIP Development Committee to receive funding. Mr. Bulthuis stated that the next step in the process is to have Policy Committee authorize staff to add these projects with those already in the TIP for years FY10 and FY11 and initiate the environmental justice analysis as well as other required analyses.

**Upon further discussion it was moved by Mr. Baumann and supported by Mr. Nelson to recommend that the Policy Committee authorize staff to submit these projects for environmental justice as well as other required analyses. Motion carried.**

**IV. MDOT 2009-2013 DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

Mr. Redmond reviewed Grand Region projects contained in the Department's Five Year Road & Bridge Program that are slated to occur in the MACC area. Mr. Bulthuis did the same for those projects in the Southwest Region. Discussion followed, in particular regarding the impact of declining state revenue.

**V. FY 2010 & 2011 SAFETY PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS**

Mr. Bulthuis stated that historically the MACC reviewed and prioritized projects being submitted for federal Safety Program funding. He noted that with projects needing to be at MDOT by the end of March, this review/prioritization process should occur in February. He recommended that projects be submitted by the end of January and that they be reviewed/prioritized the first week of February. He noted that a follow up notice regarding this would be sent.

**VI. ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE PROJECTS**

Mr. Bulthuis noted that not much definitive information is available regarding the economic stimulus package. It does appear that infrastructure projects, including road projects, will likely be included. He stated that the Policy Committee did direct staff to assemble lists of projects and he thanked those members who had submitted their lists.

**VII. 2005-2007 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 3-YEAR ESTIMATES**

Mr. Bulthuis directed committee members' attention to the Dec. 9 release of socioeconomic data on the Holland urbanized area from the Census Bureau. This information was compiled as part of the new American Community Survey process. He reviewed the document.

**VIII. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS/MEMBER REPORTS**

Updates on current projects were given by MDOT (Lansing) and Laketown Township.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

FY2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program - Mr. Bulthuis reviewed a request he received from Ottawa County Planning to amend the FY2009 program of the FY2008-2011 TIP to include state funding in the amount of \$157,569 for transit services in Ottawa County for elderly and disabled persons.

**Upon further discussion it was moved by Mr. Meshkin and supported by**

**Mr. Redmond to recommend that the Policy Committee amend the FY2008-FY2011 TIP as requested. Motion carried.**

Ozone Transport Study Luncheon

Mr. Bulthuis directed committee members' attention to an invitation to attend a luncheon on Jan. 21 where the results of a detailed study on the impact of transport on ozone levels in West Michigan would be discussed. He reviewed the details of the event and encouraged people to attend.

**X. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING**

It was decided that the next meeting of the Technical Committee would be:

**February 9, 2009**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Location: MACC offices (301 Douglas Avenue)**