



**Macatawa Area
Coordinating Council**

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**MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

March 9, 2009

MACC office

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I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members Present: Brian White (Chair), Linda LeFebre, Al Meshkin, Steve Redmond, Sandra Cornell-Howe, Don Komejan, Brett Laughlin, Sarah Koepke, Al Myaard, Bill Nelson, Mark Knudsen, Jason Latham

Members Absent: Scott Nienhuis, Howard Baumann, Todd Wolters, Keith Potter, Michael Toscano

Others Present: Jeremy Gonsior (Holland Sentinel), Elisa Hoekwater, Steve Bulthuis

It was moved by Mr. Myaard and supported by Mr. Nelson to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009, 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. PROJECT SPOTLIGHT – M40 BRIDGE OVER RABBIT RIVER

Mr. Bulthuis introduced Jason Latham, Regional Planner, for the Southwest Region of MDOT. Mr. Latham provided details of the work to be done on the M-40 Bridge over the Rabbit River. He noted that the project is scheduled to start in June. Traffic will be maintained with the use of temporary signals to allow alternating one-way traffic. The project is projected to cost \$827,000.

IV. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT UPDATE

Mr. Bulthuis reported on the numerous activities undertaken since the stimulus law was enacted. He noted that all the local projects identified to receive stimulus funding were approved by the Policy Committee. Mr. Bulthuis spoke about other potential funding from the stimulus law itself or as a result of “backfill” projects.

V. FY 2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Bulthuis stated that last month a discussion about the methodology for conducting the environmental justice analysis for the FY2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was discussed. He went on to discuss how to best handle agency consultations in developing the next TIP.

VI. MACC AREA NONMOTORIZED PLAN

Ms. Hoekwater distributed a timeline for development of a non-motorized plan. She noted that the timeline first calls for meetings with members to discuss nonmotorized needs in their jurisdiction. These meetings will be followed with workshops, a field trip and a second workshop (if needed). Discussion followed.

VII. MACC TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Bulthuis reviewed upcoming activities related to preparing the MACC's travel demand model for the next long range transportation plan.

VIII. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS/MEMBER REPORTS

Updates on current projects were given by MDOT (Grand Region), Ottawa County Road Commission and Allegan County Road Commission.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

FY2009 Unified Work Program Review - Mr. Bulthuis reviewed the status of tasks in the FY09 UWP.

Clean Air Action! Program – Mr. Bulthuis circulated the reservation sheet for the CAA display.

X. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

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

April 13, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Location: MACC offices