



**Macatawa Area  
Coordinating Council**  
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**MINUTES**

**MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL  
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**April 13, 2009**

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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, Glenn Nykamp, Bill Nelson, Mark Knudsen, Howard Baumann, Todd Wolters, Keith Potter

Members Absent: Scott Nienhuis, Michael Toscano, Jason Latham

Others Present: Elisa Hoekwater, Steve Bulthuis

**It was moved by Mr. Laughlin and supported by Mr. Redmond to approve the minutes of the March 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. FY2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Bulthuis reported that there had been three more projects, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), added to the MACC's FY2008-2011 TIP since the last meeting. He distributed a list showing all the MACC-area transportation-related projects receiving ARRA funding which now exceeds \$8 million. Mr. Bulthuis also distributed a timeline showing all the ARRA use-it-or-lose-it and redistribution dates. Discussion followed.

**IV. FY2010 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Bulthuis stated that staff was starting to develop the Unified Work Program (UWP) for FY2010. He invited committee members who had potential tasks for the new UWP to please speak to him. The new document is scheduled for approval at the July meeting.

**V. MACC AREA NONMOTORIZED PLAN**

Ms. Hoekwater directed committee members' attention to the memo included in the agenda packet on this topic. She noted that staff is continuing to meet with MACC members to discuss existing non-motorized facilities and also identify needed improvements to the system. A workshop for committee members examining needed nonmotorized improvements/connections, funding opportunities and possibilities for future collaboration was scheduled immediately following the meeting.

**VI. GREEN COMMUTE WEEK**

Ms. Hoekwater distributed a flier containing information on Green Commute Week (May 18-22). She noted that the activities planned for the week included a leadership ride, which committee members could participate in, as well as an educational forum on May 21 at the Holland Civic Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. She noted that the forum was free of charge and that local bicycle shops would have equipment demonstrations. Door prizes will also be given.

**VII. MACC TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Bulthuis reported that he had received employment data from MDOT for use in updating the employment inputs for the travel demand model. He noted that once that data was allocated to traffic analysis zones it would be sent out for review.

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

City of Holland

Mr. White reported that the design of the 40<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction project (S. Washington-Lincoln) was being reevaluated by staff after public input. It is expected that the project will be let later this year with construction in 2010. The Lincoln Ave (8<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)/7<sup>th</sup> Street (Lincoln-River) project is scheduled for letting in June and a July start. He also noted that projects on Maple Avenue (8<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>), Colonial Court (40<sup>th</sup>-s. terminus) and Central Avenue (32<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>) are scheduled to be completed this year.

Macatawa Area Express

Ms. LeFebre reported that route changes were recently implemented with the most notable change being the implementation of a deviated fixed route to the City of Zeeland.

Laketown Township

Mr. Meshkin reported that they were unsuccessful in acquiring Recovery Act dollars to fund the shared use path scheduled for construction later this year. Resurfacing of Island Lake Road and 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is also planned.

Allegan County Road Commission

Mr. Nelson reported that 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue (58<sup>th</sup>-Blue Star Hwy.) is scheduled for the July bid letting.

MDOT-Grand Region

Mr. Redmond reported that some capital preventive maintenance work is scheduled for a June bid letting. Intersection improvements at US31/Fillmore and US31/Stanton are scheduled for completion in 2009.

Zeeland Township

Mr. Nykamp reported that work continues on the Fred Meijer Trail that will connect the Upper Macatawa River Park with the Kent Trails system.

Ottawa County Road Commission

Mr. Laughlin reported that the River Avenue project (Howard- CSX) is scheduled for a July bid letting, Lakewood Blvd (River-120<sup>th</sup>) is scheduled for a June bid letting as well as work on Byron Road (BL196-64<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Improvements to Perry are scheduled for an August bid letting. The Adams St. nonmotorized bridge (wbd exit ramp – 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue) is scheduled for the May bid letting.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**X. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING**

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

**May 11, 2009**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Location: MACC offices**