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**MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

July 13, 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, Scott Nienhuis, Al Myaard (for Glenn Nykamp), Bill Nelson, Todd Wolters

Members Absent: Keith Potter, Howard Baumann, Glenn Nykamp, Mark Knudsen, Sarah Van Buren, Michael Toscano, Jason Latham

Others Present: Stephen Kloosterman, Dennis Grylicki, Elisa Hoekwater, Steve Bulthuis

It was moved by Mr. Meshkin and supported by Mr. Myaard to approve the minutes of the May 11, 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. FY2010 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Bulthuis reviewed the final draft of the FY2010 Unified Work Program (UWP) that was included in the agenda packet. He noted that staff was estimating the work effort for each program area as follows:

Administration - 15%
Short Range Planning - 40%
Special Projects and Studies - 30%
Long Range Planning - 15%

He reminded committee members that the document could be amended as unforeseen opportunities presented themselves.

It was moved by Mr. Nelson and supported by Mr. Laughlin to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the FY2010 Unified Work Program as presented. Motion carried.

IV. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT UPDATE

Mr. Bulthuis reported that a balance of \$103,000 in ARRA funding was available as a result of bid savings from the Douglas/Lakewood Blvd. job. He noted that there were two potential options for the money: 1.) pick a new project or 2.) allocate balance to remaining projects. Having a recommendation ready for Policy Committee consideration at their July meeting was desired and that a TIP Development Committee meeting would be held the week of July 20. Mr. Bulthuis asked committee members to watch their email for a meeting announcement.

V. TRAVEL MODEL UPDATE

Mr. Bulthuis reviewed 2009 population, dwelling unit and employment data estimates to be used in travel demand modeling activities as part of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. He noted the sources and methodology used in generating the estimates. Mr. Bulthuis stated that he would be willing to review the data at the traffic analysis zone level with anyone who desired. He stated that the next step would be to submit these to MDOT and to look at collecting additional traffic counts to support the model calibration process as well as review network attribute data such as turn prohibitions, speed limits, parking, number of lanes, etc.

VI. SAFETEA-LU REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. Bulthuis noted the Highway Trust Fund was projected to be insolvent later in the summer if Congress did transfer funds from the general budget. This situation is similar to what occurred in the summer of 2008 and Congress did appropriate funding to cover the shortfall. It is expected they will do so again. It was noted that the Obama administration is proposing to extend SAFETEA-LU for an additional eighteen months. Discussion followed.

VII. NONMOTORIZED PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Bulthuis directed committee members' attention to the nonmotorized activities newsletter that was developed by Ms. Hoekwater. In reviewing its contents he discussed the very successful Green Commute week that had been held in May as well as an update on the development of a nonmotorized plan for the MACC area. One activity related to gathering public input for the plan was by having a booth at the National Night Out event on August 3. This event usually draws 3,000-4,000 people and staff will have maps and be asking residents to comment on what they see.

VIII. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS/MEMBER REPORTS

City of Holland

Mr. White reported that the Lincoln Ave (8th-7th)/7th Street (Lincoln-River) project had begun and would proceed in phases. He also noted that work continues on the Maple Avenue (8th-24th) and the Colonial/Central projects.

MDOT – Lansing

Ms. Cornell-Howe reported that the focus has been on review of FY2010 UWPs and ARRA requirements.

MDOT – Grand Region

Mr. Redmond reported that work on the US31/Stanton and US 31/Fillmore intersections is scheduled with work on Stanton to begin first.

Macatawa Area Express

Ms. LeFebre reported that five new buses, two of which were funded with Recovery Act funding, have been delivered. Ridership is continuing to grow.

Zeeland City

Mr. Nienhuis reported that construction on Central (Maple-Fairview) is scheduled to be completed by mid-August. Culvert work was completed on Innovation Dr. and their local street resurfacing program continues.

Ottawa County Road Commission

Mr. Laughlin reported that the River Avenue project (Howard- CSX) is scheduled to begin in early August and Dan Hoe is the contractor. The Douglas/Lakewood Blvd (River-120th) is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. The subdivision resurfacing program in Park, Holland and Zeeland townships has begun.

Zeeland Township

Mr. Myaard Reported that the resurfacing of Byron Road (I-196 to 64th) is nearing completion and that work is scheduled for Perry (e. of 64th for one mile).

Laketown Township

Mr. Meshkin reported that in response to storm damage to the shared use path/road on 147th Avenue that work on 143rd would need to be delayed. The schedule for repair to 147th Ave. was unknown at this time.

ACRC

Mr. Nelson reported that repairs to the washout on 48th Street were not anticipated until mid-2010. Emergency critical bridge funding was being

sought. The Laketown shared use project (Beeline/138th/64th from 147th to Blue Star Hwy) was scheduled for the July 22 bid letting.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

West Ottawa signal optimization project

Mr. Bulthuis reported it appears that the proposal made to leverage FY2010 CMAQ funding to receive federal stimulus funds through Ottawa County to optimize signals in the MACC area had made it to the next phase of approval. He said that more details are likely to be available in August.

Pere Marquette Silver Anniversary

Mr. Bulthuis directed the committee members' attention to a flyer announcing an event celebrating the silver anniversary of the Amtrak *Pere Marquette*. He reviewed the information on the flyer noting the ticket giveaway to occur on the day of the event (Aug. 5).

X. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

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

August 10, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Location: MACC offices