



**Macatawa Area
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**MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

October 12, 2009

MACC office

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I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members Present: Brian White (Chair), Linda LeFebre, Al Meshkin, Sandra Cornell-Howe, Don Komejan, Scott Nienhuis, Glenn Nykamp, Bill Nelson, Brett Laughlin, Keith Potter, Michael Bippley (for Jason Latham)

Members Absent: Todd Wolters, Howard Baumann, Steve Redmond, Mark Knudsen, Sarah Van Buren, Michael Toscano

Others Present: Dennis Grylicki, Elisa Hoekwater, Steve Bulthuis

Mr. Bippley noted that he was not noted as being in attendance in the minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Potter and supported by Mr. Nienhuis to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009, Technical Committee meeting as amended. 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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bulthuis noted that as the new fiscal year begins it is necessary to elect officers. He noted that his records show it has been several years since a representative from Holland Township served as an officer. Therefore, based on past practice of having the Vice-chair assume the chair position, a slate of Mr. Laughlin as chair and Mr. Komejan as vice-chair was presented.

Mr. Meshkin moved to close the floor to nominations and unanimously approve the slate as presented. Ms. LeFebre supported the motion and it passed.

IV. NON-MOTORIZED PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Hoekwater reviewed the latest versions of the existing and proposed nonmotorized facilities maps for the MACC area that were included in the agenda packet. Discussion followed. She also directed committee members' attention to a flyer describing two upcoming public input sessions where the

community would be able to share their comments about nonmotorized issues and facilities.

V. FY2010 PROGRAM REVIEW

Mr. Bulthuis referred committee members to a listing of FY2010 projects which he reviewed. The following revisions/additions were made to the listing:

1. Limits of Butternut/River project were revised to state: s. of Lakewood to 144th
2. Project description of 96th Avenue job was revised to read, "Reconstruction with addition of curb and gutter"
3. Addition of new project:

Name	Limits	Work	Length (miles)	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Agency
48 th Street	@ N. Branch of Macatawa River	Construct bridge		744,000	930,000	ACRC

Upon further discussion it was moved by Mr. Meshkin and supported by Mr. Nelson to recommend that the Policy Committee amend the FY2010 program of the FY2008-2011 TIP as shown. Motion carried.

Mr. Bulthuis also distributed a copy of a policy titled, "Guidelines for Implementing Projects in the MACC Transportation Improvement Program". He explained that this policy was adopted by the Policy Committee in 2003 and its goal is to ensure that all projects receiving federal funds get obligated. He noted that with the funding situation as it is currently (no transportation bill), it is imperative that projects get let as soon as possible in the fiscal year.

VI. TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

Mr. Bulthuis distributed lists of locations where the MACC needs to collect counts to support traffic modeling and HPMS activities. The list contains 69 locations to be counted using the services of two companies: Traffic Engineering Associates and URS Corporation. Mr. Bulthuis also noted that he intended to collect counts again next year and that adding other locations of interest to members are possible.

VII. TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION STUDY

Mr. Bulthuis distributed copies of an award letter from the County of Ottawa announcing that the MACC had been granted \$500,000 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds. The amount is to be used in the western Ottawa traffic signal optimization study. He went on to note that rules related to the funding only allow \$410,560 to be used on consultant services. Mr. Bulthuis noted that he would be organizing the steering committee in the near future to begin the project.

VIII. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS/MEMBER REPORTS

Holland Township

Mr. Komejan reported that a nonmotorized facility is being constructed on Riley St. from Westshore to 120th. It is expected to be completed in the near future.

City of Holland

Mr. White reported that a revised grade inspection for the 40th Street (S. Washington-Lincoln) project was scheduled for later in the week with a February letting anticipated. Matt Urban Dr. (S. Washington-Ottawa) will be designed by a consultant. Mr. Meshkin noted that this project is part of the route for his fire department to access US 31.

MDOT – Lansing

Ms. Cornell-Howe reported that the focus has been on end of year activities.

MDOT – Southwest Region

Mr. Bippley reported that the scales at the truck stop on M-40 are in the process of being moved. He also noted that he is near to being ready to go to bid on a non-highway signage contract for Allegan County.

Laketown Township

Mr. Meshkin reported that construction continues on the shared use path (146th – Blue Star). The first 0.5 mile is complete with another 0.5 mile scheduled to be completed in the next week.

ACRC

Mr. Nelson reported that the programming package for the 136th Avenue project (58th-Blue Star Hwy) is to be turned in by the end of the month. Paving of Fillmore/141st is scheduled to be completed before the end of the month and replacement of the culvert on 147th in Laketown Township is scheduled for next week.

OCRC

Mr. Laughlin reported that the guardrail project on 96th Avenue (in the vicinity of the Sara Lee plant) was completed. Improvements to the 96th Ave./Perry intersection continue with a mid-November completion date. Concrete is being poured on the River Ave. (Howard-CSX) project. Work should be complete by the end of October/early November.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

SAFETEA-LU Authorization

Mr. Bulthuis reported that a continuing resolution to October 31 was passed by Congress.

2010 Census

Mr. Bulthuis referred committee members to materials at their place setting promoting the 2010 Census and completing the mail back survey. He noted that over \$1,000/capita in federal funding comes to the area annually based on census population data.

FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Bulthuis noted that several items related to development of the FY2011-2014 TIP would be covered at the next meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

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

November 9, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Location: MACC offices