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**MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

September 14, 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, Scott Nienhuis, Glenn Nykamp, Bill Nelson, Todd Wolters, Howard Baumann, Mark Knudsen

Members Absent: Brett Laughlin, Keith Potter, Sarah Van Buren, Michael Toscano, Jason Latham

Others Present: Dennis Grylicki, Elisa Hoekwater, Steve Bulthuis

It was moved by Mr. Wolters and supported by Mr. Komejan to approve the minutes of the July 13, 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 IMPROVEMET PROGRAM

Mr. Bulthuis directed committee members' attention to the memo contained in their agenda packet regarding this item, as well as a memo from Mr. Redmond with requests for amendments. The amendments considered by the committee were as follows:

FY2010

Name	Limits	Work	Length (miles)	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Agency
Highway Safety – Trunkline	General Program Account	Safety improvements		527,000	585,000	MDOT
I-196 (ebd)	@Zeeland Rest Stop	Landscaping		134,000	164,000	MDOT
M-121	80 th Ave. – 40 th Ave.	Rehabilitation w/ some concrete reconstruction		6,716,000	8,395,000	MDOT
M-121	80 th Ave. – Main Ave.	Concrete joint repairs/HMA overlay		1,587,890	1,940,000	MDOT
LRTP Alternative Scenarios	MACC area	Analyze impacts of different dev. patterns on transportation network		33,000	41,250	MACC

FY2010

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Small/rural transit system development study	MAX service area	Developing solutions to the challenges of moving a transit system from contracting services to in-house operation		100,000	125,000	MAX
Public input strategies study	MAX service area	Testing of various online communication methods in obtaining citizen input on transit service/ operations		74,000	98,000	Disability Network-Lakeshore

FY2010

Name	Limits	Work	Length (miles)	ARRA Funds	Total Funds	Agency
136 th Avenue	58 th St. – Blue Star Hwy.	Resurface roadway	2.8	480,335	732,400	ACRC
104 th Ave.	Paw Paw-BL196	Reconstruct roadway and replace culvert	0.3	506,085	760,000	Zeeland City
40 th Street	S. Washington-Lincoln	Reconstruct roadway	1.0	797,585	1,500,000	Holland City

There were questions regarding Disability Network-Lakeshore's request (public input strategies study) related to the work to be performed as well as the cost. Upon further discussion a request was made to separate the request from Disability Network from the rest of the amendments and vote on it separately.

Upon further discussion it was moved by Mr. Wolters and supported by Mr. Knudsen to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the requested amendments with the exception of the Public Input Strategies Study proposed by Disability Network-Lakeshore. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. LeFebre and supported by Mr. White to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the Public Input Strategies Study requested by Disability Network-Lakeshore and further that additional information regarding the study be provided to the Policy Committee and that a representative from Disability Network-Lakeshore attend the September Policy Committee meeting and answer questions. Motion carried. Ms. Cornell-Howe abstained.

IV. FY 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Mr. Bulthuis directed committee members' attention to a schedule that was distributed outlining the development of the FY2011-2014 Transportation

Improvement Program. Mr. Bulthuis noted that the first steps in the process included a review of the FY2010 program, a discussion of revenue estimates for the period covered by the TIP and a review of selection criteria/project submittal information. Discussion followed.

V. DRAFT NON-MOTORIZED PLAN REVIEW

Ms. Hoekwater reviewed the document contained in the agenda packet related to this agenda item. The document contained profiles of member cities and townships inventorying nonmotorized facilities as well as points of interest and transit access. She noted that future drafts will contain maps as well as elements related to costs of projects and safety data. Discussion followed.

VI. ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO SOFTWARE UPDATE

Ms. Hoekwater reviewed a scope of work for the Long Range Plan Alternative Scenarios Project. Seven major tasks were outlined and explained. It is anticipated that various scenarios will be tested and the results compared during the summer of 2010. Ms. Hoekwater emphasized that compatibility between the MACC's GIS, travel demand software and the scenario testing software is essential.

VII. TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION STUDY

Mr. Bulthuis noted that the proposal to leverage the FY10 CMAQ funding designated for signal optimization to acquire some Recovery Act funding from Ottawa County for the same purpose appears to have been successful. More information will be forthcoming as to the exact amount awarded and timelines.

VIII. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS/MEMBER REPORTS

City of Holland

Mr. White reported that the Lincoln Ave (8th-7th)/7th Street (Lincoln-River) project would be completed in the next couple of weeks. A revised grade inspection for the 40th Street (S. Washington-Lincoln) project was scheduled for October 1. A February letting is anticipated. Work on Colonial Ct., Central Avenue and Maple Avenue continues. Matt Urban Dr., a FY10 federal aid job, will be designed by a consultant and is anticipated for an April bid letting.

MDOT – Lansing

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

MDOT – Grand Region

Mr. Redmond reported that work on the improvements to US31/Stanton are complete and improvements to the US 31/Fillmore is scheduled to be complete soon. He noted that the access management study on M-121 is scheduled to be

completed in the near future.

MDOT - Lansing

Mr. Bippely reported that construction on the M-40 Bridge at the Rabbit River was to be completed at the end of the month. He noted that relocation of the truck scales at the Rock Island Truck Stop is being explored.

Port Sheldon Township

Mr. Baumann reported that the Croswell St. nonmotorized path (West Olive Rd. - e. of Lakeshore) is scheduled for a January bid letting. The portion between the western terminus of this project and Lakeshore Dr. would be completed with local funds.

Allegan County Road Commission

Mr. Nelson reported that the 136th Avenue (58th-Blue Star Hwy) project was scheduled for a January or February bid letting. Improvements at the 58th St/136th Ave. intersection are complete and beams are to be set soon on the bridges on Fillmore and 141st.

Laketown Township

Mr. Meshkin reported that construction started last week on the shared use path (146th – Blue Star). It will be completed in the spring. The culvert to repair the washout on 147th has been ordered and is expected in mid-October. Repairs should be completed by the end of November.

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.

Olive Township

Mr. Wolters reported that the guardrail installation project adjacent to the Sara Lee facility on 96th Avenue is under construction.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

SAFETEA-LU Authorization

Mr. Bulthuis reported that some sort of extension of SAFETEA-LU is being crafted. Proposals range from a 1-month to 3-month extension.

Traffic Count Program

Mr. Bulthuis stated that he would still like to collect some counts to support the HPMS and LRTP update efforts.

FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Bulthuis noted that this was covered as part of agenda item IV.

X. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

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

October 12, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Location: MACC offices