



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

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MACC office

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I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members Present: Brett Laughlin (Chair), Jason Livingston (for Brian White), Linda LeFebre, Sandra Cornell-Howe, Don Komejan, Glenn Nykamp, Steve Redmond, William Nelson, Al Meshkin, Jerry Felix, Howard Baumann, Michael Bippley

Others Present: Mark Vander Ploeg, Peter Daining (Holland Sentinel), Greg Chandler (Grand Rapids Press), Steve Bulthuis

It was moved by Mr. Redmond and supported by Mr. Komejan to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010, Technical Committee meeting as presented. The motion carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Laughlin asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak. There was no public who wished to speak.

III. NONMOTORIZED ISSUES

A. South Haven-Saugatuck-Holland Bike Route

Mr. Mark Vander Ploeg gave an overview of the U.S. Bicycle Route System and specifically designation of a U.S. Bike Route through the MACC area. Mr. Vander Ploeg had been contacted by South Haven officials re: the issue and he felt it important that the MACC review potential routes through the MACC area as it heads north to Ludington, Manistee and beyond.

A proposal was reviewed that showed the path running along 66th St./S. Shore/River/Douglas or Butternut and Lakeshore to Grand Haven. There was discussion about the intended audience, whether preference be given to scenic or most direct route and other issues. It was agreed that some formal recommendation should be taken by the group and submitted to MDOT. The possibility of making multiple recommendations was discussed. The chair thanked Mr. Vander Ploeg for his presentation.

B. Non-motorized Plan Update

Mr. Bulthuis noted that staff is awaiting responses from some members re: the latest versions of the maps showing existing/future routes. It is hoped that that information can be obtained in the near future.

C. Green Commute Week

Mr. Bulthuis distributed posters and flyers promoting Green Commute week. He asked that these materials be posted and distributed at the member's work places. A sign-up sheet for participating in the leadership ride on Saturday, May 22, was circulated.

IV. I-196 EMERGENCY ACCESS PROJECT

Mr. Nykamp spoke about a proposal to allow emergency service personnel to access I-196 through the Zeeland rest area. He noted that township officials have been in conversation with MDOT officials and the process has progressed to the point of the development of some conceptual designs which anticipate the utilization of some existing public right-of-way from Air Park Dr. to the rest area property. Emergency vehicles would then use the truck (north) side of the rest area to access the expressway. He noted that a public hearing on the project was scheduled for next Tuesday.

Upon further discussion it was moved by Mr. Meshkin and supported by Mr. Baumann to recommend that the Policy Committee send a letter supporting Zeeland Township's effort to provide emergency services access to I-196 through the Zeeland rest area. Motion carried.

V. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ALTERNATIVE SCENARIOS PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Bulthuis directed committee member's attention to a list of draft indicators and assumptions that are being considered for use as part of the alternative scenarios project. He said that any questions concerning the list should be directed to Ms. Hoekwater. Mr. Bulthuis also distributed maps that showed 2009 land use and land cover. The map was produced for the MACC by GVSU. Discussion followed.

VI. FY2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPORVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Bulthuis informed committee members that he had received new FY10-FY14 STP estimates which seemed to indicate that the FY10 program was over programmed. He reviewed his recommendation that would reduce the existing FY10 STP projects proportionally to align them with the new estimate. He noted that it was his intention to administratively make these revisions.

Upon further discussion it was moved by Mr. Nelson and supported by Mr. Baumann to revise the FY10 program as proposed. Motion carried.

VII. FY2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Bulthuis distributed the list of transit projects that will be included on the FY11-14 TIP. He noted that the air quality group that reviews project lists prior to performing the air quality conformity analysis was scheduled to meet later in the month. More components of the new TIP would be available for review in May.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

Mr. Bulthuis directed Committee member's attention to the memo in the agenda packet concerning this topic. He reviewed the various statutes and laws in the certification related to nondiscrimination, disadvantaged business enterprises, air quality and others.

Upon further discussion it was moved by Mr. Nykamp and supported by Mr. Nelson to recommend that the Policy Committee execute the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification. Motion carried.

IX. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS/MEMBER REPORTS

Reports from members on current projects were given.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Western Ottawa Signal Optimization Study

Mr. Bulthuis reported that the data collection component of the traffic signal study has begun. He noted that cameras will be utilized to collect turning movements at several locations. The MACC's website will have information on where in the study area data collection is occurring.

FY2012-2014 CMAQ Call for Projects

Mr. Bulthuis noted that there is a delay in the call for FY2012-2014 CMAQ projects. It is anticipated that the call will be issued in the near future.

XI. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

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

May 10 , 2010
10:00 a.m.
Location: MACC offices