



**Macatawa Area
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MINUTES

**MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**March 8, 2010
MACC office**

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I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members Present: Brett Laughlin (Chair), Brian White, Linda LeFebre, Sandra Cornell-Howe, Don Komejan, Glenn Nykamp, Steve Redmond, William Nelson, Al Meshkin

Others Present: Peter Daining (Holland Sentinel), Elisa Hoekwater, Steve Bulthuis

It was moved by Mr. Nykamp and supported by Mr. Nelson to approve the minutes of the February 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. FY2012 SAFETY PROGRAM PROJECTS

Mr. Bulthuis referred committee members to the memo in their agenda packet noting that the MACC would be endorsing Safety project nominations but not prioritizing them. The following projects were nominated:

Safety Program

Name	Limits	Work	Length (miles)	Federal Funds	Local funds	Total Funds	Agency
SIGN REPLACEMENT	Olive, Park, Holland, Zeeland Townships	Replace signs		\$74,400	\$18,600	\$93,000	OCRC

High Risk Rural Road Program

Name	Limits	Work	Length (miles)	Federal Funds	Local funds	Total Funds	Agency
SIGN REPLACEMENT	Olive, Blendon, Holland, Zeeland, Port Sheldon Townships	Replace signs		\$38,400	\$9,600	\$48,000	OCRC

*Executive Committee

Mr. Laughlin explained that the two projects covered nearly 800 locations in the affected areas.

Upon further discussion it was moved by Mr. Komejan and supported by Mr. Meshkin to recommend that the Policy Committee endorse the project nominations and authorize staff to administratively amend the MACC's Transportation Improvement Program to include the projects should they be awarded funding. Motion carried.

IV. FY 2011-2014 CMAQ CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Bulthuis noted that MDOT had released their call for projects to be funded with Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) for the fiscal years 2012-2014. He noted that many of the conditions related to the program were similar to previous years but with one significant exception: construction engineering costs, up to 15% of total construction costs, were now an eligible expense. Discussion followed as to whether the MACC as it sends out its call for CMAQ projects should allow submitters to include engineering costs. It was decided to allow submitters to include the cost of engineering if they wished but it was to be disclosed on the nomination sheet. Mr. Bulthuis provided the anticipated schedule for releasing the call (Mid-March), project submittal deadline (April 23), TIP Development Committee review (week of April 26) and approvals by the Technical and Policy Committees (May).

V. FY2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Bulthuis reviewed the environmental justice (EJ) areas utilized in the development of the current TIP. He noted that he has no new data regarding the location of minority and low-income populations. Therefore, it is his intention to use the same EJ areas when analyzing projects being proposed for the FY2011-2014 TIP. There were no objections from committee members to this approach. Mr. Bulthuis distributed copies of a letter from Park Township stating their disappointment in not having the Ottawa Beach Road nonmotorized pathway selected for funding and requesting that it be reconsidered should any projects recommended for funding in the FY2011-2014 TIP need to be withdrawn.

VI. PROGRAM UPDATES

A. Nonmotorized Plan

Ms. Hoekwater distributed maps depicting shared use paths, paved shoulders and proposed future projects. Discussion followed.

B. Long Range Plan Alternatives Scenarios

Ms. Hoekwater stated that Grand Valley State University continues to work on the land use layer that will be instrumental to undertaking the scenario work in this project. She also discussed the role and importance of indicators in developing scenarios. She hopes to have these ready for

discussion in May.

C. Green Commute 2010

Ms. Hoekwater described her work with the Youth Advisory Council of the Holland/Zeeland Community Foundation as part of the activities planned for the 2010 Green Commute Program scheduled for May 17-22. Discussion followed.

D. FY2011 CMAQ Program

Mr. Bulhuis stated that MDOT is asking that the FY2011 projects be submitted for review and eligibility. He reviewed the FY2011 CMAQ projects and noted that staff would be working with the agencies programmed to receive these funds.

E. Western Ottawa Signal Optimization Study

Mr. Bulhuis stated that the Request for Proposals (RFP) of the study had been sent out and that proposals were due back today. He noted that the RFP required that data collection begin in early April.

VII. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS/MEMBER REPORTS

OCRC

Mr. Laughlin reported that the River/Butternut project (s. of Lakewood Blvd-144th) is on schedule for a June bidletting. A July bidletting is expected for the Riley St. widening project (120th-112th). Improvements to 96th Avenue (Riley-ZC limits) will be bid locally.

ACRC

Mr. Nelson reported that the 136th Avenue (58th-Blue Star) project came in under engineer's estimate and was awarded to Reith-Riley. Replacement of the 48th Street Bridge is scheduled for the April 2 bidletting.

City of Holland

Mr. White reported that the 40th Street (S. Washington-Lincoln) project was proceeding with work scheduled to begin late March/early April. A grade inspection for the Matt Urban (S.Washington-City Limits) occurred last week with a July letting anticipated. The ditch enclosure project on 40th St. (Industrial-Waverly) will be obligated in 2010 but constructed in 2011. Resurfacing jobs on Waverly Rd. (BL196-8th), 32nd St (US31-Beechcreek) and Brooks Avenue (32nd-40th) are scheduled for completion after July 1.

Zeeland Township

Mr. Nykamp reported that a critical meeting was to be held in the coming days where the fate of the Fred Meijer trail would be determined. He noted that 15 building permits had been issued.

Holland Township

Mr. Komejan reported that the pathway approach segments to the nonmotorized bridge over I-196 are scheduled to be completed by the end of April.

Laketown Township

Mr. Meshkin reported that work will continue on the shared use path (Blue Star Hwy. – 147th) when the weather breaks.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)

Mr. Bulthuis reported that work continues on the MACC's HPMS submittal which is expected to be submitted in the near future.

Administrative Adjustment to Matt Urban Project

Mr. Bulthuis noted that the western limit of the City of Holland's Matt Urban project has been revised to "400' w. of city limit".

IX. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

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

April 12, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Location: MACC offices