



**Macatawa Area
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A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government

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**MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**December 12, 2011
MACC Office**

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members Present: Don Komejan (Vice Chair), Michael Bippley, Howard Baumann, Larry W. Brown, Linda LeFebre, Ray Lenze, Al Meshkin, Scott Nienhuis, Glenn Nykamp, Steve Redmond, Sarah Van Buren (conference call), Steve Van Hoeven (representing Brett Laughlin), Brian White

Others Present: Steve Bulthuis, Greg Chandler, Kathryn Gray, Art Green, Dennis Grylicki, Elisa Hoekwater, Kheran Joseph

*****It was moved by Mr. Nykamp and supported by Mr. Baumann to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting. The motion carried.**

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no individuals who wished to comment at the meeting.

III. M-40 SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT

Mr. Bulthuis provided background on the study, including a summary of crash data completed as part of the existing analysis, reviewing high volume critical movements and peak hour traffic volumes. The Technical Committee discussed congestion deficiencies (through the horizon year) as well as operational changes recommended by the consultant, Parsons Brinckerhoff. Central among the recommendations was the construction of a new loop ramp from Southbound M-40 to Eastbound I-196 at a cost of approximately \$1.3 million.

IV. DISABILITY NETWORK/LAKESHORE REPORT ON VEHICLE FOR CHANGE STUDY ***

Ms. Kathryn Gray, Policy Specialist with the Disability Network provided the Technical Committee with an overview of a Service Delivery and New Technologies grant which is being submitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation. The project would examine non-motorized barriers and recommend strategies to improve the use of public transportation. Using an action research model, the Disability Network will be meeting with stakeholders to discuss questions and concerns, complete surveys, and gather input from 7 units of government within the MACC

area. The study area intentionally includes locations not currently served by the Macatawa Area Express and will provide recommendations to improve accessibility in the future. The 3-year grant would begin October 2012.

*** Mr. Redmond made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee endorse this project and to include it on the illustrative list of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with the project being amended into the TIP upon grant approval. The motion was supported by Ms. LeFebre. The motion carried.

V. AMENDMENT TO FY 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)***

Last month the MACC Policy Committee accepted the recommendations from the Technical Committee regarding the prioritization of the Local Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program for FY 2012. These projects included the following: (1) City of Zeeland hospital loop non-motorized path construction, located along Fairview (Main to Washington) and Washington (Fairview to the hospital); (2) Quincy Street non-motorized path construction in Holland Charter Township (Quincy from 112th to Jim Kaat Park); (3) the regional Clean Air Action Program within the MACC area; and (4) rideshare/vanpool services within Ottawa/Allegan/Kent Counties. Mr. Bulthuis reviewed a memorandum to Technical Committee members seeking action to amend the FY 2012 program to include these prioritized projects, pending eligibility determination by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

***It was moved by Mr. Baumann and supported by Mr. Nykamp to recommend that the MACC Policy Committee amend the FY 2012 Program to include the four prioritized projects into the FY 2011-2014 TIP pending approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The motion carried.

VI. REPORT ON MDOT PRELIMINARY DRAFT FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM FOR 2012-2016

Mr. Redmond informed the Technical Committee of operational changes within the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and introduced Art Green, new director of the Muskegon Transportation Service Center. Mr. Redmond then reviewed the Grand Region's portion of MDOT's 2012-2016 Road & Bridge Program which included the Grand Region's portion of MDOT's 2012-2016 Road & Bridge Program which included the US-31 reconstruction project, from Lakewood Boulevard to Quincy Street, which is to occur in 2016. The Technical Committee discussed capacity improvements along US-31 which are subject to funding availability. The Southwest Region's projects were also reviewed.

VII. REVIEW OF FY 2011 OBLIGATED PROJECTS***

Ms. Hoekwater reviewed a list of transportation projects obligated in FY 2011. Federal funding obligated for these 31 projects was \$21.6 million with total project costs of \$33 million.

***Mr. Neinhuis made a motion that this list be recommended for approval by the MACC Policy Committee. The motion was supported by Mr. Redmond. The motion carried.

VIII. UPDATE ON REGIONAL NON-MOTORIZED PLAN

Ms. Hoekwater distributed a series of maps illustrating the US 35 Bicycle Route and possible routes for future paved shoulders/bike lanes and shared use paths within the region. Following a meeting with the Macatawa Cycling Club, it was suggested that the East-West corridor originally proposed for Quincy Street be proposed as an on-street route on New Holland. This would provide an East-West connection beginning at Lakeshore Drive and continuing along 9.5 miles of roadway to 96th Avenue on the East.

The MACC Technical Committee requested that MACC staff meet with each of the units of government to discuss the potential for this future corridor. MACC staff will also provide cost estimates to help prioritize future investments. Once these steps are completed, the draft Non-Motorized Plan will be reviewed by the Technical Committee and then made available for public review.

IX. UPDATE ON REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT DATA RESEARCH

Ms. Hoekwater introduced Mr. Kheran Joseph, who began working to update the MACC employment database in June. A summary of regional employment was provided, illustrating the number of employers and employees for various NAICS categories. Discussion followed.

X. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS / MEMBER REPORTS

The following report was given by the City of Zeeland:

City of Zeeland – Mr. Neinhuis reported on the State Street project, which involves mill and reconstruction from Roosevelt Road to Business Loop 196. Mr. Neinhuis also reported on the East side non-motorized path, which connects Fairview to Zeeland Community Hospital and Main Street.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) Submittal

Ms. Hoekwater informed the Technical Committee that the annual Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) submittal is being completed by MACC staff and will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation. Ms.

Hoekwater requested input from local road agencies regarding dates of construction and roadway improvements, lane widths, and several other details regarding roadway segments included in the HPMS sample.

CMAQ Call for Projects

Mr. Bulthuis requested feedback from the Technical Committee regarding the possibility of submitting the M-40 corridor improvements (mentioned during the earlier portion of the meeting) for CMAQ funding. Improvements recommended as a result of the M-40 project are estimated to cost \$1.3 million and include a loop ramp from M-40 to I-196, and other recommendations from the safety and operational analysis. Ms. VanBuren requested more details about the loop ramp project. MDOT has plans to reconstruct Eastbound I-196 in 2013 and costs would be minimized if the recommendations of the safety and operational analysis were to be implemented at the same time. The amount of CMAQ funding allocated to the Michigan Department of Transportation for use in Allegan County is \$300,000. Mr. Bippley added that MDOT staff from the Southwest Region would seek other funds to help to pay for the rest of the project. The Technical Committee discussed whether some of the \$378,000 CMAQ funds allocated to the MACC region and \$212,000 allocated to the Allegan County Road Commission might also be used for this project. Mr. Bulthuis informed the Technical Committee that the CMAQ Call for Projects would be December 30, 2011 – January 30, 2012, allowing 30 days for applications to be completed. The TIP Development Committee will be convened in early February to review the applications and submit a recommendation to the Technical Committee for their review at the February meeting. The Technical Committee will make a recommendation to the Policy Committee for their consideration at their February 27 meeting. It was also noted that the Surface Transportation Program (STP) is programmed to 2014 and it is likely to have a two-year call for CMAQ projects: 2013 and 2014.

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned and all were reminded that the next meeting will be:

January 9, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Location: MACC Office