

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Meeting**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

Members Present:

- Al Meshkin – Laketown Township
- Brett Laughlin\* – OCRC
- Craig Atwood – ACRC
- Kait Riegling – MAX Transit
- Kevin Plockmeyer – City of Zeeland
- Luke Walters – MDOT
- Mike Sabatino\* – Port Sheldon Township
- Steve Bulthuis – Holland Charter Township
- Al Nienhuis – Olive Township
- Tom Oonk – Zeeland Charter Township

Others Present:

- Matt Block – MDOT
- Blake Wright – MDOT
- Alec Miller – MACC
- Jason Latham\* – MACC
- Eric Dykstra – MACC

\*Zoom

**2. APPROVAL OF 2/11/24 MEETING MINUTES**

Al Nienhuis made a **MOTION** to approve the 12/11/23 minutes. **SUPPORTED** by Craig Atwood. **MOTION PASSED.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Steering Committee Formation

Eric Dykstra explained that the MACC received the fully signed and executed SS4A grant agreement from FHWA. The next step in the process is to send out the RFP on our website and to local consultants. Consultant selection will take place within a month of making the RFP public.

It was also discussed that the MACC would like to form the steering committee. The meetings would take place immediately after TAC meetings.

Craig Atwood – Allegan County Road Commission  
Brett Laughlin – Ottawa County Road Commission  
Brian White – City of Holland  
Kevin Plockmeyer – City of Zeeland

All agreed to be on the steering committee.

### B. I-196 BL Construction Meeting – March 26<sup>th</sup>

Jason Latham mentioned that a meeting to explain the construction process of I-196 BL is coming up. MDOT asked if the MACC would like to attend to answer possible questions regarding the pedestrian bridge crossing.

Matt Block explained that MDOT will be starting on the EB lanes (WB lanes for entry to Holland will be open for Tulip Time, leaving will require a detour)

## 5. ACTION ITEMS.

### A. FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment

**JN: 214789** – When the CMAQ funding was added, the total budget was erroneously increased, instead of the CMAQ funding replacing extra local match. The funding split for both the STUL and CMAQ portions are both now at 80/20.

**JN: 220529** – New bridge job

Brian White made a **MOTION** to approve the TIP amendments.  
**SUPPORTED** by Steve Bulthuis. **MOTION PASSED.**

### B. Non-Motorized Plan – Rating System Approval

Eric Dykstra recommended a 1-5 rating system of side paths. Steve Bulthuis mentioned that when HCT paths were rated a few years back, 60/70 miles were rated as a 3. Steve wondered if there was a way we could increase the rating to show the difference between a good 3 and a bad 3. A 1-6 rating was suggested which ties in a Good (5-6), Fair (3-4), Poor (1-2) system.

Al Meshkin made a **MOTION** to adopt the 1-6 rating system for side paths.  
**SUPPORTED** by Tom Oonk. **MOTION PASSED.**

There was also a discussion about what the MACC would be rating, but the TAC was unable to come up with an official definition and decided to table the talk until next month's meeting. The definition will be along the lines of

“Non-motorized side paths, constructed of concrete or asphalt and designated by the relevant maintenance authority, which are wider than five feet and generally separated from the roadway, situated within a legal right-of-way”

### **C. Traffic Counts Contract Approval**

Eric Dykstra explained that the MACC has received bids for traffic counts. DLZ was the low bid at \$17,500 for 55 locations.

## **6. COMMENTS BY MDOT**

Luke Walters: Open call for projects for safety (2026) and local bridge (2027) projects are closing soon.

Matt Block: Just south of M45 indirect left turn reconfiguration at US-31 from Pierce Street, north to south of M-45 which will be starting July 15<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>.

M40 48<sup>th</sup> St. to 52<sup>nd</sup> St. will do a chip and fog scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

## **7. COMMENTS BY MACC STAFF**

Jason Latham: The MACC is looking for a summer intern to be an Environmental Planner. This will be a full 40/week job to help with Green Commute Week, ODC, and the NMP.

The MACC is still actively looking at grants for the pedestrian bridge. They are looking at a new Fitness Foundation Grant.

## **8. MACC MEMBER REPORTS / STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS**

Zeeland Charter Township – Couple resurfacing jobs of pathways.

MAX Transit – Kate discussed all the new route changes

Olive Township – Dandelion Festival will be back this summer!

Holland Charter Township – Quincy pathway from 136<sup>th</sup> to John. F Donnelley has been awarded. Part of last year's resurfacing wasn't finished, so that will resume on Lakewood. Middle Mac Pathway - pathway between Hawthorne Pond through HCT to Upper Mac ZCT got awarded funding. Looking to get started this fall.

City of Holland – Van Raalte project is starting later this month but will be paused during Tulip Time.

City of Zeeland – Starting phase 2 of the Main Avenue project in April (hope to be done by July 4<sup>th</sup>). Also looking at meetings regarding the pedestrian bridge.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM

