

MACC Macatawa Area **CE** Coordinating Council *A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government*

MACC POLICY BOARD

March 27, 2023, 12:00 pm
Olive Township Hall

6480 136th Avenue, Holland, MI 49424

Policy Board

- ✦ Thomas Bird
- ✦ Nathan Bocks
- ✦ Jacob Bonnema
- ✦ Amanda Cooper
- ✦ Ken DeWeerd
- ✦ Jeff Franklin
- ✦ Jim Gerard
- ✦ Linda Howell
- ✦ John Kleinheksel
- ✦ Kevin Klynstra
- ✦ Al Nienhuis
- ✦ Terry Nienhuis
- ✦ Tom Oonk
- ✦ Pankaj Rajadhyaksha
- ✦ Mike Sabatino
- ✦ Jim Storey
- ✦ Russ Te Slaa
- ✦ Kurt Van Koevering

Executive Committee

MINUTES

BOARD PRESENT: Nathan Bocks, Jacob Bonnema, Ken Deweerdt, Jim Gerard, Linda Howell, John Kleinheksel, Kevin Klynstra, Al Nienhuis, Tom Oonk, Pankaj Rajadhyaksha, Jim Storey, Kurt Van Koevering, Luke Walters

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Brown (MACC), Jim Camenga (Videographer), Eric Dykstra (MACC), Tyler Kent (MDOT), Jason Latham (MACC), Alec Miller (MACC), Douglas Vredevelde (Vredvelde Haefner LLC), Judy Visscher (MACC)

I. **ROLL CALL (for quorum)** – 12 voting members were present. Quorum was achieved.

II. **INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*****It was moved by Mr. Klynstra, supported by Ms. Howell to approve the February 27, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

III. **2023 AUDIT PRESENTATION** – Douglas Vredevelde presented the audit results for the MACC FY2022. Overall, results are good. Highlights include: the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) documented nearly \$75M in regional projects, the Watershed Project has been subcontracted out to the Outdoor Discovery Center Network, and the MACC is now fully staffed. Grants increased, returning to normal after the COVID shutdown years. Revenues exceeded expenses for both Transportation and Watershed. The Watershed deficit that grew during the FY2017-2020 years, has been reduced during FY2021-2022, and so is heading in the right direction.

Members asked if there is anything that could be done better. Mr. Vredvelde emphasized the positive progress in reducing the historic Watershed deficit. Mr. Latham shared his ongoing goals of utilizing MDOT grants fully, and continuing the reduction of the Watershed deficit. He is hoping within 3-4 years the deficit will be made whole.

*****It was moved by Mr. Gerard, supported by Mr. Oonk to accept the FY2022 Audit Report as presented. Motion carried.**

IV. **TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

A. FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments – Mr. Miller presented the items on the FY2023-2026 TIP that are being amended. Tyler shared more details.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Mr. Klynstra to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP amendments as presented. Motion carried.**

B. Resolution – Mr. Miller presented detailed information on Performance Measure Targets. These are similar to the Safety Performance Targets that the MACC resolved to support at our January 2023 Policy meeting. Also similarly, staff is recommending supporting the MDOT Performance Measure Targets, instead of creating our own. Some of the state targets apply to areas outside the MACC, but we can still resolve to show our support for all the state targets, with no ramifications on MACC funding.

*****It was moved by Mr. Klynstra, supported by Mr. Bonnema to support MDOT's Unified National Performance Program Targets for FY2022-2025 as presented. Motion carried.**

C. March 1st I-196 BL Crossing Study Open House Summary – Mr. Miller shared highlights of the subject open house. The open house was shared with MDOT personnel, who were available to answer questions about upcoming road projects in the area. Mr. Miller estimated 75 people attended, which is extremely impressive for a public meeting. Comments and suggestions were received from the public regarding where the “best crossing” would be on BL-I196. The most popular suggestions were at Fairview/88th Ave, Maple St/92nd Ave and State St/96th Ave.

Next steps: meeting with CDM Smith to go over the open house results, getting additional input from a national trail expert, followed by a stakeholder meeting scheduled for April 15. Mr. Latham shared that after the stakeholder meeting, CDM Smith will put together a cost estimate and a high level design for bridge/tunnel/sidewalk improvements. That information would be presented to the public for more feedback, to MDOT for feasibility, etc. and then onto final designs. This part of the project should be wrapped up by the end of May.

D. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent shared that I-196 project will start early April, with two westbound lanes, and one eastbound lane. Work on the Byron road piece will start in mid-April. Mr. Walters shared that there is currently a call out for bridge and safety projects, due early April and May 1. He will forward more information to Mr. Miller.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Financial Report – Mr. Latham shared that the budget is on track and a proposed budget will be presented at the April meeting.

B. MACC Executive Committee Report – Mr. Latham shared highlights from the meeting: Tulip City Airport discussion regarding future use of drone technology, updating the MACC dues formula with 2020 census data, to achieve a total of \$171,141 (invoices will be sent out in October 2023), Watershed dues staying the same, and working on preparing dashboard/goal targets.

C. Community Fireworks – Mr. Latham shared that the cost of 2023 fireworks and barge is \$36,600 (\$200 less than 2022). Insurance to cover MACC liability as the overall sponsor was deemed necessary, so that will be an additional estimated \$850 for \$1M coverage. The final total will be apportioned to unit governments according to the previous year’s formula (updated with 2020 census data). Invoices will be sent out in April.

Mr. Bocks shared that this would be a great opportunity to raise visibility of the MACC. Mr. Latham agreed, and will look into opportunities to achieve this.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Mr. Van Koevering to approve the cost of the fireworks, barge and insurance as presented, for an estimated total of \$37,450. Motion carried.**

VI. MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

A. Member questions or comments - Mr. Nienhuis shared highlights for Olive Township, including: their budget is in the black, and a large housing project is being planned by Stanton Corners. Mr. Klynstra asked about the Community Enhancement Program (CEP). He inquired if the MACC Board needs to approve any monies donated in excess of CEP member dues. Discussion followed. Mr. Latham suggested seeking a legal opinion on this issue. The board was generally in favor of doing this, without a formal vote.

VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dykstra shared that information on the transportation dues calculation and federal road mileage audit data (to update current mileage in member areas) is being prepared, and four-lane road and crash data will be presented at the June policy meeting. He will be able to map the relevant data for the presentation. Mr. Van Koevering shared that the bridge project planned for 96th St between Ottagon and Adams has been awarded and will start construction in April and will be closed for three months.

*****It was moved by Mr. Klynstra supported by Mr. Oonk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: April 24, 2023, Port Sheldon Township Hall, 16201 Port Sheldon St, West Olive, MI 49460

*****Action Item**