

MACC POLICY BOARD

January 9, 2023

12:00 pm

Holland Charter Township Fire Station
131 Riley Street, Holland, MI 49424

Policy Board

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

- ✦ Executive Committee

MINUTES

BOARD PRESENT: Tom Bird, Nathan Bocks, Amanda Cooper, Ken Deweerdt, Jim Gerard, Linda Howell, John Kleinheksel, Al Nienhuis, Tom Oonk, Mike Sabatino, Jim Storey, Russ TeSlaa, Kurt Van Koevering, Luke Walters

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Camenga (Videographer), Eric Dykstra (MACC), Tyler Kent (MDOT), Jason Latham (MACC), Alec Miller (MACC), Judy Visscher (MACC)

I. ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bird noted that he is now serving the Board as an “at large” member. Mr. Van Koevering is now serving as the Ottawa County Road Commission representative.

*****It was moved by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Mr. Bocks to approve the November 28, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

III. CEP UPDATE – Mr. Latham noted that a CEP application form and a summary of CY2022 has been provided to each member present to review. Eleven projects were approved in CY2022 for a total of approximately \$62,000. Approved projects tend to be in the \$2,000 to \$10,000 range. Disher, a strategic planning firm, was brought in to help the board see where they need to focus. Please share the availability of funding when you hear of potential projects in your community!

IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. FY 2023 – 2026 TIP Amendments – Mr. Miller shared details on these amendments.

*****It was moved by Ms. Cooper, supported by Mr. De Weerd to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments as listed. Motion carried.**

B. 2023 Safety Performance Measures – Mr. Miller, Mr. Latham and Mr. Walters provided details and clarifications on the subject targets. This item requires a motion for support along with a resolution.

*****It was moved by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Mr. Bocks to support the 2023 Michigan Department of Transportation State Targets for Safety Performance Measures. Motion carried.**

C. Public Hearing – Public Participation Plan –Mr. Miller shared that the “draft” plan was approved at the last Policy meeting. The plan was then posted on our website and sent to approximately 100 stakeholder during the public comment period that followed (November 14 – January 9), but few comments were received. We would like to hold the public hearing today at this meeting. Motions to “open” and “close” the public hearing are as follows:

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Ms. Howell to open the public hearing, regarding the Public Participation plan . Motion carried.**

No comments were received during the public hearing. Mr. Latham said that public outreach is a large part of the MACC’s responsibility, and we will continue to look for ways to improve.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Mr. Oonk to close the public hearing, regarding the Public Participation plan. Motion carried.**

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Ms. Howell to approve the Public Participation plan as presented. Motion carried.**

D. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent shared information on the upcoming construction season –mostly Phase 2 on I-196. Mr Bird asked about the barricades on US 31, the bridge crossing the Black River. Mr Kent shared that the pier in the rived is undergoing “critical scour”. MDOT needs a permit to fill in the void under the pier. Meanwhile, traffic is being re-routed from that section of the bridge.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Financial Report – Mr. Latham shared we are in line with major funding categories, and going into the first full year for new MACC staff, we have a better idea of what to expect, and how the finances work.

B. MACC Executive Committee Report – Mr. Latham shared highlights of the recent Executive Committee meeting: the audit is complete, and will be presented at the March meeting; the I-196 Business Loop study for a pedestrian crossing is progressing, MACC employee insurance rates have increased, and the Marketing Report prepared by GVSU graduate student Louisa Hall has been received (provided as a handout at today’s meeting). Excellent data! Mr. Bird provided a form for staff performance evaluations.

VI. MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

A. Host sharing about their community - Mr. Nienhuis shared 2022 highlights for Holland Township -- road projects, non-motorized pathways, industrial expansions and planning a recreation center in the old mall. Lots of activity!

B. Member questions or comments - Mr Nienhuis shared his disappointment in the way the first Ottawa County Commission meeting was conducted.

Mr. Latham shared that Traverse City has reached a population that creates an MPO for the area. Good news, but this will be one more entity sharing limited funding. More population information for our area will be presented next month by Mr. Dykstra.

Mr. Kent and Mr. Latham shared information about travel demand models, and that any local long range plans should be provided to MDOT via the MACC.

VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT

******It was moved by Ms. Howell, supported by Mr. Nienhuis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: February 27, 2023, Zeeland Township