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MINUTES

MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 8, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting (Due to Covid-19)

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

Members Present: Howard Baumann (Port Sheldon Twp.), Matt Block (MDOT), Heather Bowden (MDOT), Steve Bulthuis (Holland Charter Twp.), Ken DeWeerd (Fillmore Twp.), Howard Fink (Park Twp.), John Gutierrez (OCRC), Elisa Hoekwater (MAX Transit), Tyler Kent (MDOT- Grand Region), James Kilborn (Ottawa County Planning), Al Meshkin (Laketown Twp.), Luke Walters (MDOT-Lansing), Brian White (City of Holland)

Staff/Others Present: Mara Gericke (MACC), Tyler Kent (MACC), Meika Weiss (Pedal Holland)

***** It was moved by Mr. Meshkin and supported by Ms. Hoekwater to approve the minutes of December 12, 2020. The motion carried.**

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- No comments were made.

III. ADJUSTED 4-YEAR BRIDGE CONDITION TARGETS *** – Ms. Gericke and Mr. Kent (MDOT) presented the adjusted 4-year bridge condition targets. In accordance with federal performance measure requirements, MDOT established bridge condition targets in 2018, which the Technical and Policy Committees elected to support. It is now the mid-point of the performance period, which allows for adjustment of the 4-year targets. Based on updated data, MDOT has elected to adjust their 4-year bridge condition targets. MPO's are required to approve the adjusted 4-year bridge condition targets by March 31, 2021, or establish the MPO's own adjusted 4-year bridge targets by that date. It is MACC staff recommendation that our MPO region adopts the adjusted 4-year bridge performance measure condition targets.

***** It was moved by Mr. Bulthuis and supported by Mr. Baumann to recommend that the MACC Policy Board adopt the adjusted 4-year bridge condition targets. The motion carried.**

IV. FY20-23 TIP AMENDMENTS*** - Mr. Kent (MDOT), Mr. Walters, and Ms. Gericke presented the list of eight amendments to the committee. Mr. Kent (MDOT) presented the M-40 project, which is adding a center left turn lane. The amendment is to add additional cost for a traffic signal. He explained that the other two region-wide MDOT projects on the list

have been abandoned and are likely being reprogrammed for a different fiscal year.

Mr. Walters gave an update on the MAX Transit amendment. The amendment was a correction in funding to reflect an 80/20 split from the originally programmed 75/25 split. Local funding was removed from the job.

Ms. Gericke presented the two CSX Transportation jobs, one being an increase in budget due to a new estimate received from the railroad, and the other was an addition of a PE phase.

***** It was moved by Mr. DeWeerd and supported by Mr. Meshkin to approve the amendments as presented and send the list to the MACC Policy Board for final approval. The motion carried.**

V. MACC STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS / MEMBER REPORTS

MAX Transit – Ms. Hoekwater announced that MAX Transit fixed routes one through eight will be back on March 1st with capacity limits. Routes nine through eleven will not resume at this time due to social distancing requirements. Once more drivers are added, they will resume the remaining three routes. Reserve-A-MAX will be running on a limited basis of essential trips only. This is because of limited seating of six passengers per bus. All fixed route drivers will be going through two weeks of refresher training.

Mr. Walters announced that the FY23 call for safety projects is open for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) funding. Applications are due by May 3rd. He also mentioned that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant is now open for applications. The application period ends on March 5th. If interested, call or email Luke Walters at WaltersL3@michigan.gov.

MDOT – Mr. Kent (MDOT) shared that the work on WB I-196 between 130th Ave and US-31 was included in the most recent issuances of state transportation bonds. This work includes rest area building reconstruction along with roadway reconstruction on WB I-196. This project will start in April and is expected to last throughout the construction season. The current bid is from the HMA industry and the project is being funded with the Rebuilding Michigan Bond Program (RBMP) funds. He also announced that MDOT staff is required to work remotely through at least May 1st.

Holland Township – Mr. Bulhuis noted shared that the township board approved the estimates from the road commission for 1.8 miles of subdivision street resurfacing for 2021. They will also be involved in the funding of the resurfacing of 128th from Beeline to Riley. The board also approved extending the shoulder of the Quincy Street project from 120th to 96th by a foot, for a total of a four foot paved shoulder.

MACC – Ms. Gericke announced that the MACC is beginning work on the FY22 UWP. She also noted that they will be meeting with the Green Commute Week Planning Committee to determine if or when a Green Commute Week event will be held. Ms. Gericke has accepted a new position and will be leaving the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council on February 19th.

Mr. Kent (MACC) announced that he is working on filling the Transportation Planner position and the planner will be on board in either March or April.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS** – No other business

VII. **ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING**

Next Meeting:
March 8, 2021
10:00 a.m.