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MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 12, 2021

In-Person / Virtual Zoom Meeting (Due to Covid-19)

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

Members Present: Craig Atwood (Allegan County Road Commission), Brian White (City of Holland), Kevin Plockmeyer (City of Zeeland), Ken DeWeerd (Fillmore Twp.), Steve Bulthuis (Holland Charter Twp.), Al Meshkin (Laketown Twp.), Susan Gorby (MAX Transit), Howard Baumann (Port Sheldon Twp.), Tom Oonk (Zeeland Township), Luke Walters (MDOT), Howard Fink (Park Twp.)

Staff/Others Present: Tyler Kent (MDOT), Katherine Parker (MDOT), Matt Block (MDOT), Jon Roberts (MDOT), Meika Weiss (Pedal Holland), Tyler Kent (MACC), Anton Schauerte (MACC)

Members of the Public: Dennis Grylicki

***** It was moved by Mr. Baumann and supported by Mr. DeWeerd to approve the minutes of May 10, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.**

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- No comments were made.

III. MACC FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

AMENDMENTS*** – Mr. Schauerte presented a list of six amendments for the committee's approval. Five of the six amendments were approved by the committee at the May meeting, however, are being presented again to ensure the breakdown of funds is accurate before that information is submitted. Mr. Kent (MDOT) and Mr. Block stated that the remaining amendment (Job Number 212204) is an Ottawa County project but MDOT is carrying out the construction on Ottawa County's behalf.

***** It was moved by Mr. Atwood and supported by Mr. Bulthuis to approve the amendments as presented. The motion passed with Mr. Meshkin voting against. The list will be sent to the Policy Board for final approval.**

IV. 2021 TRAFFIC COUNT LOCATIONS*** – Mr. Schauerte presented a map of 47 locations for collecting traffic count data that was requested by the local agencies. Mr. Schauerte asked the committee members if they would like to see any changes to the

locations presented before they are officially submitted to consultants.

***** It was moved by Mr. Atwood and supported by Mr. White to approve the list of traffic count locations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

V. 2023-2026 TIP AND 2050 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Schauerte explained that the process for developing the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will begin in August 2021. In August, the MACC will send out a “Call for Projects” to the local agencies, which will need to be submitted back to the MACC by October 1st. After the job selection process is conducted in October/November 2021, the TAC and Policy Board will review the draft list and ensure it demonstrates fiscal constraint. In spring 2022, the MACC will develop the document’s text, layout, environmental analysis and air quality review. Once the DRAFT document is complete, MACC staff will bring it to the May TAC meeting for approval, followed by the June Policy Board meeting for final adoption.

Mr. White asked if the “Call for Projects” forms would be similar to the forms used during the development of the FY 2020-2023 TIP. Mr. Schauerte was not certain but would look into it and find out. Mr. Bulthuis asked if the area was still eligible for CMAQ funds. Mr. Kent (MACC) stated that only Allegan County was eligible. Mr. Fink asked why Ottawa County lost its CMAQ funding. Mr. Kent (MDOT) stated that every 7 years, the EPA reviews the ozone monitors and in 2015, Ottawa County met the threshold.

Mr. Schauerte stated that the travel demand model portion of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will begin in January 2022. At that time, MDOT will compile socio-economic data in the area and submit to the MACC for review. Mr. Kent (MDOT) and Mr. Schauerte provided an overview of the travel demand model and stated that Mr. Roberts (MDOT) will provide more detail on the model and process at a TAC meeting in early 2022. Mr. Kent (MDOT) stated that the results of the model feeds into the rest of the 2050 LRTP.

VI. MDOT UPDATE – Mr. Kent (MDOT) stated that MDOT Draft Public Participation Plan for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) is currently open for public comment. The Draft State LRTP will be open for public comment later this month. The State 2021-2025 Five-Year Transportation Program outlines two major projects that will occur in the area next year, including a project on US-31 north of I-196 in Holland and I-196 between Zeeland and Hudsonville. Updates will be provided at a later date. MDOT is back in person officially, though it can differ between different MDOT offices.

VII. MACC STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS / MEMBER REPORTS –

City of Zeeland - Mr. Plockmeyer stated there are three construction projects; including a project at Paw Paw Drive and 104th, Alice St. (101st St. to 104th St.) and a snowmelt system

on the sidewalk between Zeeland City Hall and the Public Library.

Port Sheldon – Mr. Baumann stated the Ottawa County Road Commission (OCRC) is finishing the application of a cape seal on Port Sheldon St. between Butternut Dr. and US – 31

Park Township - Mr. Fink stated that Park Township would like to explore the use of American Rescue Plan funds for MAX Transit. Park Township and Ottawa County have also had conversations regarding a rapid-flashing beacon at Lakeshore Drive and Tunnel Park to improve pedestrian safety. Ottawa County seems to be interested in that locations for the potential safety improvement.

City of Holland – Mr. White stated that the City is wrapping up the first phase of the 10th Street project. CSX will be replacing railroad track near 10th and Lincoln. It is also the end of the second phase of the College Avenue project (14th St. to 24th St.). The City is working with the Board of Public Works on a project on Country Club Rd/112th Avenue from 8th Street to Legion Park Drive, which will be a full reconstruct. There are also various resurfacing projects ongoing in subdivisions throughout the City.

Holland Township – Mr. Bulthuis indicated that the Township will be installing a sidewalk on near Roosevelt Elementary. A project involving the resurfacing of Quincy Street from 120th to 96th began July 6th.

Allegan County Road Commission (ACRC) – Mr. Atwood stated ACRC is wrapping up a 13-bridge preventative maintenance package. ACRC also recently hired another engineer.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) – Mr. Walters explained to the committee that the MACC Unified Work Program (UWP) has been submitted to the federal government and is currently pending review.

Zeeland Township – Mr. Oonk stated various subdivision resurfacing projects have recently been completed. The Ottawa County Road Commission is reconstructing 80th Avenue this year from Felch St. to Highway 121.

MACC – Mr. Kent (MACC) stated that he has recently submitted a letter of resignation as Executive Director of the MACC. Mr. Kent’s final day will be July 30th, 2021.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS – No other business

IX. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

***** It was moved by Mr. White and supported by Mr. Bulthuis to adjourn the meeting.**

Next Meeting:
August 9, 2021
10:00 a.m.