



**MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES**

**December 13, 2021**  
**In-Person / Virtual Zoom Meeting**

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

**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.), Elisa Hoekwater (MAX Transit), Brett Laughlin (Ottawa County Road Commission)^, Howard Fink (Park Twp.), Howard Baumann (Port Sheldon Twp.)^, Luke Walters (MDOT)

**Staff/Others Present:** Mark Reese (MAX Transit), Tyler Kent (MDOT), Matt Block (MDOT)^, Heather Bowden (MDOT)^, John Lanum (MDOT)^, Mara Gericke (MACC), Pankaj Rajadhyaksha (MACC)^

^ (Participated virtually)

**2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

\*\*\* It was moved by Mr. DeWeerd and supported by Mr. Atwood to approve the November 8, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT- None**

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. BL-196 Crossing Study** – Mr. Bulthuis presented the BL-196 Crossing Study discussion item to the committee. The City of Holland, City of Zeeland, Holland Charter Township, and Zeeland Charter Township would like to study bicycle and pedestrian movements across BL-196 from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Byron Road. Mr. Bulthuis proposed that a work task be created in the MACC FY 2022 Unified Work Program (UWP) to undertake this study in conjunction with an upcoming MDOT rehabilitation project. The project has not yet been scoped, however, the total projected cost is estimated at \$100,000. The estimated funding includes \$80,000 from the MACC with the four local units of government providing the 20% local match. This will be a FY 2022 study, meaning an amendment to the FY 2022 UWP and committee approval will be necessary.

Mr. Walters noted that the MACC is limited in Federal Metropolitan Planning (PL)

funding. Mr. Kent suggested that this could be a potential non-motorized project. MDOT staff agreed to look in to the potential funding sources and follow up with the stakeholders.

A motion was presented by Mr. Bulthuis for MACC team members to draft a FY 2022 UWP work task for the BL-196 Non-Motorized Crossing Study from 8<sup>th</sup> St. to Byron Rd.

\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Bulthuis and supported by Mr. White to develop a FY 2022 UWP work task for the BL-196 Crossing Study: 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Byron Road

## 5. ACTION ITEMS\*\*\*

A. FY 2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENTS\*\*\* – Mr. Kent presented three proposed amendments for the committee’s approval.

1. *Job Number 200683 - US-31: Central Ave. to 32<sup>nd</sup> St.*

An amendment to this job is necessary due to a CON phase funding increase over 25%. Mr. Block explained that the original cost estimate only included resurfacing for the road lanes. Later, it was determined that layer thickness required adjustment in addition to shoulder resurfacing being added to the project. Mr. Block explained that pedestrian and signal improvements at the M-40 and Lincoln intersection are included in the project. The project will be let at end of season and constructed in the fall. Mr. Kent and Mr. Block will follow up with the committee on whether or not local participation is needed.

2. *Job Number 210907 - M-40: 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 48<sup>th</sup> St.*

An amendment to this job is necessary due to a ROW phase funding increase over 25%. Mr. Kent explained that this is a preservation project tied to operational improvements, including a center left turn lane and signaling the 136<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. MDOT is working with the school district on realignment, bus access, and crossing options for students.

3. *Job Number 207962 – M-40: Reimink St. to 52<sup>nd</sup> St.*

An amendment to this job is necessary due to the addition of a project phase. This is a road capital preventative maintenance / single course chip seal project.

\*\*\* It was moved by Mr. Atwood and supported by Mr. DeWeerd to approve the amendments as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The amendments will be sent to the Policy Board for final approval.

B. 2022 Safety Performance Measures\*\*\* – Ms. Gericke presented the MDOT calendar year 2022 safety performance measure targets to the committee. The MACC has until February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to move to support the State of Michigan targets, establish their own specific numeric targets, or any combination of the two.

Mr. Lanum explained the timeline and offered to answer any questions related to the item. He explained that the targets are rolling targets and are increasing because the actual trends in the data are increasing.

\*\*\* It was moved by Mr. Atwood and supported by Mr. White to support the State of Michigan safety targets for calendar year 2022. The targets will be sent to the Policy Board for final approval.

- C. FY 2023-2026 TIP – MDOT Projects** – Mr. Kent presented the proposed MDOT projects to be included in the MACC FY 2023-2026 TIP. He presented an overview of the MDOT regions, project development measures and methodology, and timeline.

Discussion ensued about research and innovations in resurfacing technology and a temporary stop light on M-40. Mr. Block clarified that this is a temporary signal that will be in place through the next season due to ongoing work.

\*\*\* It was moved by Ms. Hoekwater and supported by Mr. Atwood to include the MDOT projects in the MACC FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The list of projects will be sent to the Policy Board for final approval.

6. **COMMENTS BY MDOT** – Mr. Walters provided an update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). An MTPA meeting will be held to discuss and determine funding allocations with a federal notice of the appropriation expected soon. Mr. Walters noted that there is no further information at this time and that he will keep the committee informed of future updates.
7. **COMMENTS BY MACC TEAM MEMBERS** – Ms. Gericke informed the committee that the MACC has not yet filled the position for Executive Director and reported that the MACC will be hiring a second Transportation Planner. Mr. Bulthuis reported that the interview team for the Executive Director position is currently reviewing the applicants. The application submission deadline for the position was November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Mr. Rajadhyaksha reported that 10 resumes were submitted and the interview team is waiting on feedback from one additional member. Once received, interviews will be conducted. It was confirmed that the interviews will be held in an open meeting format.
8. **MACC MEMBER REPORTS / STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS** – Ms. Hoekwater introduced Mark Reese, Procurement Coordinator at MAX. Ms. Hoekwater announced that MAX has 10 busses to replace in 2024, with funding typically available for two. MAX is seeking grant opportunities to fund these additional bus purchases.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

\*\*\* It was moved by Mr. Atwood and supported by Mr. Fink to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:**  
**February 14, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**