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MINUTES

MACATAWA AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 12, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting (Due to Covid-19)

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

Members Present: Craig Atwood (Allegan County Road Commission), Heather Bowden (MDOT), Steve Bulthuis (Holland Charter Twp.), Ken DeWeerd (Fillmore Twp.), Howard Baumann (Port Sheldon Twp.), Elisa Hoekwater (MAX Transit), Tyler Kent (MDOT- Grand Region), James Kilborn (Ottawa County Planning), Brett Laughlin (Ottawa County Road Commission), Al Meshkin (Laketown Twp.), Brian White (City of Holland),

Staff/Others Present: Tyler Kent (MACC), Anton Schauerte (MACC), Meika Weiss (Pedal Holland), Luke Walters (MDOT)

***** It was moved by Mr. Atwood and supported by Mr. White to approve the minutes of March 8, 2021. The motion carried.**

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Ms. Weiss mentioned that the City of Hoboken, NJ has a Vision Zero Plan and has seen zero fatalities in each of the past three years. The City is currently working on a high injury map and prioritizing non-motorized improvements in the future.

III. MACC FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS – Mr. Kent stated that Job Number (JN) 201136 is the MOT (Maintenance of Traffic) work for JN 201133. It is being brought to the Committee because it is a multi-MPO job. This is temporary cross-overs and shoulder widening. There will be cost increase, which will be shown next month.

***** It was moved by Mr. Meskin and supported by Mr. Bulthuis to approve the amendment as presented, sending the list to the Policy Board for final approval. The motion carried.**

Ms. Hoekwater stated that TIP modifications were recently completed, one of which was a grant to build 10 bus shelters. The environmental review and approval by the State Historical Preservation Office had been completed. Ms. Hoekwater also mentioned the 80/20 split of federal funding to local funding needed a small adjustment of \$1 added to the local share. This is expected to be the final modification required for this project.

IV. 2021 TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM – Mr. Schauerte stated that the MACC will be following the same process for conducting traffic counts in 2021 as was done in previous years. The MACC is requesting each local agency review the traffic count map on the MACC website and determine what locations it would like counted this year. Mr. Kent (MDOT) requested MACC staff to coordinate the selection of traffic counts with Jon Roberts at MDOT in order to prepare for the MACC’s next Long Range Transportation Plan.

V. HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (HIP) COVID RELIEF – Mr. Schauerte stated the available HIP funding required a federal to local match of 80/20, whereas the 100% of the HIP (Covid Relief) funding could be applied to the federal portion. Mr. Schauerte asked if the Committee would prefer to split the HIP (Covid Relief) funding 80/20 (Federal/Local), 100/0 (Federal/Local), or at a different split. Mr. Meshkin stated it would be best to keep at 80/20. No other comments were given regarding the split.

Mr. White stated there’s two projects has in the queue. There’s a railroad overpass over US-31 at M40 and Lincoln Ave. The City of Holland redeveloped the scope to divert storm water away from that location. As a result, the City of Holland requests additional funding to cover the increased cost of rerouting the water in that area. The second project had a minimal scope change but costs have risen since the initial scope was developed. Mr. Atwood asked Mr. White if he intended to use the COVID funds to get to the 80% federal share. Mr. White confirmed that that was the case, however, he stated the overall project costs would increase as well, resulting in a new estimated amount.

Mr. Laughlin proposed that Lakewood Blvd. from River St. to 144th Street obtaining additional funding. The Holland Board of Public Works will be putting down a transmission main next year and Holland Township also planned to put a water main in that section of roadway. Additionally, the Ottawa County Road Commission (OCRC) planned to widen the road from two to three lanes in the near future and hoped to complete both projects at the same time. Mr. Laughlin stated that combining the projects would provide savings to the HBPW and Holland Township. Mr. Bulhuis confirmed that Holland Township will be doing utility work and would indeed see a cost savings. Mr. Meshkin asked whether there were any City of Zeeland projects. Mr. Kent (MDOT) stated there was one Zeeland project in the Illustrative List. Mr. White asked whether the project proposed by Mr. Laughlin on Lakewood Blvd. from River St. to 144th Street was currently in the TIP or Illustrative List and whether anything would need to be completed in regards to air quality regulations. Mr. Laughlin replied by informing Mr. White that the Lakewood Blvd. project would need to go through the public comment process as it is not currently in either the TIP or Illustrative List.

Mr. Atwood requested funding for two projects in Allegan County to reach the 80/20 split. Mr. Meshkin requested funding for a project on the Blue Star Highway, but did not request a

specific funding amount.

VI. MDOT UPDATE – Mr. Kent (MDOT) discussed the Michigan Bonding Program that the Governor proposed in January. Specifically, Mr. Kent mentioned the specific upcoming projects to occur in the MACC area through 2024.

VII. MACC STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS / MEMBER REPORTS

MDOT - Mr. Kent stated MDOT employees will be continuing to attend meetings virtually until at least June. Mr. Walters stated at this time, the “Obligation Thermometer”, which is available on the Local Agency Planning website, is being used up quickly. Mr. Walters added that it would be beneficial for the local agencies to add any outstanding projects and plans soon.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS – No other business

IX. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

***** It was moved by Mr. Baumann and supported by Mr. Meshkin to adjourn the meeting.**

Next Meeting:
May 10, 2021
10:00 a.m.