



Michigan Transportation Planning Association

**Notice of Meeting**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 19th, 2024 / 10:30 AM

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**Meeting ID:** 815 6777 8255

*\*Action Item*

1. Call to Order	Jeff Franklin
2. Introductions	Jeff Franklin
3. Changes to the Agenda	Jeff Franklin
4. Approval of the October 15th, 2024 Meeting Minutes*	Jeff Franklin
5. Treasurer's Report	Anton Schauerte
6. Education Committee	Jason Latham
7. FHWA / FTA Update	Andrew Sibold / Kathleen Russell
8. TAMC Update	Ryan Buck
9. Finance Committee	Laurel Joseph
10. Policy Committee	Steve Stepek
11. JobNet Tech	Luke Walters
12. MDOT	
SPS General Update	Don Mayle
2020 Statewide NFC Review	David Fairchild
Other New Business	Jeff Franklin
Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10th (virtual)	Jeff Franklin
13. Adjournment	Jeff Franklin



**MEETING MINUTES / October 15, 2024 / 10:30 AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Franklin called the meeting to order at the Earle Center at 10:30 AM.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES\***

A motion was made by Steve Stepek to approve the September 17, 2024 meeting minutes, supported by Laurel Joseph. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. TREASURERS REPORT**

Anton Schauerte reported that one of the two checks from the conference came in, a \$1,000 sponsorship. Still waiting on the \$800 refund, once these checks go through the balance will be roughly \$21,500. The current balance is \$20,624.

**6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Jason Latham reported that the meetings of the education committee will take place following MTPA meetings. The conference is scheduled for July 22-25, 2025 in Holland, MI. The Save-the-Date flyers have been emailed. There is approximately 35 rooms remaining at the Haworth Hotel; there are additional blocks of rooms reserved/available at other local hotels, reach out to Jason Latham with questions.

**7. FHWA/FTA UPDATE**

Jenny Staroska highlighted SS4A awards in Michigan. Next NOFO expected early 2025. Trend in Safety is going in the right direction: less deaths and serious injuries. National Scenic Byway program opened and applications are due 12/16/24. Additional updates were included in the packet. Andrew Sibold announced that he will be transitioning to another role. Andy Pickard will be covering Andrew's duties in the meantime, he also introduced Grace DeLee as a new employee in the professional development program.

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Susan Weber also announced that she is transitioning to another role, Cecilia Crenshaw will be covering her duties. Additional FTA updates included in the meeting packet.

#### **8. TAMC UPDATE**

Ryan Buck reported that the TAMC Chair, Joanna Johnson is retiring after the next Council meeting. The council is working on PA325 Compliance Process to require counties and cities with over 100,000 miles of roads to complete a TAMP. 35 agencies have not completed a TAMP and face potential penalty. Also, \$75k was carved out of the budget for culvert data collection, bridge committee coordinating a kick-off this year.

#### **9. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Laurel Joseph stated that there were no updates.

#### **10. POLICY COMMITTEE**

Steve Stepek stated that there were no updates.

#### **11. JOBNET TECH**

Luke Walters reported that the October meeting of the JobNet Tech Committee was cancelled. Early next month there will be a demo on the TAP-TMA functionalities, final release is TBD. If interested in participating in this committee, contact Luke.

#### **12. MDOT**

##### SPS General Update:

Don Mayle reported the Air Quality Functionality in JobNet is live; MPOs will need to work with MDOT statewide program managers to get the reconciliation of IAWG dates entered for projects in 2025 and 2026. Mayle recommended pulling obligation reports early and report any discrepancies to MDOT. A spreadsheet will be distributed to clarify programming requirements of capped vs. pro rata projects. The 2026 Federal-Aid Buyout program will not be funded. An official announcement will be sent this week.

Clayton Sigmann announced that applicants interested in the National Scenic Byway program need to be submit applications to MDOT by November 20, 2024.

##### TPM Update:

John Lanum reported that safety targets information has been distributed, reach out to John or Kelly Travelbee with questions. 3 of the other targets were adjusted: Interstate Pavement Condition- Good; Non-Interstate NHS Pavement – Good; and NHS Bridge Condition – Poor.



MDOT is preparing a newsletter to detail the adjustments. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the due date for MPOs to take action/make changes on the new performance measure targets.

Federal Revenue Update:

Matt Lyle reported that FY25 federal apportionments have been received and will be sent this week. Also received and reviewing obligation authority from FHWA. Some will notice a slightly negative change in NHPP if you have received that previously. Laurel Joseph asked about searching for a solution that doesn't restrict funding, MDOT is looking into this.

2020 ACUB and NFC Review:

FHWA approved 2020 ACUBs on 10/4/24. MDOT is updating the web apps to reflect this. Geospatial files available upon request. Current approved ACUBs will be a part of the official HPMS submissions in April and June of 2025. 2020 NFC Review is tentatively scheduled for February 2025.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, virtual.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Franklin adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.

**Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA)**

**Meeting Attendance - 10/15/2024**

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
BCATS	Jeff Franklin	WATS	Ryan Buck
SEMCOG	Ally Racisz	FHWA	Andrew Sibold
SEMCOG	Michele Fedorowicz	FTA	Cecilia Crenshaw
MDOT	Clayton Sigmann	FTA	Susan Weber
MDOT	Kloha, Mark	MDOT	Cory Barz
KATS	Megan Mickelson	MDOT	Heather Hoeve
KATS	Ali Townsend	TTCI	Barry Hicks
WMSRDC	Joel Fitzpatrick	MDOT	Jim Ashman
FHWA	Jenny Staroska	MDOT	James Vansteel
MDOT	Lindsey Dowswell	TCRPC	Laura Tshirhart
MDOT	Matt Lyle	MDOT	Brian Sanada
MDOT	Heather Bowden	FTA	Kathleen Russell
MACC	Jason Latham	MDOT	Michelle Weber-Curie
FHWA	Christina Nicholaides	MDOT	Brian Stark
MDOT	Richard Bayus	WMSRDC	Brian Mulnix
MDOT	Don Mayle	MDOT	David Fairchild
MDOT	John Lanum	TTCI	Isha Pithwa
MATS	Maja Bolanowska	Mi APA	Amy Jordan
GVMC	Andrea Faber	WATS	Maggie Huntley
MDOT	Luke Walters		
MACC	Eric Dykstra		
FHWA	Andy Pickard		
SCCOTS	Lindsay Wallace		
SCCOTS	Peter Klomparens		
MDOT	Andrea Strach		
WATS	Anton Schauerte		
MDOT	Tyler Kent		
MDOT	Blake Wright		
MACC	Alec Miller		
KATS	Steve Stepek		
GCMPC	Jacob Maurer		
MATS	Alicia Williams		
SATA	Demetra Manley		
FHWA	Grace Delee		
MDOT	Max Gierman		
MDOT	Cameron Hord		
MDOT	Jim Strurdevant		
MDOT	Mike Davis		

## Updates from FHWA to MTPA November 19, 2024

### Grants - Key NOFO List

#### Application Deadlines Approaching for Other U.S. DOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities

Please be aware of the approaching application deadlines for the following discretionary grant opportunities from the U.S. DOT:

- [November 25 – Low Carbon Transportation Materials \(LCTM\) Program.](#)
- [December 16 – National Scenic Byways Program \(NSBP\).](#)

#### FHWA Announces \$876 Million in Available Funding for PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program

On October 1, 2024, FHWA announced the availability of \$876 million in funding through the [Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Discretionary Grant Program](#). The purpose of the PROTECT Program is to provide grants on a competitive basis for projects that seek to strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. The application deadline is February 24, 2025. More information is available [here](#).

#### Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Interim Guidance

2024 CMAQ Interim Guidance was published in the [Federal Register on November 6, 2024](#) and is available for public comment until January 6, 2025.

#### Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Asset Management Plan; Management and Monitoring Systems that propose changes to 23 CFR 515. [FR 2024-26200]

This NPRM proposes updates that would amend FHWA's regulations at 23 CFR part 515 governing risk-based asset management plans (AMP), that State DOTs are required to develop under 23 U.S.C. 119(e). Under 23 U.S.C. 119(e), a State DOT is required to develop a risk-based AMP for the National Highway System to improve or preserve the condition of the assets and the performance of the system. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (Public Law 117-58) amended AMP requirements to require State DOTs to take into consideration extreme weather and resilience within their lifecycle cost and risk management analyses. (23 U.S.C. 119(e)(4)(D)). The NPRM is also proposing revisions to the AMP regulations to improve clarity and to reduce burden on State DOTs for implementation.

The NPRM proposes the following changes in part 515:

- **Definitions:** Adds new definitions and revise existing definitions to implement BIL requirements, increase flexibility for State DOTs, and improve the annual consistency determination process.

- **Process for developing the asset management plan:** Incorporates the requirements of 23 U.S.C 119(e)(4)(D) for State DOTs to consider extreme weather and resilience as part of their lifecycle cost and risk management analysis.
- **Asset Management Plan Requirement:** Updates language to require State DOTs to integrate their asset management plan into the transportation planning processes that leads to the development of the long-range Statewide transportation plan. Also, adds language to allow flexibility in how State DOTs address the seven AMP components when adding additional assets to the AMP.
- **Annual Consistency Determination:** Creates an implementation period approach for the annual consistency determination that allows State DOTs to show implementation of their AMPs using a full 12 months of data.
- **Process Certification and Recertification:** Reduces the time for FHWA to review State DOT requests to recertify AMP development processes and for States to correct minor deficiencies from 90 days to 60 days.

Comments must be received on or before January 13, 2025. Submit comments via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), docket number FHWA-2024-0048. Additional information related to the NPRM will be made available at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/asset/guidance.cfm>

### ***New Integrating Natural Hazard Resilience into the Transportation Planning Process handbook is now available***

[link](#)

This resource was developed to help transportation professionals build resilience to natural disasters, extreme weather events, and climate change, and to address the mitigation of stormwater. The intended audience for the handbook is transportation planners at State departments of transportation (DOTs), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), public transportation operators, Federal land management agencies (FLMAs), Tribal governments, and regional transportation planning organizations (RTPOs) or other affected nonmetropolitan local officials with responsibility for transportation planning.

Additional resources on transportation resilience can be found at [Publications - Resilience - Sustainability - Environment - FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#) and [Planning - Ongoing And Current Research - Resilience - Sustainability - Environment - FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#)

### **U.S. DOT Announces \$4.2 Billion in Awards for National Infrastructure Projects**

On October 21, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) [announced](#) more than \$4.2 billion in awards from the [National Infrastructure Project Assistance \(Mega\) Grant Program](#) and the [Infrastructure for Rebuilding America \(INFRA\) Grant Program](#). The U.S. DOT awarded grants to 44 projects in 31 States for modernizing roadways and bridges, improving interchanges, expanding port capacity, and deploying intelligent transportation systems (ITS). More information is available [here](#) and [here](#).

### **EPA Announces \$3 Billion in Awards for Clean Ports Program**

On October 29, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) more than \$3 billion in awards from the [Clean Ports Program](#). The EPA awarded grants to 55 projects in 27 States and territories for zero-emission port equipment and infrastructure, as well as climate and air quality planning. More information is available [here](#).

## **FRA Announces \$2.4 Billion in Awards for Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements**

On October 29, 2024, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) [announced](#) more than \$2.4 billion in awards from the [Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements \(CRISI\) Program](#). FRA awarded grants to 122 rail improvement projects in 41 States and Washington, D.C. for various rail safety and service improvements, such as upgrading track, replacing or rehabilitating aging bridges, expanding rail connections at ports, and adding modern locomotives to fleets. More information is available [here](#).

## **FHWA Announces \$635 Million in Awards for Bridge Investment Program**

On October 31, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [announced](#) nearly \$635 million in awards from the [Bridge Investment Program \(BIP\)](#). FHWA awarded grants to 19 States for 22 small and medium-sized bridge projects. More information is available [here](#).

## **FHWA Announces \$130 Million in Awards for Congestion Relief Program**

On October 17, 2024, FHWA announced more than \$130 million in awards from the [Congestion Relief Program](#). FHWA awarded grants to 7 projects in 6 States for various congestion relief projects involving traffic signals, ramp metering, commuter buses, microtransit, rail modernization, and mobility wallets. More information is available [here](#).

## **FHWA Announces \$96 Million in Awards for Advanced Technologies and Innovations**

On October 25, 2024, FHWA [announced](#) more than \$96 million in awards from the [Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\) Program](#). FHWA awarded grants to 20 projects in 16 States for various technologies and innovations involving traffic management systems, vehicle connectivity, pedestrian and intersection safety, and trip planning applications. More information is available [here](#).

## **FRA Announces \$1 Billion in Available Funding for Intercity Passenger Rail Program**

On October 1, 2024, FRA [announced](#) the availability of more than \$1 billion in funding through the [Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program](#) for projects not located in the Northeast Corridor. This program funds capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service. The application deadline is December 16, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

## **U.S. DOT Announces \$10 Million in Available Funding to Accelerate Regional Infrastructure**

On October 28, 2024, the U.S. DOT announced the availability of \$10 million in funding through the [Regional Infrastructure Accelerator \(RIA\) Program](#). The RIA Program funds technical resources, planning, and project development to expedite regional transportation infrastructure through innovative financing and delivery methods, including public-private partnerships. The application deadline is January 9, 2025. More information is available [here](#).

## **FHWA Proposes To Revise Federal Noise Regulations for Highway Traffic and Construction**



On October 18, 2024, FHWA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register [[89 FR 83801](#)] to propose revisions to the Federal regulations in [23 CFR Part 772](#) for the abatement of highway traffic noise and construction noise. The public comment deadline is December 17, 2024.

## **New Resources and Publications from the U.S. DOT**

The U.S. DOT recently published the following resources:

- [Guide for Maintaining Active Transportation Infrastructure for Enhanced Safety.](#)
- [Integrating Natural Hazard Resilience into the Transportation Planning Process.](#)
- [Model Deployment of the Virtual Coordination Center for Multimodal Integrated Corridor Management.](#)
- [Part-Time Shoulder Use Synthesis of Practice.](#)
- [Safe Access for Everyone Is Good for Business.](#)
- [Systemic Safety User Guide.](#)
- [Systems Engineering for Intelligent Transportation Systems \(ITS\).](#)
- [Understanding Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Risks in Transportation.](#)
- [Understanding Safety Challenges of Vehicles Equipped with Automated Driving Systems \(ADS\) – Analysis of ADS Disengagements.](#)

## **New Research from the National Cooperative Highway Research Program**

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) recently published the following research:

- [Flood Forecasting for Transportation Resilience.](#)
- [Incorporating Resilience into Transportation Networks.](#)
- [Intermodal Passenger Facility Planning and Decision-Making for Seamless Travel.](#)

## **Upcoming Webinars in November**

Here is the registration information for some upcoming webinars:

- [November 19 – Rural Accessibility to Economic Opportunities and Education.](#)
- [November 20 – Intermodal Passenger Facility Trends in Technology and User Experience.](#)
- [November 21 – Evolving the Practice of Benefit-Cost Analysis.](#)

**FHWA Michigan Division  
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**November 2024**

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  - Detroit
  - Port Huron
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