

*Michigan Transportation Planning Association
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2010
Lake Michigan Room, Secondary Center*

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Engelhardt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the MDOT Secondary Center. A sign-in sheet was used to record attendance. Introductions of those attending were made.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

It was noted that Representative Donigan will not be in attendance for the meeting.

3. Approval of January 19, 2010 Minutes

It was MOVED by Duke, SUPPORTED by Bradshaw to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2010 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Treasurer's Report

The February Treasurer's Report showed no activity for the month, with an ending balance as of February 9, 2010 at \$5,154.69.

It was MOVED by Hamilton, SUPPORTED by Bradshaw to approve the Treasurer's Report for February, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. House Bill 4965

Removed from the agenda.

6. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)

Marsha Small reported that projects with ARRA funding needed to be finalized by MDOT by February 17. MDOT will then be sending the final requests to FHWA. She reported that all of the funds have been obligated and no remaining funds would be reallocated to the other agencies. Any bid savings can be deobligated after March 2.

7. Jobs for Main Street

Marsha Small noted that the MDOT Five Year Plan contains shaded projects that do not have funding currently. The Transportation Commission approved the five year plan as well as a partially funded five year program due to funding issues.

The House version of the Jobs for Main Street contains a provision to have projects obligated within 90 days. The Senates version (Hire Act) would extend the transportation bill through December, 2010 and take the funding levels back to pre-recession amounts. No action on either bill has taken place. February 28th is the final date under the current extension. She suggested that agencies develop a prioritized list for Jobs for Main Street with the ARRA funding levels in order to prepare for possible adoption. She also noted that Local Agency Programs has \$36 million dollars worth of projects with no federal funds attached to them in their office. Jim Cramer noted that agencies cannot deobligate one federal funded projects and reobligate with stimulus funds.

Marsha will provide the agencies with further guidance on whether to submit the Jobs for Main Street projects to MDOT and whether to amend them into the TIP.

Chris Dingman noted that the TIGER grants were to be announced on February 17th.

Kathy Schultz asked about the balances identified on the Local Balance Reports for ARRA. Eric Mullen noted that all projects need to be obligated by February 16 in order to prepare for the submission to FHWA. She expressed concern over possible loss of funds for Kalamazoo and would look into why the money was not obligated sooner.

8. Transportation Improvement Program

Marsha Small will be talking with Greg Johnson about the proposed S/TIP amendment schedule and whether the MDOT TSC offices can work with the schedule. Transit amendments will also fall under the new schedule when implemented.

Mark Kloha provided an update on the E-TIP file. He is working with FHWA to get final agreement on Advance Construction and Advance Construction Conversion and then the file should be ready for transmittal. There will be a new code added to the file should a new stimulus bill be passed. A new column was added to reflect Total Project Cost, as well as a new tab for putting non-federal projects in the spreadsheet but not within the federal funded projects.

Mark also stated that General Program Accounts will not be used for the small MPOs starting in FY 2011. Instead the MDOT projects will be listed out individually in the TIPs, preventing double accounting of listed projects and GPAs. Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Flint will only use the Trunkline GPAs starting in FY 2011. SEMCOG and rural areas will continue to use the 11 MDOT GPA codes.

9. 2010 Conference Update

Paul Hamilton reported that the conference committee met in January and will again be meeting after the MTPA meeting to discuss the agenda for the conference.

Dave Engelhardt reported that Crystal Mountain had contacted him about a future conference and had heard that the Northwestern Region was interested in hosting the 2012 MTPA/MAR conference. Paul Hamilton will look into whether that region will be hosting the conference in 2012.

10. Asset Management

No report.

11. MDNRE Update

Bob Rusch reported that he emailed the committee the MOVES update. Right now the agencies don't need to do anything.

12. Other New Business

Paul Hamilton distributed the completed Tri-County Region 2035 Transportation Plan and Supplement on CD.

Dal McBurrows informed the committee that the agenda for the pre-UWP meetings will be coming out in March.

Jim Cramer announced his retirement at the end of May. He also informed the committee that Jim Steele will also be retiring, with a party held March 24.

Chris Dingman had handouts on freight for information. He is now a part of the Northern Border Team and will be working with them on freight data collection.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Engelhardt adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the MDOT Secondary Complex.

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In Attendance:

Eric Bombery	Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
Derek Bradshaw	Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Steve Bulthuis	Macatawa Area Coordinating Council
Sandy Cornell-Howe	Michigan Department of Transportation
Jim Cramer	Federal Highway Administration
Andrea Dewey	Grand Valley Metro Council
Chris Dingman	Federal Highway Administration
Steve Duke	Region 2 Planning Commission
Dave Engelhardt	Bay County Area Transportation Study
Rick Fowler	Michigan Department of Transportation
Paul Hamilton	Tri County Regional Planning Commission
Janet Holoweiko	Michigan Department of Transportation
Pat Karr	Battle Creek Area Transportation Study
Mark Kloha	Michigan Department of Transportation
Michael Latuszek	St. Clair County Transportation Study
Ray Lenze	Michigan Department of Transportation
Chris Mann	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
Dal McBurrows	Michigan Department of Transportation
Eric Mullen	Michigan Department of Transportation
Brian Mulnix	West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission
Nick Musson	Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
Bob Rusch	Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment - Air Quality
Kathy Schultz	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Marsha Small	Michigan Department of Transportation
Rachael Tupica	Federal Highway Administration
Sarah Van Buren	Federal Highway Administration