

*Michigan Transportation Planning Association
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 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.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

Marsha Small requested an announcement about an Operations Performance Workshop. Steve Schreier asked to give a report on Office of Highway Safety Planning activities. Both items would be discussed under Other New Business.

3. Approval of February 16, 2010 Minutes

It was MOVED by Hamilton, SUPPORTED by Duke to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2010 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Treasurer's Report

The March Treasurer's Report showed no activity for the month, with an ending balance as of March 10, 2010 at \$5,154.69.

It was MOVED by Duke, SUPPORTED by Bell to approve the Treasurer's Report for March, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Freight Data Presentation

Chris Dingman from the Federal Highway Administration provided a presentation on data available from the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI). He noted that truck speed data is available online for the I-94 and I-75 corridors throughout the state. The website is https://www.freightperformance.org/fpmweb/user_login.aspx. FHWA has a contract with ATRI to collect, analyze, and distribute truck data. Chris noted that they looked at truck movements for trucks traveling out of Flint, Michigan. A freight workshop is scheduled for March 25 from 1:00 - 4:00 at the MDOT Secondary Center. FHWA is looking to host several other freight workshops in the future.

6. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)

Marsha Small reported that the majority of the ARRA funds for Michigan have been obligated. No redistribution will be done among the MPOs.

7. Jobs for Main Street

No movement has occurred on the Jobs for Main Street bill at the Senate level. Congress has been focused on getting a transportation bill extension through the end of the year. She noted that the state's investment data is available on www.Recovery.gov. Carmine Palombo noted that the extension may bring back the funds from the 2009 recisions that occurred.

8. Transportation Improvement Program

Marsha Small distributed a proposed amendment schedule for the Transportation Improvement Programs. The schedule identified amending six times a year. She noted that she is working with the TSC managers to ensure their cooperation with any schedule that is developed. It was noted that based on the proposed schedule, some of the MPOs may have to adjust their meeting schedules to match the TIP amendment schedule as presented. Paul Hamilton noted that Tri-County will not amend their meeting schedule. Marsha asked that the committee take the schedule to their committees and get feedback on the proposal. She will email out the information and requested comment back by March 24.

It was **MOVED** by Bradshaw, **SUPPORTED** by Bell, to support a Transportation Improvement Program schedule of six times a year with the provision for agencies to look at the specific dates for 2011 and comment back to Marsha Small by March 24. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Marsha Small reported that without an extension of the expired transportation bill, Federal funding for 2010 may be delayed further and could result in 2010 projects being moved to FY 2011. Right now, MDOT is funding projects on a first come, first served basis. If projects need to be moved to FY 2011, an amendment must be done. She encouraged the agencies to examine their FY 2010 projects and inform the local agencies about possible moves to FY 2011.

MDOT staff is working to complete the updates to the FY 2011 - 2014 eTIP file. Mark Kloha noted that MDOT and FHWA are working to finalize Advance Construction and General Program Account information as listed in the TIP. The MDOT FY 2011 - 2014 TIP projects will be made available soon. A webinar on the eTIP file will be held in the upcoming weeks.

9. 2010 Conference Update

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

Derek Bradshaw noted that Flint has started looking at items for the 2011 conference. No further discussion has taken place with MAR about the 2012 conference.

10. Asset Management

Carmine Palombo reported that the 2009 data report is complete and will be going to the Council next month. PASER training is currently taking place around the state. Fifty percent of the Federal system will be collected again this year. The Asset Management Conference will be held May 6 in Mount Pleasant. Its focus will be looking at the funding issues occurring around the state and its impact to the roads. He wanted agencies to submit their invoices to Brian Sanada for reimbursement. The Council has not received more CTF funds for the program since its inception in 2003. The Council is also looking to work with the road agencies on further developing Asset Management Plans.

11. MDNRE Update

Bob Rusch reported that Detroit Public Schools is selling off their fleet of buses. 160 buses were scheduled to be retrofitted.

12. Other New Business

Steve Schreier was not available to give his report for OHSP.

Marsha Small distributed information on the Operations Performance Measures Workshop on April 29. The workshop is currently full, and MDOT staff is working to have another workshop made available.

Carmine Palombo reported that Public Act 10 was signed that gives police the ability to clear crashes without liability.

The committee had a discussion about Complete Street legislation. It could impact MPOs and any projects using Act 51 funds. It was noted that not every project needs to have a Complete Streets review. If passed, it could add to the cost of projects. Derek Bradshaw noted that Flint has a Complete Streets policy. There is funding available for developing a policy.

Rachael Tupica informed the committee that a retirement golf outing will be held for Jim Cramer in May. More information will be coming soon.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Engelhardt adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the MDOT Secondary Complex.

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In Attendance:

Doug Bell	Saginaw Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Eric Bombery	Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
Pam Boyd	Michigan Department of Transportation
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
Chris Dingman	Federal Highway Administration
Steve Duke	Region 2 Planning Commission
Dave Engelhardt	Bay County Area Transportation Study
Paul Hamilton	Tri County Regional Planning Commission
Pat Karr	Battle Creek Area Transportation Study
Mark Kloha	Michigan Department of Transportation
Michael Latuszek	St. Clair County Transportation Study
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
Carmine Palombo	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
Bob Rusch	Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment - Air Quality
Steve Schreier	Office of Highway Safety Planning
Kathy Schultz	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Marsha Small	Michigan Department of Transportation
Rachael Tupica	Federal Highway Administration
Sarah Van Buren	Federal Highway Administration
Brandon Wilcox	Michigan Department of Transportation
Ola Williams	Michigan Department of Transportation