

*Michigan Transportation Planning Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 20, 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 - None**

**3. Approval of March 16, 2010 Minutes**

It was MOVED by Duke, SUPPORTED by Itani to approve the minutes from the March 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 April 9, 2010 at \$5,154.69.

Kathy Schultz asked when the annual maintenance payment was due to LIAA for the MTPA website. Brian Mulnix will look into that and report back the date and amount to be paid.

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

**5. Transportation Improvement Program**

Marsha Small reported that the federal funding is slowly making its way into MDOT's system. Right now, many of the local agencies are not able to move forward on federally funded projects due to the lack of funds being available from MDOT. FHWA representatives were not aware of a timeframe for when money would be available.

Marsha also reported that she is working on a team to look at the STIP amendment schedule. There has been some concern expressed about the loss of flexibility should a schedule be adopted. There may need to be broader descriptions within the TIPs in order to account for more project changes without having to go through the formal amendment process. FTA has not signed off on the proposed amendment schedule.

An E-TIP teleconference was held recently to discuss the changes to the file being used for the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program. Concerns or questions can be directed to Mark Kloha or Amy Lindstrom at MDOT. Jason Nordberg thanked MDOT for hosting the teleconference.

Marsha Small asked the committee if they continued to agree with the percentage formally agreed upon for the year of expenditure for the TIP development. Several of the agencies noted that they are using the percentage provided by MDOT previously. Currently there is no set percentage for transit projects identified in the TIP.

Until the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) projects have been bid and obligated, agencies will not know the amount of bid savings available. If there are savings, local agencies can reprogram those funds. The funding needs to be obligated by September, 2010.

It was noted during the morning meeting with MDOT and FHWA that there are a number of errors being submitted with TIP amendments by the agencies. Several involve financial constraint or not deleting the cost when removing the project from the TIP. Local agencies need to be sure to review the amendments thoroughly prior to submittal to MDOT.

MDOT has distributed a reduced program for the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program to each agency. Marsha encouraged the agencies to take the full program through the public involvement and air quality process in case funding is made available during the year for the TIP. MDOT projects that are not funded can be placed in the Illustrative tab of the e-TIP file. Only the reduced program will be submitted to FHWA. She noted that the local agencies should get permission from their committees to move illustrative projects into the TIP should funding be awarded and the projects need to be added quickly. Sandy Cornell-Howe noted that the FY 2011 year of both the FY 2008 - 2011 TIP and the FY 2011 - 2014 TIP need to be identical.

The committee discussed the possibility of MDOT not being able to match federal funds and whether that funding would be made available to the local road agencies in the state. Right now MDOT is looking at an adjustment to the agreement for match. Eric Mullen commented that MDOT is working hard to keep the funds in the state and that funds will not be lost until after December, 2010. Right now, the local agencies cannot use the funding MDOT receives for MDOT proposed projects.

## **6. 2010 Conference Update**

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

## **7. Asset Management**

Carmine Palombo is set to adopt the 2009 report of conditions based on the 2009 PASER data collection. He noted that conditions continue to get worse around the state. The Asset Management Conference will be held May 6 in Mount Pleasant. The focus will be communicating the decline in roadways without more funding for preservation and improvement. Carmine also reminded the committee to send their invoices to Brian Sanada for asset management activities.

Dave Engelhardt asked for a list of eligible activities that could be funded with the asset management funds. Carmine noted that this would be made available. Carmine also noted that the local agencies need to request permission to collect local road data prior to data collection. This can be done through Brian Sanada. The council is also developing sample asset management plans for the local agencies to use.

## **8. OHSP Update**

Steve Schreier reported that 871 fatal accidents were reported in Michigan in 2009. The 2009 data is available online. He also noted that his office has moved downtown and his new phone number is 517-241-2579. OHSP was also selected for a records assessment along with Ohio and Washington. The assessment will assess the records review done last summer. Steve also reported that the texting bill will be signed by the governor in the upcoming days. It will be a primary offense if a person is seen texting by an officer. The helmet law was also reintroduced again in the state legislature.

## **9. MDNRE Update**

Mary Maupin provided an update on various air quality issues. They included (from Mary's notes):

EPA and the NAAQS. There has been a lot of activity including an increased weight given to risk assessment/epidemiology. EPA is looking at source oriented monitoring and greenhouse gas impact.

Ozone: The 1997 Standard is .08 ppm. 25 counties designated NAA in 2004. Currently 1 county – Allegan. Redesignation package ready to go to EPA.

2008 std of .075 ppm: Designations put on hold while EPA reconsiders.

2010 proposed standard of .060-.070 ppm: Final standard to be issued in August. State recommendations of NAA in December. Designations August 2011. SIPs due on accelerated timeline. Secondary standard proposed W126 to protect plants. Monitoring season starts April 1 – in 1st 2 weeks all but 4 monitors violated .060. Implementation rule proposal ETA in June. Proposed classification scheme.

Monitoring: New monitoring required for NCORE, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, Pb, and Ozone. Ozone - Grand Rapids and Allen Park year round for ozone. Deployment by January 2011

NO<sub>2</sub>: Permitting for the new 1 hr NAAQS of 100 ppb began April 12 and is problematic. Plan to install new monitors in Lansing and Houghton Lake. Designations in January 2012. Road side monitoring within 50 meters. AQD received average daily traffic counts from MDOT/SEMCOG. Checked out several locations for 1 roadside in Grand Rapids along US-131 and 1 in Detroit probably near 696 and 75. Waiting for EPA clarification ---below grade roads etc.

PM: New review for coarse and fine. Primary and secondary (urban visibility). Final July 2011. Preliminary Annual PM 2.5 10-13. Daily PM 2.5 25-35. Current standards – SE MI 7 county area – all monitors meet daily and annual. Redesignation package being prepared. EPA has put all redesignations on hold.

SO<sub>2</sub> Primary review: Proposed Standard Dec 2009. Final June 2010. Monitor deployment Jan 2013

NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> secondary review: July 2011 proposal. March 2012 final.

CO review: Current is 9 ppm 8 hr. Looking at 9 to 3 99th percentile or 4th highest. Current 1 hr is 35 ppm. Looking at revising between 15 to 5 or retain at 35 or revoke. Proposal October 2010. Final May 2011.

Lead: Revised standard in November 2008. Source oriented monitoring – Belding new, Dearborn existing. Population oriented monitoring – January 2011. Reconsidered monitoring rule – Final April 2010.

Greenhouse Gases: Final Endangerment Finding for GHG. Vehicle GHG standards and CAFÉ standards, starting with May 2012. Proposed tailoring rule. Permitting of stationary sources to start January 2011 with vehicle standards effective date

## **10. Other New Business**

Rachael Tupica announced a new livability website through FHWA. She will be providing the link to the website.

A golf outing honoring Jim Cramer's years of service to FHWA will be held May 21 at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. More information will be emailed to the committee in the upcoming days.

Ryan Buck commented that there is useful information on social network and using newsletters and Facebook through [www.fastlane.dot.gov](http://www.fastlane.dot.gov).

## **11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Engelhardt adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the MDOT Secondary Complex.

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**In Attendance:**

Ryan Buck	Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
Sandy Cornell-Howe	Michigan Department of Transportation
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
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Pat Karr	Battle Creek Area Transportation Study
Mark Kloha	Michigan Department of Transportation
Mary Maupin	Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment - Air Quality
Dal McBurrows	Michigan Department of Transportation
Eric Mullen	Michigan Department of Transportation
Brian Mulnix	West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission
Jason Nordberg	Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Carmine Palombo	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
Anna Rahtz	Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
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