

*Michigan Transportation Planning Association
Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 21, 2010
Wheatfield Valley Golf Course*

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Engelhardt called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course. A sign-in sheet was used to record attendance.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda - None

3. Approval of April 20, 2010 Minutes

It was MOVED by Schultz, SUPPORTED by Tilma to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2010 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Treasurer's Report

The May 10th Treasurer's Report showed a disbursement of \$176.30 for lanyards for the 2010 Conference. The ending balance was \$4,978.39. This balance includes a CD for \$1,500 that matures January 15, 2011.

It was MOVED by Bulthuis, SUPPORTED by Tilma to approve the Treasurer's Report for May, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Transportation Improvement Program

MDOT staff is supportive of a six-month amendment schedule as is FHWA and FTA staffs. The schedule would go into effect October 1, 2010. Should another stimulus package or additional federal funds come to Michigan, the schedule would not apply. Paul Hamilton noted that his agency did not support a six-month schedule. Marsha noted that the agencies should examine what is considered an amendment and what is an administrative adjustment. The schedule as proposed will be a trial for one year and reexamined next fall.

It was MOVED by Small, SUPPORTED by Schultz to use the six-month Transportation Improvement Program amendment schedule starting October 1, 2010. MOTION CARRIED. One opposed.

The funding for 2010 should be arriving for the local agencies which allows for bidding of projects. There is a continuing resolution until December, 2010. MDOT is projecting an \$84 million dollar shortfall.

6. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality

Projects that are applying for CMAQ funds can be funded at 100%. MDOT is currently switching from the current model to MOVES. Pete Porciello noted that there are differences in the models. A meeting has been held with FHWA and EPA about the new model switch. The MOVES model will provide more accurate information by county. He encouraged the TMAs to use the model data to become familiar with the new process.

7. 2010 Conference Update

Paul Hamilton reported that the conference committee will meet after the MTPA meeting. The agenda is almost finalized and will be emailed to the committee by the end of May. Conference topics include scenario planning and climate change. Tours of the airport and CATA will also be available. He anticipated the conference fee to be approximately \$350 and encouraged the agencies to find sponsors for the event. The cutoff for the hotel is June 22.

8. OHSP Update

Steve Schreier reported that Click It or Ticket will be in effect over Memorial Day weekend. The new texting law goes into effect July 1 for the State of Michigan.

9. Recognition of Jim Cramer

Dave Engelhardt thanked Jim Cramer for his years of service to FHWA as well as to the MPOs. The committee gave him a round of applause.

10. Other New Business

Kathy Schultz asked whether each of the phases of a project in the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program needs to be identified in the document. MDOT staff noted that projects over \$5 million need each phase identified but projects under that amount are part of the Total Project Cost column. If an agency has the items identified, they can be put in the Non-Federal tab of the e-File.

Kathy Schultz also asked about how to identify advanced construction projects in the TIP. She had received varying guidance from MDOT and FHWA and wanted to be sure to use the correct way. Marsha Small noted that she will meet with FHWA to resolve this and let the local agencies know the outcome.

It was noted that MAR will hold a business meeting the Tuesday before the conference. Paul Hamilton asked what date the MTPA meeting should be held in July. The participants agreed to hold it Thursday afternoon of the conference week (July 15).

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Engelhardt adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the MDOT Secondary Complex.

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In Attendance:

Derek Bradshaw	Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Tom Bruff	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
Ryan Buck	Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
Steve Bulthuis	Macatawa Area Coordinating Council
Sandy Cornell-Howe	Michigan Department of Transportation
Jim Cramer	Federal Highway Administration
Chris Dingman	Federal Highway Administration
Dave Engelhardt	Bay County Area Transportation Study
Rick Fowler	Michigan Department of Transportation
Paul Hamilton	Tri County Regional Planning Commission
Ray Lenze	Michigan Department of Transportation
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
Pete Porciello	Michigan Department of Transportation
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
Steve Stepek	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Andy Tilma	Battle Creek Area Transportation Study
Rachael Tupica	Federal Highway Administration
Sarah Van Buren	Federal Highway Administration