



**Notice of Meeting**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 / 10:30 AM

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*\*Action Item*

1. Call to Order	Laurel Joseph
2. Introductions	Laurel Joseph
3. Changes to the Agenda	Laurel Joseph
4. <a href="#">Approval of the February 21st, 2023 Meeting Minutes*</a>	Laurel Joseph
5. Treasurer's Report	Lindsay Wallace
6. Education Committee	Ryan Buck
7. <a href="#">FHWA</a> / FTA Update	Christina Nicholaides / Susan Weber
8. TAMC Update	Ryan Buck
9. Finance Committee	Laurel Joseph
10. Policy Committee	Steve Stepek
11. JobNet Tech	Jeff Franklin
12. MDOT	
SPS General Update	Don Mayle
National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program	Niles Annelin
Upcoming 2020 Census Urban Area Boundary Review	David Fairchild
Repurposed Earmarks	Matt Lyle
13. Other New Business	
14. Adjournment	Laurel Joseph

<b>Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA)</b>
<b>Meeting Attendance</b>
<b>February 21, 2023, 10:30 AM</b>

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
BayCATS	Dominic Pavone	MDOT	Karen Faussett
BCATS	Pat Karr	MDOT	Lindsey Dowswell
FHWA	Christina Ignasiak	MDOT	Luke Walters
FTA	Kathleen Russell	MDOT	Mark Kloha
FTA	Susan Weber	MDOT	Matt Lyle
GCMPC	Jacob Maurer	MDOT	Max Gierman
GVMC	Andrea Faber	MDOT	Meredith Fryer
GVMC	Laurel Joseph	MDOT	Michelle Weber-Currie
GVMC	Mara Gericke	MDOT	Richard Bayus
KATS	Steve Stepek	MDOT	Tyler Kent
MACC	Alec Miller	MIO	Tim Fischer
MACC	Eric Dykstra	NN	Hannah Yurk
MACC	Jason Latham	SCCOTS	Lindsay Wallace
MATS	Bryan Gillett	SEMCOG	Michele Fedorowicz
MATS	Maja Bolanowska	SEMCOG	Steve Brudzinski
MDOT	Amara Vogt	SWMPC	Kim Gallagher
MDOT	Andrea Strach	TCRPC	Jim Koenig
MDOT	Andy Brush	TCRPC	Jim Snell
MDOT	Brad Sharlow	TCRPC	Nicole Baumer
MDOT	Brian Sanada	WATS	Anton Schauerte
MDOT	Brian Stark	WATS	Maggie Huntley
MDOT	Bryan Armstrong	WATS	Nick Sapkiewicz
MDOT	Craig Newell	WATS	Ryan Buck
MDOT	Deanna Donahoo	WMSRDC	Joel Fitzpatrick
MDOT	Don Mayle	WMSRDC	Robert Johnson
MDOT	Ed Fowler		
MDOT	Ellen Kent		
MDOT	Heather Bowden		
MDOT	James VanSteel		
MDOT	Jeff Franklin		
MDOT	Jim Ashman		
MDOT	Jim Sturdevant		
MDOT	John Lanum		
MDOT	Josh Grab		



**MEETING MINUTES / FEBRUARY 21, 2023 / 10:30 AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Tim Fischer and Kathleen Russell provided introductions. Tim is an Infrastructure Officer at the Michigan Infrastructure Office and Kathleen is a new Community Planner for FTA - Region 5 office.

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda were made.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 17th, 2023 MEETING MINUTES\***

A motion was made by Steve Stepek, supported by Ryan Buck, to approve the January 17th, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lindsay Wallace reported that since the last meeting, there's been a deposit for one of the 2023 conference venues and the conference website subscription has been renewed. The current balance is \$16,194.

**6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Ryan Buck stated that he will be sending out session proposals to garner feedback to the education committee. Ryan also reported that all conference venues are secured and that the full conference rate will be \$450.

**7. FHWA / FTA UPDATE**

Christina Ignasiak provided an overview of the FHWA updates that were outlined in the agenda packet. Susan Weber reminded the committee that applications for the Area of Persistent Poverty Program are due March 10th. Susan also provided a weblink to the FTA's Resource Center regarding the 2020 U.S. Census.

**8. TAMC UPDATE**

Ryan Buck stated that MDOT has selected a consultant to carry out the tasks of the former TAMC Coordinator and that there will not be a spring 2023 TAMC conference.



## **9. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chair Joseph stated that there were discussions about formula funds for urban areas at the most recent meeting. MDOT will provide additional information later in the meeting about the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) formula.

## **10. POLICY COMMITTEE**

Steve Stepek indicated that the next meeting will be held on 2/28 at 9:00am to discuss master agreements and other topics related to funding. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact Steve.

## **11. JOBNET TECH**

Jeff Franklin stated that at the February 13th meeting, topics discussed included a fix to the MDOT Open Data Portal and MTPP, programming jobs in JobNet. Solutions will be proposed at the next meeting on April 10th.

## **12. MDOT UPDATES**

Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) Formula: Don Mayle provided an overview of the information outlined in the agenda packet and indicated there was consensus at the last Financial Committee meeting about the new proposed formula. Steve Stepek and Chair Joseph thanked MDOT for its efforts in working to update the formulas.

A motion was made by Steve Stepek, supported by Ryan Buck, to approve the CPG formula as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SPS General Updates: Don Mayle indicated that all the Pre-UWP meetings have been scheduled and that the SPS Program Managers will be sending out the subrecipient soon. Don also indicated that MDOT will be meeting with Networks Northwest to discuss the latter's upcoming designation as an MPO. The meeting is public and all are welcome to join. Don also indicated that MDOT hopes to have a Long Range Transportation Plan 101 training in fall 2023.

TPM Update: John Lanum thanked the participants for having their committees take action on the state safety targets and submitting the supporting documents to MDOT. John also stated that the approval of the pavement, bridge, and system performance targets are due by June 14th.



**13. MICHIGAN INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Tim Fischer gave a presentation on the MIO Technical Assistance Program and highlighted information about the program outlined in the packet. There was a follow up discussion about the specifics of the program.

**14. NON-FEDERAL MATCH WAIVER FOR SPR, PL FUNDS / COMPLETE STREETS**

Don Mayle provided an overview of the waiver. There was a discussion about whether agencies were required to utilize the waiver or if agencies could opt-out.

**15. NEXTDOOR AS A PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT TOOL**

Mara Gericke stated that GVMC has been utilizing the social media platform “Nextdoor”, which allows users to connect with their neighbors. GVMC has been using the application as a tool for increasing its public engagement.

**16. TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - UPDATE/DISCUSSION**

Ryan Buck provided background on how the TTC began and stated that the committee would like to know where agencies are in terms of their transportation modeling needs. Brad Sharlow provided additional information about what resources the TTC has provided to MPOs in the past.

**17. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Ryan Buck stated that Todd Litman has confirmed being a presenter at the 2023 MPTA conference.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Joseph adjourned the meeting at 11:38am.

## Updates from FHWA to MTPA

March 21, 2023

Questions: [c.nicholaides@dot.gov](mailto:c.nicholaides@dot.gov)

### Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program FY22 Awards Announced

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced \$185 million in grant awards for 45 communities through the first round of funding for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program. These awards include 6 Capital Construction Grants and 39 Planning Grants. The full list of Reconnecting Communities program awards can be viewed [HERE](#).

### Thriving Communities Program

USDOT is reviewing applications and Letters of Interest submitted for the Fiscal Year 2022 **Thriving Communities Program**. USDOT anticipate making announcements later this spring, with a 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) coming out this summer. Check out the [Thriving Communities Program webpage](#) and [sign up for updates](#) as they become available.

### Updated Policy on Using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources to Build a Better America

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, FHWA Administrator Shailen Bhatt issued an [updated policy memorandum](#) on using the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law resources to Build a Better America. The memorandum describes an overarching framework of Administration priorities to guide FHWA staff concerning the use of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) resources when working with State departments of transportation and supersedes the December 16, 2021, internal memorandum titled "Policy on Using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources to Build a Better America."

### Updated Justice40 Tool - Request for Information (RFI)

The DOT published a [request for information](#) (RFI) on February 21, 2023, regarding their new ETCR tool and index methodology. DOT will use responses to this RFI to consider potential updates to the US DOT Equitable Transportation Community Explorer. After DOT has updated the tool with any modifications that are deemed necessary, the tool will supersede the current Transportation Disadvantaged Census Tracts (Historically Disadvantaged Communities) tool. Comments are due March 18th.

### FHWA Updates BIL Web Content on EVs, PROTECT, and Congestion Relief

The following information was updated on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### Electric Vehicles

##### [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Electric Vehicles | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

- [Build America Buy America Implementation Plan to Enhance Buy America Standards for EV Charging](#)
- [EV Charging Minimum Standards Rule](#)
- [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program page](#)

FHWA Press release: [Biden-Harris Administration Announces Latest Steps to Deliver a National Network of Convenient, Reliable, Made-in-America Electric Vehicle Chargers | FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#)

#### Fact Sheets

##### [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Fact Sheets | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

- [Training and Education Fact Sheet](#)
- [Rural Surface Transportation Fact Sheet](#)

- [Congestion Relief Fact Sheet](#)
- [PROTECT Discretionary Fact Sheet](#)

[Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Fact Sheet](#)

**New [Executive Order 14091](#) - Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government published in the Federal Register on Feb 22, 2023.**

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/02/22/2023-03779/further-advancing-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-through-the-federal>