



Notice of Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 18th, 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. Approval of the March 18th, 2023 Meeting Minutes*	Laurel Joseph
5. Treasurer's Report	Anton Schauerte
6. Education Committee	Ryan Buck
7. FHWA / 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
Model Update Meeting This Afternoon	Brad Sharlow
TPM: Reminder of Target Approvals	John Lanum
Update of MOUs	
2020 Census - Urban Area Boundary Review Kickoff	David Fairchild
13. Other New Business	
14. Adjournment	Laurel Joseph

Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA)
Meeting Attendance
March 21, 2023, 10:30 AM

AGENCY	NAME	AGENCY	NAME
BCATS	Pat Karr	MDOT	Mark Kloha
EMCOG	Cody Bodrie	MDOT	Matt Lyle
FHWA	Andrew Sibold	MDOT	Max Gierman
FHWA	Christina Nicholaides	MDOT	Meredith Fryer
FTA	Kathleen Russell	MDOT	Michelle Weber-Currie
FTA	Susan Weber	MDOT	Niles Annelin
GCMPC	Jacob Maurer	MDOT	Richard Bayus
GVMC	Andrea Faber	MDOT	Tyler Kent
GVMC	George Yang	NN	Mathew Cooke
GVMC	Laurel Joseph	SCCOTS	Lindsay Wallace
GVMC	Mara Gericke	SEMCOG	Ally Racisz
KATS	Ali Townsend	SEMCOG	Michele Fedorowicz
KATS	Megan Mickelson	SWMPC	Kim Gallagher
KATS	Steve Stepek	TCRPC	Jim Koenig
MACC	Alec Miller	TCRPC	Laura Tschirhart
MACC	Eric Dykstra	WATS	Anton Schauerte
MACC	Jason Latham	WATS	Maggie Huntley
MAP	Amy Jordan	WATS	Nick Sapkiewicz
MATS	Bryan Gillett	WATS	Ryan Buck
MATS	Maja Bolanowska	WMSRDC	Brian Mulnix
MDOT	Brian Sanada		
MDOT	Bryan Armstrong		
MDOT	David Fairchild		
MDOT	Deanna Donahoo		
MDOT	Don Mayle		
MDOT	Eric Mullen		
MDOT	Heather Bowden		
MDOT	Heather Hoeve		
MDOT	James VanSteel		
MDOT	Jana Nicol		
MDOT	Jim Ashman		
MDOT	Jim Sturdevant		
MDOT	John Lanum		
MDOT	Karen Faussett		



MEETING MINUTES / MARCH 21, 2023 / 10:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Niles Annelin and Christina Nicholaides provided introductions. Niles is the manager of the MDOT Policy Section, as well as the representative for the NEVI Plan. Christina Nicholaides, formerly Christina Ignasiak, updated the group with the recent change of her last name.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda were made.

4. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 MEETING MINUTES*

A motion was made by Steve Stepek, supported by Pat Karr, to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lindsay Wallace reported that the current balance is \$15,569.

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ryan Buck stated that conference registration will be sent out within the next week or two. Ryan also reported that there will be a number of NHI courses offered online, which registrants can complete at any time. At the conference, there will be a post-training discussion for people who participated.

7. FHWA / FTA UPDATE

Christina Nicholaides explained that on March 29th there is a webinar regarding the Model Long Range Transportation Plan Guidebook update. Christina also discussed the updates outlined in the agenda packet. Susan Weber reminded the committee that applications for the Low and No Emissions NOFO are due April 13th. Susan also stated the USDOT has a Build America Bureau and it provides financing for large transit projects. Lastly, Susan mentioned that FTA, MDOT, and the Bay Area Transportation Authority will be meeting to discuss the latter being part of the Small Urban program instead of being a rural subrecipient, as it is currently.



8. TAMC UPDATE

Ryan Buck stated that regulations regarding Public Act 325, which govern TAMC, Transportation Asset Management Plans, and how local agencies can transfer funds, are anticipated to change by October 2025. In short, agencies with 100 miles of eligible roadway or greater will be required to have TAM Plans by October 2025. Additionally, the TAMC Coordinator role has been filled by a consultant. There will be a strategic planning session in May 2023.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Joseph stated that she will provide a summary of important information for MPOs to include in their MTP regarding the Financial Chapters. Chair Joseph also stated that new FY24-26 allocations, updated as a result of the 2020 U.S. Census, were being discussed and will eventually be presented to the full MTPA once completed.

10. POLICY COMMITTEE

Steve Stepek indicated that the group recently met to discuss new Master Agreements and the next meeting will occur in either April or May.

11. JOBNET TECH

Steve Stepek indicated there was no update, as the group did not meet in March. The next meeting will be held on April 10th.

12. MDOT UPDATES

SPS General Updates: Don Mayle stated that all Pre-UWP meetings have been completed and requested MPOs submit their UWP prior to sending the document through their committees. UWPs must be adopted prior to June 1st.

NEVI Formula Program: Niles Annelin gave a presentation about the NEVI Formula Program. A copy of the slideshow will be sent to the group after the meeting.

2020 U.S. Census Update: David Fairchild stated that the Adjusted Census Urban Boundary (ACUB) review is on schedule and a more detailed update will likely be provided at the April MTPA meeting.



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Repurposed Earmarks: Matt Lyle provided a brief update on the FY 2022 repurposed earmarks.

13. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joseph adjourned the meeting at 11:41am.

NHI Web-Based Trainings for MTPA

Join MTPA for a series of free "Lunch and Learn" online courses and follow up discussions.

The goal is to finish each course by its discussion date (course completion not required to participate). Discussion will happen on 3rd Tuesdays following MTPA meetings (12:30–1:30pm).

Basics of Transportation Planning

Discussion Date	May 16, 2023
Course #	FHWA-NHI-151052
Course Description	<p>Provides an introduction to Statewide, metropolitan, and rural transportation planning requirements and highlights techniques which may be applied.</p> <p>Highlights transportation requirements and planning processes, and why they are important; identifies key stakeholders and describes their roles, responsibilities, and relationships in informed decision making.</p>
Anticipated Time	4 hours
Course Link	https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=0&typ=3&cat=11&sf=0&course_no=151052

Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Programming

Discussion Date	TBD
Course #	FHWA-NHI-151055
Course Description	<p>The course provides an overview of the process and requirements for developing and implementing metropolitan TIPs and STIPs, including connections to public involvement, financial planning/fiscal constraint, performance-based planning and</p>

	programming (PBPP), TIP/STIP administrative modifications and amendments, and
Anticipated Time	3 hours
Course Link	https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=0&typ=3&cat=11&sf=0&course_no=151055

Understanding the Uniform Guidance Requirements (2 CFR 200) for Federal Awards

Discussion Date	TBD
Course #	FHWA-NHI-138016
Course Description	The goal is to facilitate an overview of the Uniform Guidance: Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 200) by applying relevant provisions to the Federal-aid Highway Program (FAHP).
Anticipated Time	9 hours
Course Link	https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=0&key=231034&sf=0&course_no=231034

Implementing Performance-Based Planning and Programming

Discussion Date	TBD
Course #	FHWA-NHI-138016
Course Description	The goal of this course is to provide an introductory overview of the elements and requirements of transportation performance management (TPM) and the performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) framework. The course will give participants the information and resources necessary to begin understanding PBPP to implement it effectively.
Anticipated Time	1 hour
Course Link	https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=0&typ=3&cat=23&sf=0&course_no=138016

Updates from FHWA to MTPA

April 18, 2023

Questions: Christina Nicholaides

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USDOT Announces First Round of the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (\$700 million)

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, USDOT opened applications for the first year of a new multi-billion-dollar *Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program* (CFI) to fund electric vehicle (EV) charging and alternative-fueling infrastructure in communities across the country. This is a key step towards the President's goals of building a national network of 500,000 public EV charging stations and reducing national greenhouse gas emissions by 50–52% by 2030. Eligible applicants and projects for two categories are outlined in the following [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). **Applications are due by May 30, 2023.** Click on the following link for more information on [webinars and to request technical assistance](#) from FHWA and the Joint Office on the NEVI Program and projects awarded under the CFI Program.

USDOT Announces Awards for Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program (\$100 million)

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, USDOT announced the first round of grants totaling over \$94 million for 59 projects across the country through the new Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program. The competitive grant program provides State, local, and Tribal governments \$500 million over five years to leverage technology to create safer, more equitable, efficient, and innovative transportation systems. The full list of awards can be viewed [here](#). The maximum award per project was \$2,000,000 for this round of funding. The next funding opportunity of \$100 million is expected to be released Fall, 2023.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program FY23 NOFO Open, through July 10, 2023

On March 31st, 2023 USDOT announced the [fiscal year \(FY\) 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for Safe Streets and Roads, their second round of funding in [Grants.gov](#) and is open for applications. The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. (EDT) Monday, July 10, 2023. For details, more information, and applicant guidance please click on the following link: [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program | US Department of Transportation](#).

FYs 22 and 23 Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program NOFO is Posted

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program is now available for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 in the amount of \$111.85 million. The program helps carry out projects by certain Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments, including municipalities, counties, and others that reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. The funding may be used for construction and non-construction projects and the maximum share of project costs that may be funded with grant funds will typically be 80 percent of project costs, as is standard for Federal-aid projects.

Webinars will be schedule that describe the program and the application process as outlined in the NOFO. These webinars will be recorded and posted on our webpage for prospective applicants. Please check the [webpage](#) for future webinars and more information. The NOFO is available [here](#). The deadline for applications is 11:59 PM EST on August 1, 2023. Grant applications must be submitted through Grants.gov. For additional information contact our email address: wildlifecrossings@dot.gov.

FHWA's Equity in Roadway Safety Webinar Series

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be holding the first in a series of webinars focused on equity in roadway safety. This initial webinar will feature noteworthy actions and tools that transportation professionals and other stakeholders can implement to address disparities in traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Be on the lookout for upcoming technical sessions of the Equity in Roadway Safety webinar series. These webinars will feature noteworthy tools and practices to elevate equity in roadway safety data analysis, project prioritization processes, and meaningful community involvement. Register [here](#) for the webinar on April 17 from 12:00-1:30PM ET

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 2023 Carbon Monoxide Categorical Hotspot Finding

The FHWA recently released its updated [2023 carbon monoxide \(CO\) categorical hot-spot finding](#). This 2023 CO categorical hot-spot finding updates the finding to MOtor Vehicle Emission Simulator, MOVES3, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) latest version of the MOVES emissions model, and supersedes the 2017 finding. The updated finding also makes several enhancements to allow for application of the finding to project scenarios varying by road grade and truck percentages. Project sponsors may be able to rely on the categorical hot-spot finding in place of doing an independent CO hot-spot analysis as part of a project-level conformity determination in CO maintenance areas outside of California.

The 2023 CO categorical hot-spot finding includes a new spreadsheet tool, which is one of two options for applying the finding. This spreadsheet tool replaces the previous web-based tool and will make it easier for users to apply the finding. Please note that project sponsors must rely on the 2023 CO categorical hot-spot finding based on MOVES3 after January 9, 2023, if they choose to use the finding to satisfy the hot-spot analysis requirements for a project-level conformity determination.

Value Capture Strategies: Transportation Reinvestment Zones Webinar

This FHWA webinar features experts discussing real life case studies and their experiences of TRZs to generate revenue, accelerate project delivery, create jobs, and economic growth. Participants can engage and interact directly as well as freely exchange knowledge and know-how with the experts. Transportation Reinvestment Zones ("TRZs") are an innovative and powerful technique to generate funding for transportation projects by capturing and leveraging the economic growth associated with transportation infrastructure investments. A TRZ allows a city or county to designate a geographic area around a proposed transportation project and capture the incremental property tax and sales tax revenues generated in the area for use in funding the development of that project.

Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 from 1:00-3:00pm ET. Register [here](#).

NHI: Intelligent Transportation Systems What, Why, and How Web-based Training Course

The National Highway Institute has updated the introductory training to the basics of ITS as a web-based course. It covers the past and present methods by which ITS applications have been used to address transportation challenges. It also offers insights into the future directions in which ITS is expected to develop which may be useful for planners who either want to learn about ITS and how to integrate it into the planning process. For more information please click on the following link: [National Highway Institute : Course Description for ITS: What, Why, and How \(Web-based Training\) - FHWA-NHI-137050 \(dot.gov\)](#)

USDOT Planning and Equity Tool

The [Planning and Equity Tool](#) enables transportation agency users to view their transportation improvement program (TIP) projects with available national, equity-related data sets. The tool is primarily targeted towards users from transportation agencies with little to no GIS (geographic information systems) capabilities or resources. With this tool, users can view the [USDOT Transportation Disadvantaged Communities](#). USDOT developed a definition for disadvantaged communities (DACs) to be used in connection with certain criteria under USDOT Justice40-covered grant programs. More information about the DAC definition is available on the [USDOT Justice40 Initiative](#) website.

The [Screening Tool for Equity Analysis of Projects \(STEAP\)](#) is a GIS project-level screening tool, where States and MPOs can assess data layers that include race, color, and national origin using data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. This tool provides project sponsors with the capability to screen their projects for potential Title VI covered populations (environmental justice communities) prior to the start of the NEPA process, inform project sponsors of affected populations in their study area, and determine early ways to avoid or mitigate potential impacts to those populations.

Transportation Systems Management & Operations & Transportation Equity Factsheet

On March 30th, 2023 the FHWA Office of Operations posted the Fact Sheet, "Linking TSMO and Transportation Equity" which can be found here: [Linking Transportation Systems Management and Operations \(TSMO\) and Transportation Equity \(dot.gov\)](#)