



Notice of Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 / 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 May 21st, 2024 Meeting Minutes*	Laurel Joseph
5. Treasurer's Report	Anton Schauerte
6. Education Committee	Joel Fitzpatrick
7. FHWA / FTA Update	Andrew Sibold / Kathleen Russell
8. TAMC Update	Ryan Buck
9. Finance Committee	Laurel Joseph
10. Policy Committee	Steve Stepek
11. JobNet Tech	Luke Walters
12. MDOT	
SPS General Update	Don Mayle
13. Other New Business	Laurel Joseph
Next Meeting: Friday, August 2nd at MTPA Conference	Laurel Joseph
14. Adjournment	Laurel Joseph



MEETING MINUTES / MAY 21, 2024 / 10:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTIONS

No participants introduced themselves.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 16, 2024 MEETING MINUTES*

Jeff Franklin indicated two misspellings in the minutes.

A motion was made by Steve Stepek, supported by Jeff Franklin, to approve the April 16th, 2024 meeting minutes, with modifications. The motion passed unanimously.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Anton Schauerte stated the only bill since last month was a \$50 expense for the 2024 conference. The current balance is \$17,784.

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Joel Fitzpatrick mentioned that although many sessions are planned, a few additional ones are needed. Joel also indicated that a Call for Moderators will be sent out soon.

7. FHWA / FTA UPDATE

Jenny Staroska highlighted that a list of grants that FHWA-MI is administering was included in the packet. Jenny also indicated that there is now a Vision Zero toolkit on the FHWA website. Additional updates were provided in the agenda packet.

Kathleen Russell stated that there is a TAM Roundtable in Chicago; registration is open. An update to the DBE Final Rule and applicable webinar is also upcoming. Additional updates were provided in the agenda packet.

A voluntary association of public organizations and agencies responsible for the administration of transportation planning activities throughout the State of Michigan



8. TAMC UPDATE

Ryan Buck was not in attendance.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Laurel Joseph stated that there were no updates.

10. POLICY COMMITTEE

Steve Stepek stated that at the last meeting, CMAQ funding for the FY26-29 TIP was discussed. More information will be provided later in the meeting on how MPOs can/should program the construction of the statewide NEVI Charging Station project.

11. JOBNET TECH

Luke Walters indicated that the May meeting was pushed back to June.

12. MDOT UPDATES

SPS General Update: Don Mayle stated that information about and directions for programming JN-217941 (Construction of NEVI Charging Stations throughout MI) into JobNet will be sent out by Anton to forward to the group following the meeting. Additionally, funds for the FY24 federal earmarks have been loaded into FEMIS, but MDOT has not received a memo with the list yet.

13. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chair Joseph stated that she will be sending out an email(s) regarding the election of officers prior to the 2024 MTPA conference.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joseph adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM.

Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA)

Meeting Attendance - 5/21/2024

AGENCY	NAME	AGENCY	NAME
BayCATS	James Deweerdt	MDOT	Katie Beck
BCATS	Jeff Franklin	MDOT	Kevin Hohf
EMCOG	Cody Bodrie	MDOT	Kloha, Mark
FHWA	Jenny Staroska	MDOT	Lindsey Dowswell
FTA	Andrew Kiefaber	MDOT	Luke Walters
FTA	Ellis Combes	MDOT	Matt Lyle
FTA	Kathleen Russell	MDOT	Max Gierman
FTA	Susan Weber	MDOT	Meredith Fryer
GCMPC	Jacob Maurer	MDOT	Michele Zaverucha
GCMPC	McKenna Dutkiewicz	MDOT	Michelle Weber-Currie
GVMC	Andrea Faber	MDOT	Orlando Curry
GVMC	George Yang	MDOT	Richard Bayus
GVMC	Laurel Joseph	NNW	Barry Hicks
GVMC	Mara Gericke	SATA	Demetra Manley
KATS	Megan Mickelson	SCCOTS	Lindsay Wallace
KATS	Steve Stepek	SEMCOG	Ally Racisz
MACC	Alec Miller	SEMCOG	Adam Elghoul
MACC	Eric Dykstra	SEMCOG	Ed Hug
MACC	Jason Latham	SEMCOG	Michele Fedorowicz
MATS	Alicia Williams	SEMCOG	Steve Brudzinski
MATS	Maja Bolanowska	SWMRPC	Kim Gallagher
MDOT	Ben DuBois	TCRPC	Jim Koenig
MDOT	Brian Sanada	WATS	Anton Schauerte
MDOT	Brian Stark	WATS	Maggie Huntley
MDOT	Cameron Hoad	WMRPC	Spencer Nosal
MDOT	Clayton Sigmann	WMSRDC	Brian Mulnix
MDOT	Craig Newell	WMSRDC	Joel Fitzpatrick
MDOT	Deanna Donahoo		Evan Gross
MDOT	Don Mayle		
MDOT	Ed Fowler		
MDOT	Ellen Kent		
MDOT	Heather Bowden		
MDOT	Heather Hoeve		
MDOT	James VanSteel		
MDOT	John Lanum		
MDOT	Josh Grab		

Updates from FHWA to MTPA June 18, 2024

Grants - Key NOFO List

FHWA Announces \$1.3 Billion in Available Funding for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure

On May 30, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) to announce the availability of \$1.3 billion in funding through the [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Grant Program](#) and a 10 percent set-aside from the [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Program](#). This funding opportunity offers up to \$800 million in funding for newly submitted applications and reserves an additional \$521 million for previously received applications, making a total of \$1.3 billion available. New applications are due by August 28, 2024, and notices requesting reconsideration of past applications are due to FHWA by July 1, 2024. FHWA will host informational webinars on [Thursday, June 6](#) and [Tuesday, June 11](#).

U.S. DOT Announces \$50 Million in Available Funding for SMART Grants Program

On May 13, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) [announced](#) the availability of \$50 million in funding through the [Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation \(SMART\) Grants Program](#). The SMART Grants Program provides grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems in order to improve transportation efficiency and safety. The application deadline is July 12, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

FTA Announces \$10.5 Million in Available Funding for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

On May 23, 2024, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) [announced](#) the availability of nearly \$10.5 million through the [Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning](#). The Pilot Program helps support FTA's mission of improving America's communities through public transportation by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a new fixed guideway or core capacity transit capital investment. The application deadline is July 22, 2024. More information is available [here](#) and [here](#).

FTA Announces \$343 Million in Awards for All Stations Accessibility Program

On May 28, 2024, FTA [announced](#) \$343 million in awards from the [All Stations Accessibility Program \(ASAP\)](#). Grant recipients will use the funding to make rail stations more accessible and in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards by installing elevators, renovating platforms for level boarding, improving signage, and enhancing visual and audio systems. More information is available [here](#).

U.S. DOT Announces \$64 Million in Awards for Safe Streets and Roads for All Program

On May 17, 2024, the U.S. DOT [announced](#) \$64 million in awards for planning and demonstration grants from the [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program](#). These planning and demonstration grants will help cities, counties, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and Tribal governments better

understand the safety challenges in their communities and begin to identify solutions to make streets, roads, and highways safer for all road users. More information is available [here](#).

Application Deadlines Approaching for Other U.S. DOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities

Please be aware of the approaching application deadlines for the following discretionary grant opportunities from the U.S. DOT:

- [June 5 – Exploratory Advanced Research \(EAR\) Program](#),
- [June 10 – Low-Carbon Transportation Materials \(LCTM\) Grants Program](#),
- [June 17 – Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#),
- [June 17 – Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program](#),
- [June 17 – Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program](#),
- [June 17 – Passenger Ferry Grant Program](#),
- [June 18 – Pollinator-Friendly Practices on Roadsides and Highway Rights-of-Way Program](#),
- [July 16 – Communities Taking Charge Accelerator](#), and
- [August 29 – Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\): Planning and Demonstration Grants](#).

CEQ Publishes Final Rule for Phase 2 Revisions of NEPA Implementing Regulations

On May 1, 2024, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published a Final Rule in the Federal Register [[89 FR 35442](#)] to revise its regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), including the recent amendments to NEPA in the Fiscal Responsibility Act. The CEQ is making these revisions to provide for an effective environmental review process; ensure full and fair public engagement; enhance efficiency and regulatory certainty; and promote sound Federal agency decision making. The effective date is July 1, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Amends Uniform Act Regulations for Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition

On May 3, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published a Final Rule in the Federal Register [[89 FR 36908](#)] to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act) regulations. The final rule is the first update in almost 20 years and makes important changes to help those displaced or otherwise affected by federally-funded projects, such as raising benefit levels to account for inflation. The effective date is June 3, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

Comment Deadlines Approaching for U.S. DOT Federal Register Notices

Please be aware of the approaching comment deadlines for the following Federal Register notices from the U.S. DOT:

- [June 11 – Request for Information on Goals, Criteria, Thresholds, and Measurable Data Sources for Designating the National Multimodal Freight Network \(NMFN\)](#), and
- [July 2 – Opportunities and Challenges of Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) in Transportation; Request for Information](#).

U.S. DOT Announces \$750,000 in Cash Prizes for Modernizing NEPA Challenge

On April 15, 2024, the U.S. DOT launched the [Modernizing NEPA Challenge](#) to help make documents associated with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) more accessible and transparent to

reviewing agencies and the public, while also saving time and improving document quality. The submission deadline is July 15, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

New Resources and Publications from the U.S. DOT

The U.S. DOT recently published the following resources:

- [E-Bike Libraries Advance Mobility Options that Incorporate Equity and Climate Goals in Denver, Colorado](#),
- [Federal Land Management Agency \(FLMA\) Database](#),
- [National Highway Institute: Fundamentals of Community Impact Assessment Course \(#142096\)](#),
- [Operations Performance Management Primer: From Performance Measures to Performance Management](#),
- [State Carbon Reduction Strategies: A View from Across the Country](#), and
- [Using Public Engagement to Respond to Community Needs and Priorities: Rethinking I-94 and Reconnecting Communities in the Twin Cities](#).

Upcoming Webinars and Virtual Meetings

Here is the registration information for some upcoming webinars and virtual meetings:

- [June 4 – Explore Cutting-Edge Solutions for Roadway Safety](#),
- [June 6 – CFI Grant NOFO Overview](#),
- [June 6 – Dangerous by Design: How Street Design Contributes to the Pedestrian Safety Crisis](#),
- [June 10 – State Experiences with Safety Performance Management](#),
- [June 11 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Data Gathering and Reporting](#),
- [June 11 – CFI Grant NOFO Overview - Reconsideration of Round 1 Applications](#),
- [June 11 – FHWA Global Benchmarking Program - Turbo Roundabouts Study Findings](#),
- [June 11 – Innovations in Accessibility](#),
- [June 11 – Talking Freight: Electrification of Freight](#),
- [June 12 – Transportation Asset Management: Organization and People](#),
- [June 13 – Designing Transportation for Involuntary Non-Drivers Improves Accessibility for All](#),
- [June 13 – Fiscal Year 2024 August Redistribution Webinar](#),
- [June 13 – U.S. DOT Transforming Transportation Advisory Committee \(TTAC\) Public Meeting](#),
- [June 18 – Climate Change Research and Technology](#),
- [June 25 – Freight Analysis Framework Modernization: Overview & Feedback](#),
- [June 25 – Unleashing the Power of Effective Organizational Risk Management](#), and
- [September 4 – Roadway Safety for People Experiencing Homelessness](#).

June 2024 Updates from FTA to MTPA

Notice of Funding Opportunities

[Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#)

Open: February 21, 2024

Closes: The FY 2024 NOFO has multiple deadlines, depending on the grant type:

April 4, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. (Closed)

May 16, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. (Closed)

August 29, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. NOFO closes.

Funding Available: \$1.256B

[Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development](#)

Open: May 23, 2024

Closes: July 22, 2024

Funding Available: \$10,496,164 million

FTA Announces \$343 Million in Grants to Modernize Older Transit Stations and Improve Accessibility Across the Country

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) today announced that [eight transit systems in eight states](#) will receive funding to help make it easier for people with disabilities and mobility needs to access some of the nation's oldest and busiest rail transit systems through essential upgrades, such as elevators.

Funded by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the approximately \$343 million in grants represents the next round of funding from the [All Stations Accessibility Program](#). Upgrading these stations will create opportunities for people with disabilities to independently use rail transit systems across the country to access jobs, community services, social activities, and all other destinations most people take for granted.

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides more than \$1.7 billion for this important program through 2026.

FTA Releases Updated Strategic Transit Automation Research Plan

FTA has set a roadmap for research and demonstrations on transit bus automation for the next five years, updating its strategic plan for how the public transportation industry might implement automated systems.

The [Strategic Transit Automation Research \(STAR\) Plan 2.0 \(2023-2028\)](#) updates the prior [Strategic Transit Automation Research Plan, referred to as STAR Plan 1.0 \(2018-2023\)](#) released in 2018. STAR Plan 2.0 applies lessons learned from the previous five years of transit automation research and demonstration projects. Key areas of focus for STAR Plan 2.0 are establishing testing standards and setting benchmarks for safety, performance, and maintenance for bus automation technologies. Both plans encourage research, demonstrations, and engagement as described in the [FTA Transit Automation Research Overview](#).

FTA's STAR Plan 2.0 incorporates input from transit agencies and other stakeholders, including federal agencies, universities, non-profits, research partners, and operators. FTA looks forward to engaging with a broad stakeholder community to help transit agencies leverage emerging technologies such as automation to enhance safety and expand mobility for all.

Transit Resilience Guidebook Provides Recommendations to Address Climate Vulnerabilities, Build Resilience

FTA just released the [Transit Resilience Guidebook](#), a resource to help transit agencies, local government officials, metropolitan planning organizations, and other entities anticipate, adapt to, and recover from service disruptions caused by extreme weather events, natural disasters, and climate change impacts. The guidebook, developed with the Volpe Center, presents recommendations and examples of how to identify and address climate vulnerabilities and risks and build resilience into transit assets, while ensuring priority is given to protecting vulnerable populations.

The guidebook presents resilience planning as an iterative process that is addressed across all stages of a project's life cycle: assessing, planning, designing, constructing, managing, maintaining and monitoring. This framework encourages consideration and implementation of resilience measures throughout an agency's decision-making processes. The guidebook also includes real-world examples from transit agencies nationwide to illustrate the benefits of resilience planning.

FTA's [Climate Considerations webpage](#) links to additional FTA sustainability and resilience resources.

NOW AVAILABLE: New FTA Resources for Reporting Assaults on Transit Workers

FTA has published three new resources that will clarify the new [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) requirements for expanded reporting of assaults on transit workers to the [National Transit Database \(NTD\)](#). These resources will help transit agencies:

- Understand the difference between major and non-major events.
- Distinguish between physical and non-physical assaults.
- Know the "Who," "What" and "Where" of an assault event.

New technical resources include:

- An [overview](#) of the expanded reporting requirements.
- [Full Reporters Guide](#) to reporting data on assaults on transit workers.
- [Reduced Reporters Guide](#) to reporting data on assaults on transit workers.

These new resources serve as another tool in FTA’s NTD reporting toolkit; and additional details can be found on the new [Transit Worker Assault webpage](#). For additional support related to reporting assaults on transit workers, please contact NTDHelp@dot.gov.

FTA’s Joint Procurement Clearinghouse available to support transit vehicle purchases

To establish a mechanism to allow grantees to work together to purchase rolling stock, FTA created an online tool to support current and potential joint procurement participants. The [Joint Procurement Clearinghouse](#) was developed with input from the transit industry and is available to transit agency procurement staff through the [TriAD platform](#).

Transit procurement staff from throughout the country can use the site to post information about potential opportunities for joint procurement of rolling stock, including buses, railcars and ferries. The tool is useful to both large and small transit providers looking to pool purchases and create economies of scale.

The Clearinghouse includes fields for procurement officers to list information such as bus size, engine type, and other features. The tool includes filters and search fields to help users explore and find specific joint procurements to fit their agency’s needs.

To help grantees navigate the tool, see the [Joint Procurement Clearinghouse User Guide](#) or contact the help desk at 877-561-7466.

NOW AVAILABLE: Suicide and Mental Health Crisis Intervention on Transit Webinar Recording and Presentation

FTA hosted a webinar on May 29, 2024, to discuss suicide prevention and mental health crisis intervention on transit. The webinar featured guest speakers from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, Bay Area Rapid Transit and Utah Transit Authority who shared available resources, experiences and lessons learned from successful interventions.

The webinar [recording](#) and [presentation](#) are now available.

Implementation Guidance: Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs

In May 2024, the Federal Highway Administration published final revisions to the USDOT [Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs regulation \(the Uniform Act\)](#). FTA recently issued [implementation guidance](#) concerning revisions to the Uniform Act regulation (49 CFR part 24), which will be effective today, June 3, 2024.

FTA recipients beginning the real property acquisition phase of a project on or after June 3 should ensure they update planning documents and grant recipient policies and procedures related to the acquisition of real property or the displacement of people to ensure they reflect the provisions found in

the final rule. For projects in progress, the rule should be implemented consistent with the implementation guidance provided in the Dear Colleague letter.

Public Engagement Workshops

USDOT is organizing a series of in-person and virtual [public engagement workshops](#) this spring and summer. The workshops engage transportation practitioners, community leaders, and members of the public on ensuring that meaningful public involvement is part of the transportation decision making process. On April 30, the first workshop was held in Phoenix, Arizona, featuring speakers and participants eager to implement and influence transportation plans, projects, and programs with robust community involvement. Visit the link above to learn more about the **Atlanta, Georgia (June 12)** and **Chicago, Illinois (July 30)** in-person workshops, and the **virtual workshop (date TBD)**. Please complete the [virtual workshop form](#); individuals that fill out the form will receive a notification about the date and registration information for the virtual workshop.

FTA Announces \$7.8 Million in Grants to Help Connect People to Health Care and Other Critical Services

FTA announced that [17 projects in 15 states](#) will receive funding to improve public transportation for people with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with low-incomes.

The approximately \$7.8 million in grants represents the next round of funding from the [Innovative Coordinated Access & Mobility \(ICAM\) Pilot Program](#). The grant selections support organizations that coordinate public transportation for underserved groups, allowing them to access healthcare, community services, education, and jobs by building partnerships among health, transportation, and human services providers.

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$24 million for this program through 2026.

FTA Announces Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS) Meeting — June 24–25, 2024

FTA will hold a [Transit Advisory Committee for Safety \(TRACS\)](#) meeting on Monday, June 24 and Tuesday, June 25, 2024 in Washington, D.C. The public is invited to participate in the meetings in-person or virtually. More information is available in the [Federal Register Notice](#).

The committee's focus areas for [2024–2026](#) include reducing bus collisions; cybersecurity and data management; and advancing worker and rider safety.

[TRACS](#) provides information, advice, and recommendations on transit safety and other issues as determined by the Secretary of Transportation and the FTA Administrator.