



KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2009

The July meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee was called to order at 9:07 a.m. at the Kalamazoo County Road Commission lower level conference room. Meeting attendance was recorded on the sign-in sheet.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Byrnes (Chair), Shahid Abbas, Muhammad Arif, Andrea Augustine, Dennis Durham, Rick Fowler, Darrell Harden, Tom Hohm, Dwight Leeks, Fred Nagler, Michelle O'Neill, Jodi Stefforia, Frank Szopo, Mike West, and Dallas Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Hein, Lotta Jarnefelt, Cheri Lutz and Bill Schomisch.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeanette Benzie, Paul MacNellis, David Schmidt, Nicole Dalman, Kathy Schultz, Jon Start and Steve Stepek.

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 11, 2009 MEETING

Motion by the Technical Committee, ***“to approve the minutes from June 11th, 2009.”*** Motion approved.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Jon Start reported that the Policy Committee took action to approve on the 2010 Unified Planning Work Program. The program was modified a bit to include the US-131/US-131 BR study.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Agencies were asked to submit their FY 2010-2011 Transportation Improvement Program changes for action at the July Technical Committee meeting. An updated FY 2008-2011 STIP/TIP project data sheet was handed out to the committee for their review. A change on page 2 under MDOT's M-43 project was noted to be funded under FY 2009, with construction remaining in FY 2010. There was also an error on page 2 under MDOT's M-331 project, where the federal cost of the project should be more than indicated. A correct amount will be updated into the table at a later date.

Approval is for FY 2009 and FY 2010, and would be to recommend to the Policy Committee to approve the amendments.

Motion by the Technical Committee, ***“to recommend Policy Committee approval of the Transportation Improvement Program amendments as corrected .”*** Motion approved.

NATIONAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Mr. Start told the group that the National Functional Classification Subcommittee did not meet as originally scheduled. This was after Oshtemo Township withdrew their request to make 10th Street from West Main (M-43) to H Avenue a local street. Although the request was withdrawn, Oshtemo Township would like a study group to be formed and look at county wide truck haul routes.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Jon Start said that the Policy Committee approved the Unified Planning Work Program, with the addition of US-131/US-131 BR program as a potential special study. A plan is being developed to use funds that Congressman Upton has earmarked for US-131/US-131 BR.

2035 TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT STATUS

Mr. Start told the committee about his efforts to gather population and employment data from 2008 in an effort to move forward in development of the 2035 Plan. MDOT employment data is being cleaned up, and staff will be meeting with each agency to review the information. The base year must be finished soon. The Plan is due September 2010. The new plan is required to include year of expenditure costs and revenues.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

A representative was not present to give the public transportation update

STATUS REPORTS

Dallas Williams reported that the Milham Avenue project was 60% complete, with full completion early September. ARRA projects will begin soon.

Fred Nagler reported that the Lovell Street project is 80-85% complete. The bridge project by the Veterans Memorial Park is at a stand still, due to a footing issue and other minor modifications. The Bronson Boulevard project has not begun yet. ARRA projects are out for bid letting in August, as well as the Paterson Street/Drake Road project will be let on July 22.

Michelle O'Neill reported that the I-94 project has begun with a traffic shift, brush clearing, and crossover installation. The Portage Trailway is also closed until project is completed.

Tom Hohm reported that 43rd Street construction will be ending soon. The Sprinkle Road CMAQ project is underway with mast arms in place and some final hook ups to be completed. The River Valley Trailway project is waiting on the delivery of a bridge, due in early August. The road commission's ARRA projects will be open for bid on July 10th.

Andrea Augustine told the group that the City of Kalamazoo was updating their master plan. She also told the group that the County had applied for \$18.5 million for a neighborhood grant. At the last county meeting there was a Kalamazoo County Landbank Authority formed to help with the process of allocating the funds if the grant was issued.

Jodi Stefforia noted that the RFP's for conceptual design for a non-motorized connection on 10th Street from West Main to the Kal-Haven Trail had been submitted.

Dennis Durham said the River Reach redevelopment project is moving along well, and has been approved by the state for demolition.

AGENCY TIME SHEETS

Kathy Schultz informed the committee that KATS time sheets are due by the 15th of the month. At the August Technical Committee meeting, there will be an overview of what can be charged.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Jon Start asked Rick Fowler if there was going to be any leftover ARRA money. Rick said that to his knowledge, there would not be any extra ARRA funds that would be redistributed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Byrnes adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.