

Berrien County CMAQ Funding Meeting
 June 25, 2008
 2:00 p.m.
 Berrien County Road Commission
 2860 E. Napier Ave. Benton Harbor, MI 49023

Minutes

Call to order at 2:05 pm.

Present:

- Brian Berndt - Berrien County Road Commission
- Willie Brown - City of Buchanan
- Tim Fenderbosch - St. Joseph Charter Township
- Kelly Getman-Dissette - SWMPC
- Ron Griffin - St. Joseph Charter Township
- John Gruchot - Berrien County Community Development
- Jason Latham - MDOT SW Region
- John Pleveich - Niles Dial-A-Ride
- Bill Purvis - TCATA
- Kevin Reed - Berrien County Road Commission
- Dennis Schuh - Berrien County Public Transportation
- Terrie Smith - Lincoln Charter Township
- Gary Soper - Benton Charter Township
- Dick Stauffer - Lincoln Charter Township
- Dan VanderHeide - Williams and Works/Lincoln Charter Township
- Sarah Woolcock - MDOT Coloma TSC
- Tim Zebell - City of St. Joseph

FY 2009 Berrien County Projects - The purpose of the meeting was to finalize FY 2009 projects. Per the October 2007 meeting, Lincoln and St. Joseph Charter Townships needed to complete areawide surveys to determine whether or not local residents and employees would use sidewalks in place of driving if sidewalks were available.

Lincoln completed the survey work and submitted an application packet to Getman-Dissette prior to the meeting. St. Joseph has yet to complete the surveys. In addition, Purvis reported that TCATA will purchase 4 buses in 2009 instead of 5, leaving \$32,000 to be allocated to another project. Therefore, the group decided to assign FY 2009 funding as follows:

2009 - \$586,196 available

Agency	Project	Federal Cost
TCATA	4 bus replacements	\$200,000
Berrien Bus	1 bus replacement	\$72,000
SWMPC	Rideshare	\$12,000
BCRC	John Beers sidewalk	\$170,000
BCRC	Hilltop sidewalk	\$132,196
Total		\$586,196
Balance		\$0

Future year projects:		Federal Cost
City of Benton Harbor	Harbor Shores trails	\$453,000
BCRC	Fairplain/Mall Dr. sidewalks	\$280,000
BCRC	John Beers sidewalk	\$100,000
BCRC	Hilltop sidewalk	
BCRC	Hollywood corridor	
BCRC	Napier sidewalk	

Niles Dial-a-Ride	Operating assistance for new routes	\$105,000
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Getman-Dissette will contact Pete Porciello at MDOT for a submission deadline and e-mail the date to everyone. As usual, projects within urban boundaries will be amended into the appropriate TIP documents at a regular TwinCATS meeting after receiving MDOT review.

MDOT Projects – Woolcock announced the new MDOT program for FY 2009. \$588,500 will be devoted to signal upgrades at Fairplain and M-139 in Benton Harbor as well as Main and Broad in St. Joseph.

Next Meeting – A meeting will be scheduled for sometime in February 2009 to discuss projects for 2010 and 2011 funding.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by Kelly Getman-Dissette, Transportation Planner.