

Minutes
Twin Cities Area Transportation Study
Joint Meeting

February 23, 2009
 10:00 A.M.

Southwest Michigan Regional Airport

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Aaron Anthony, City of Bridgman Mickey Bennett, Sodus Township Brian Berndt, Berrien County Road Commission Bill Boyd, Royalton Township Bob Burkholz, Berrien County Road Commission Chris Cook, City of Benton Harbor Tim Fenderbosch, St. Joseph Charter Township John Gruchot, Berrien County Community Development Sarah Koepke, Federal Highway Admin (ex officio) Ray Lenze, MDOT, Statewide Planning Larry Merritt, St. Joseph Charter Township Debra Panozzo, Berrien County Commission Bill Purvis, Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority Lee Scherwitz, SW Michigan Regional Airport Dennis Schuh, Berrien Bus Mark Seaman, Village of Shoreham Roger Seely, St. Joseph Charter Township Terrie Smith, Lincoln Charter Township Paul South, MDOT- Coloma TSC Gary Soper, Benton Charter Township Tim Zebell, City of St. Joseph
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Bill Brown, NIRPC (ex officio) Fred Featherly, MDOT - Multi-Modal Services Todd Gardner, Village of Stevensville Jason Latham, MDOT, Southwest Region Stewart McKenzie, Federal Transit Administration Katie Montoya, Berrien County Community Development Gloria Payne, Lake Charter Township Thad Rieder, Cornerstone Alliance Robert Rusch, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Brad Sharlow, MDOT Planning Sarah Woolcock, MDOT - Coloma TSC
SWMPC STAFF PRESENT:	Nickolas Musson
OTHERS PRESENT:	Munawar Azam, MDOT Engineering Scott Aiken, Herald Palladium Doug Plachcinski, ENP Associates Al Pscholka, Congressman Fred Upton

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Scherwitz called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. Chairman Judd was absent.

2. MINUTES:

- *A motion was made by Berndt, seconded by Zebell, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 TAC meeting. Motion approved.*

- *A motion was made by Panozzo, seconded by Fenderbosch, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 Policy meeting. Motion approved.*

3. **STAFF REPORT:**

- **Asset Management IRT training**

- Musson announced that SWMPC hosted an Asset Management Investment Reporting Tool training workshop on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:30pm in Lawrence, Michigan at the Van Buren ISD Conference Center. We had a great turnout and I have extra copies of workshop hand out if anyone is interested.

4. **PROJECT UPDATES:**

- **Pipestone Road** - Finished
- **Empire Avenue** – Has been let
- **Linco Road** – June letting
- **Linco Bridge** – GI June letting
- **Roosevelt SR2S** – May letting
- **Church Street** - Finished
- **I-94 BL** – Let, contract being awarded, pre construction meeting in March.
- **M-139 Traffic Operations** - Underway

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Asset Management for Elected Officials**

- Musson reminded the committee that there is an Asset Management for Elected Officials workshop is coming up on March 30, 2009 at the Berrien County RESA Administrative Center, 711 St. Joseph Ave., in Berrien Springs.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2010-2013 TIP**

Musson passed out a list of the 2010 to 2013 TIP projects and the American Recovery and Investment projects list.

- **TIP Amendments** – The following MDOT and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects were discussed. There were no objections from the public.

A motion was made by South, supported by Fenderbosch to amend the FY 2008-2011 TIP to delete the following:

- *Delete in FY 2011, MDOTs project (JN 87322) M-63 from Midway to Winchester with federal cost at \$1,899,000 and state cost at \$421,000. The project is being delayed as a result of the lack of funding.*

MOTION APPROVED.

A motion was made by Berndt, supported by Zebell to amend the FY 2008-2011 TIP to add the following American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects:

- *Adding in FY 2009, Glenlord Road/John Beers Road to Seal Coat from BL 94 to Cleveland Avenue and Lincoln to M-139 for a total cost of \$90,000.*
- *Adding in FY 2009, Park Street to Reconstruct from Lake Blvd to Main Street (I94BL) for a total cost of \$398,900.*
- *Adding in FY 2009, Lake Street (Bridgman) to mill and resurface, curb and gutter, and traffic signal from Pine Street to Red Arrow Hwy for a total cost of \$671,000.*
- *Adding in FY 2009, Lincoln Avenue to resurface from John Beers Road to Maiden Lane for a total cost of \$569,755.*

MOTION APPROVED.

A motion was made by Bennett, supported by South to amend the FY 2008-2011 TIP to add the following American Recovery and Reinvestment Act illustrative Projects ranked in order:

- *Adding Lincoln Avenue to resurface from John Beers Road to Maiden Lane for a total cost of \$30,245.*
- *Adding Kingsley Avenue to reconstruct from South State Street to Niles Avenue (M63) for a total cost of \$513,500.*
- *Adding Kloch Road to Widen/Reconstruct M-63 to North Shore Drive for a total cost \$1,340,000*
- *Adding East Kloch Road to extend from North Shore to Paw Paw for a total cost of \$1,000,000.*
- *Adding Graham Avenue to extend end of existing Graham Avenue to Riverview/Whitwam Drive for a total of \$1,110,000.*
- *Adding Pipestone to reconstruct from Main to south city limits for a total cost of \$3,000,000.*
- *Adding Benton Harbor Canal project consisting of the extension of Whitwam Drive from Riverview to 10th Street for a total cost of \$2,000,000.*

MOTION APPROVED.

A motion was made by Berndt, supported by Fenderbosch to amend the FY 2008-2011 TIP to add in FY 09 the following MDOT illustrative list for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

- *Adding in FY 2009, South West MI Regional Airport to construct runway 9/27 and parallel taxiways for total cost of \$3,700,000.*

MOTION APPROVED.

• **LRP Draft**

- Musson handed out limited paper copies of the LRP Draft and explained that the draft can also be accessed on the SWMPC website. Musson will be accepting comments until the next meeting. Musson will also be sending out a public notice stating that the public can comment on the plan from March 2nd to the 16th.

• **2010 CMAQ Projects**

- *A motion was made by Lenze, supported by Fenderbosch for the submittal of the 2010 SWMPC Rideshare program for \$12,000*

MOTION APPROVED.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Musson introduced Doug Plachcinski from ENP Associates who wanted to introduce himself to the committee. Plachcinski explained that he is working on the Berrien County master plan update, specifically the transportation section. Plachcinski plans on sending Musson a survey, which will be distributed to all TwinCATS committee members.

8. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- Scherwitz announced that the Southwest Regional Airport (SWRA) is celebrating their 75 year birthday. Their future goals are to become self sufficient and plan to do this by renting out facilities on the property. SWRA hopes to add a 10 row T hanger to the property for renting.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 11:12 a.m.

- Next meeting is March 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. for TAC and 10:30 a.m. for Policy.

Compiled by: Nickolas Musson Transportation Planner, 3/03/09