

**Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study  
Fiscal Year 2011 to 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Project Selection Subcommittee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
3:00 PM  
Niles City Council Chambers

**NATS Members in Attendance:**

Joe Bellina	Cass County Road Commission
Brian Berndt	Berrien County Road Commission
Paul Boggs	Milton Township
Neil Coulston	City of Niles
Ray Lenze	Michigan Department of Transportation
John Pleveich	Niles Dial-a-Ride

**Staff in Attendance:**

Nickolas Musson	SWMPC
Anna Rahtz	SWMPC

**Others in Attendance:**

Jan Personette	
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**1. Meeting Called to Order by Nickolas Musson at 3:12pm**

**2. Purpose of Meeting**

- To review 2010 and 2011 projects already in 2008-2011 TIP; to review projects previously selected for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 during 2010-2013 TIP selection process; to select projects for 2014 and fill in funding gaps in 2011-2013; to review transit projects and MDOT projects for 2010 through 2014; and to identify Surface Transportation and Jobs for Main Street illustrative lists of projects.

**3. Review of 2010 Projects**

- The federal cost of the project named Third St. / Stateline Rd. is being modified from \$115,000 to \$128,077.
- Since Lakeshore Drive is listed in 2010 and 2011, the federal cost for 2010 is being changed from \$57,000 to \$75,200 to use the remaining funds for 2010 and the limits changed from River Court to Barron Lake Road to Fisk to Barron Lake Road.

2010							
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Portion Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments	Traffic Count	3 yr PASER Average
Third St./State Line Road	BCRC/	128,077	Seal coat and micro surface	From Fulkerson Rd to State line Rd & from Third St. to M-51	The project description changed from “resurface road, minor drainage” to “seal coat and microsurface”. The federal cost changed from \$478,000 to \$115,000 (STUL), and the local cost changed from \$112,000 to \$25,000 (Cnty).	5000 (2007)	7
Lake Street/East Main Street/Galien-Buchanan Road	BCRC/	77,000	Seal coat	Lake Street from the City of Niles to Cass County line, East Main Street from the City of Niles to Cass County line, and Galien-Buchanan Road from Bakertown Road to Boyle Lake Road	This project was created out of the amended Third St./State Line Road project		
Bertrand Road	BCRC/	77,000	Seal coat	Red Bud Trail to St. Joseph River	This project was created out of the amended Third St./State Line Road project	2200 (2006)	7
East Main Street	City of Niles	221,100 (ARRA)	Resurface	Maple Street to 17th Street			
Lake Street	City of Niles	86,900 (ARRA)	Resurface	Fifth Street to Eleventh Street			
Redfield	CCRC/	12,150 (ARRA)	Resurface	Adamsville Rd to Mason Township			
Gumwood	CCRC/	223,638 (ARRA)	Resurface	state line to Redfield Street			
Ironwood	CCRC/	44,600 (ARRA)	Resurface	Redfield Street to Bell Road			
Elkhart Road	CCRC/	72,000	Resurface	May Street to Village of Edwardsburg		4072 (2003)	4
Bell Road	CCRC/	75,200	Resurface	Berrien Cty line to US-12		3952 (2009)	3.3
Lakeshore Drive	CCRC/	75,200	Resurface	Fisk to Barron Lake Road		1038 (2009)	5.3
<b>Total(Estimate \$504,477.00)</b>		<b>504,477</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>0</b>			

#### 4. Review of 2011 Projects

2011								
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Portion Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments	Traffic Count	3 yr PASE R Average	Percent of Federal Contribution
Redfield St. / Bertrand Rd.	CCRC/	77,000	HMA Overlay	Redfield from Berrien Cty line to Ironwood and Bertrand from Redfield to Berrien Cty line				
Bertrand Road	BCRC/	350,477	AC/Resurface	Red Bud Trail to Weaver Road		2200 (2006)	7	20%
Seal Coat project	BCRC/	77,000		?	to be decided			
<b>Total(Estimate \$504,477.00)</b>		<b>504,477</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>0</b>				

- CCRC is adding a segment of Bertrand Road to the Redfield St. project, raising the federal cost from \$64,300 to \$77,000.
- Since the Bertrand Road project is in 2011 and 2012, BCRC is changing the federal cost in 2011 from \$313,000 to \$350,477 to use the remaining funds for 2011.
- BCRC is adding a seal coat project, to be determined.

#### 5. Review of 2012 Projects

- Since BCRC increased the federal cost of Bertrand Road in 2011, the cost for 2012 is decreased from \$189,000 to \$151,523.
- There is \$215,497 remaining. There will be most likely be another project selection meeting to decide for what it will be used.

2012							
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Portion Cost	Project Category	Limits	Traffic Count	3 yr PASER Average	Percent of Federal Contribution
Redfield Street	CCRC/	76,800	Resurfacing with structural overlay	M-62 to Ridgewood	4976 (2003)	4	20%
Bertrand Road	BCRC/	151,523	ACC	Red Bud Trail to Weaver Road	2200 (2006)	7	20%
Redfield Street	CCRC/	76,800	Resurfacing with structural overlay	State line Road to Oak Street	3874 (2003)	6	20%
<b>Total(Estimate \$520,620.00)</b>		<b>305,123</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>215,497</b>			

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## 6. Review of 2013 Projects

2013							
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Portion Cost	Project Category	Limits	Traffic Count	3 yr PASER Average	Percent of Federal Contribution
Redfield Street	CCRC/	50,400	Resurfacing with structural overlay	Oak Street to Elkhart Road	3874 (2003)	6.3	20%
Front Street	City of Buchanan	263,680	Resurface/sidewalks/ramps/street scaping/non-motorized path	Redbud Trail to Schrimmer Parkway			
<b>Total(Estimate \$537,280.00)</b>		<b>314,080</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>223,200</b>			

○ There is \$223,000 remaining. It will be decided what to do with it at a later date.

## 7. Selection of 2014 Projects

2014								
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Portion Cost	Project Category	Limits	Survey Project Score	Traffic Count	3 yr PASER Average	Percent of Federal Contribution
Sycamore Street	City of Niles	100,676	Resurface	Thirteenth St. to Seventeenth St.	15.5%	725 (2009)	6.3	20%
Elkhart Road	CCRC/	75,200	Resurface	Center Street to May Street	18.5%	4073(2003)	4.3	20%
Lakeshore Drive	CCRC/	49,800	Resurface	Huntly Road to River Court	17.0%	1038 (2009)	4	20%
Bertrand Road	CCRC/	75,200	Resurface	Batchelor Road east 0.75 miles	18.5%	886 (2009)	4.6	20%
Niles-Buchanan Road	BCRC/Niles Charter Twp	72,000	Hot patching and single seal coat	0.3 miles west of Mayflower Road to City of Niles	17.0%	7400 (2005)	6.3	20%
Main Street and Red Bud Trail	BCRC/Buchanan Twp	72,000	Hot patching and single seal coat	City of Buchanan to Reed and City of Buchanan to Miller	18.1%	4200 (2005)	6.3	20%
<b>Total(Estimate \$554,473.00)</b>		<b>444,876</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>109,597</b>				

## 8. Illustrative Projects

- There are no illustrative projects identified for Surface Transportation funding.
- A list was developed of illustrative projects for potential federal Jobs for Main Street economic stimulus funding. This would be 100% federal money with no local match required, so the total project costs are shown. These projects were selected on the basis of “shovel-readiness,” as the stimulus funding program would be very quick-moving. It is not known at this time whether the Senate will pass it, or if they will pass the same version of the bill as the House.
- The ranking in the illustrative list indicates the order in which the projects will receive the Jobs for Main Street funding, depending upon the available amount.

<b>"Jobs for Main Street" Illustrative List</b>					
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Redfield Street & Bertrand Rd	CCRC/	96,250	HMA Overlay	Redfield from Berrien County line to Ironwood and Bertrand from Redfield to Berrien County line	1
Bertrand Rd.	BCRC/	627,500	AC/Resurface	Red Bud Trail to Weaver Road	2

## 9. Review of Transit Projects

<b>2011</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Federal Cost</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
On Bus Camera System	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$48,000	Transit operations equipment	9600 toll credits
Staff Training	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$1,100	Miscellaneous	220 toll credits
Generator	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$5,000	Transit operations equipment	1000 toll credits
Bike Racks	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$6,500	Transit operations equipment	1300 toll credits
Ramp Lift	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$20,000	Transit maintenance equipment and parts	4000 toll credits
Landscaping	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$5,900	Transit facility	
Replacement Tires	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$3,600	Transit maintenance equipment and parts	720 toll credits
Preventative Maintenance	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$180,000	Transit maintenance equipment and parts	36000 toll credits

**2012**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Federal Cost</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Parking Lot	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$5,000	Transit facility	
Staff Training	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$1,200	Miscellaneous	240 toll credits
Garage Maintenance	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$12,000	Transit facility	2400 toll credits
Preventative Maintenance	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$190,000	Transit maintenance equipment and parts	38000 toll credits

**2013**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Federal Cost</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Replacement Tires	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$3,800	Transit maintenance equipment and parts	760 toll credits
Staff Training	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$1,200	Miscellaneous	240 toll credits
Copy Machine	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$10,000	Transit operations equipment	2000 toll credits
Replacement Bus	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$63,200	Transit vehicle replacement	
Preventative Maintenance	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$190,000	Transit maintenance equipment and parts	38000 toll credits

**2014**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Federal Cost</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Replacement Computers	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$5,000	Transit operations equipment	1000 toll credits
Trolley Façade	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$6,000	Transit maintenance equipment and parts	1200 toll credits
Maintenance Software	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$1,500	Transit maintenance equipment and parts	300 toll credits
Parking Lot	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$5,000	Transit facility	
Staff Training	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$1,300	Miscellaneous	260 toll credits
Replacement Bus	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$64,480	Transit vehicle replacement	
Preventative Maintenance	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$195,000	Transit maintenance equipment and parts	39000 toll credits

<b>"Jobs for Main Street" Illustrative List</b>					
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Federal Cost</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Transit Operation	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$100,000	Operations		
Transit Capital	Niles Dial-A-Ride	\$300,000	Facility improvements and purchases		

## 10. Review of MDOT Projects

<b>2012</b>						
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>MDOT Job Number</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Federal Cost</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Comments</b>
US-12	106876	MDOT	\$668,700	Widen - Minor	at Gumwood Road, Milton Township, Cass County	Construction Phase
US-31	108921	MDOT	\$715,000	Traffic Operations	Berrien County	Construction Phase
US-31 BR	86785	MDOT	\$1,468,729	Bridge Replacement	over Dowagiac River	Construction Phase

<b>2013</b>						
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>MDOT Job Number</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Federal Cost</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Comments</b>
US-12	90361	MDOT	\$7,857,600	Resurface	M-60 to Edwardsburg	Construction Phase

- MDOT has identified no illustrative projects for potential Jobs for Main Street funding. Once it does, another project selection meeting will likely be held.

## 11. Public Comment

- Personette asked what happens to extra money if the MPO (metropolitan planning organization) does not use it. Lenze responded that it ultimately goes back to the federal government. Rahtz added that the money technically could be flexed over to transit projects, but that it is a long administrative process that is difficult to do.

## 12. General Discussion

- *Motion by Bellina, seconded by Coulston, to approve all above project lists. Motion approved.*

- Rahtz reminded the committee members that their “total” project costs, including engineering, are needed for all 2010 and future projects, to add to the TIP. It was asked why this is needed, and Musson responded that it was a federal requirement in SAFETEA-LU to have a total cost column, that had not been met statewide.
- Lenze mentioned that when the 2010 Census data is released, the MPO boundaries may change because the urbanized area may expand to include Berrien Springs. Discussion ensued about how it is not known what will happen in the future or how much funding will be able for transportation projects; thus it is difficult to plan ahead.

**13. Meeting Adjourned at 3:55pm.**