



Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

376 West Main Street, Suite 130 • Benton Harbor, MI 49022-3651

TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TECHNICAL ADVISORY and POLICY COMMITTEES **COMBINED** MEETING

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DATE: Monday, October 16, 2017

TIME: 9:30AM

PLACE: Kinexus (Michigan Works!) **Lighthouse Room**

499 W Main St, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**
2. **Changes to the Agenda**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approve Minutes from the September 18, 2017 Meeting (*Enclosed*) **Action****
5. **Staff Report**
 - 2045 Long Range Plan – Non-motorized Technical Memo
 - Napier Corridor Study
6. **Community Land Use and Zoning Member Updates**
7. **Public Transit**
 - SWMPC Transit Updates – Countywide Transit Study
 - Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority
8. **Walk and Roll Committee Updates**
9. **Airport Updates**
10. **Agency Project Status**

Status of FY 2018 Projects

 - Berrien County Road Commission
 - City of Benton Harbor (*Enclosed*)
 - City of St. Joseph (*Enclosed*)
 - MDOT
11. **Old Business**
 - Reminder to Review Future Year Socioeconomic Data
12. **New Business**
 - State and Federal Updates
13. **Privilege of the Floor**
14. **Adjournment**
 - The next TwinCATS meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 20, 2017 @ 9:30 am.**

**TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TAC and Policy Committee Combined Minutes**

September 18, 2017 9:30 A.M.
Kinexus, Lighthouse Room

Present		Committee Representing	
Name	Representing	TAC	Policy
Calli Berg	Benton Charter Township	X	
Carolyn Fowler	Benton Charter Township		x
Eric Lester	Berrien County Planning Commission		X
Brian Berndt	Berrien County Road Commission	X	
Chris Cook	City of Benton Harbor	x	X**
John Hodgson	City of St. Joseph		X
Tom Mac Donald	City of St. Joseph	x	
Stacey Stephens	Cornerstone Alliance	x	X
Terezie Harazinova	Disability Network Southwest Michigan	x	
Andrea Dewey	Federal Highway Administration*	x	x
Dick Stauffer	Lincoln Charter Township		X
Terrie Smith	Lincoln Charter Township	X	
Jonathon Smith	MDOT Coloma Business Office	X	X
Jason Latham	MDOT Southwest Region	x	X
Brenda Burdick	MDOT Southwest Region		
Katie Beck	MDOT SUTA*	x	
Scott Weber	Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission*	x	X
Steve Tilly	Royalton Township		x
Vince Desjardins	Southwest Michigan Regional Airport	x	x
Jonathan Fisk**	St. Joseph Charter Township	x	
Denise Cook	St. Joseph Charter Township		x
Alex Little	TCATA	x	x
Bob Lawrence	Village of Shoreham	x	X
Brandon Kovnat	SWMPC		Staff
Jerrid Burdue	SWMPC		Staff
Absent		TAC	POL
Kelli Nelson	Benton Charter Township	x	
Evan Smith	Berrien County Community Development	x	
Darin Watson	City of Benton Harbor		x
Juan Ganum	City of Bridgman	x	x

Absent		TAC	POL
Tim Zebell	City of St. Joseph	x	
Angelica Selgado	Federal Transit Administration*	x	X
Gloria Payne	Lake Charter Township	x	x
Fred Featherly	MDOT Passenger Division	x	
David Chandler	Sodus Township	x	x
Roger Seeley	St. Joseph Charter Township	x	
Jim Sturdevant	MDOT Statewide Planning	x	X

*Non-Voting **Alternate Member

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Meeting called to order by Brian Berndt at 9:30 AM followed by introductions.

2. Changes to the Agenda

None.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approve Minutes from the June 19, 2017 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2017 meeting as written, by Dick Stauffer, second by zbrian Berndt . **Motion Approved**

5. Staff Report

Brandon Kovnat gave a review about the Long Range Plan. in the upcoming meetings a technical memo will be presented which contains data about the TwinCATS area that will be used in the Long Range Plan. Non-motorized transportation will be the topic of the tech memo presented at the October meeting.

Chris Cook express interest in holding a Walk aand Roll committee meeting. a doodle poll with sugsted times will be sent out before the October TwinCATS meeting.

6. Community Land Use and Zoning Member Updates

Dick Stauffer said that outlot for t Mejier were up for sale. There was an application by Autozone. This led to a disicussion about the safety on Red Arrow around Meijer due to the cones. There was concern tha the cones were causeing dangerous merging in the area where the lane is closed.

7. Public Transit

County-Wide Transit Project: Kim Gallagher said that the CEO of Nelson Nygaard is now leading the study. She hopes this will rebuild enthusiasm. Kim also said that University of Michigan was doing studies on mobility, water, and runoff. They are looking at using technologies to solve area problems.

TCATA: none

8. Airport Updates – Vince Des Jardins

Papalights are being installed. These lights are to guide planes on approach. It is being 95% federal/state funded and 5% local. Kim asked about how the airport was used. Vince said that they don't track the cargo of each plane. But he said that UPS has regular flights and that manufactures charter planes to get parts to other factories. The nuclear plants also often need just in time deliveries because it's cheaper to charter a flight than to shut down the plant.

9. Agency Project Status

2017 Projects:

Berrien County Road Commission: All FY 2017 projects have been completed

Village of Stevensville: The Red Arrow & John Beers Road Intersection project is completed. There was a complement on the quality of the intersection.

City of Benton Harbor: Colfax South is let. Construction will occur any day.

MDOT: There was an Administrative amendment to move the I-94 WB overlay PE phase (JN 128907) from 2018 to 2017.

2018 Projects:

Berrien County Road Commission: Nickerson Avenue is a Mill and Fill replacing 2 inches. The plans have been approved.

Shawnee Rd is an overlay with a shoulder added. The plan will be completed in about 2 weeks.

St. Joseph: Tom MacDonald discussed the Wallace Avenue project. Three options were presented to the St. Joseph residents at a public meeting. The final plan will narrow lanes on Wallace Avenue and add a 10ft path. This will eliminate street parking. Street parking will be available at Dickerson Park. An improved crossing of Wallace will be added at Stadium Rd.

A comment was brought up by Alex Little about the desperate need to fix M-139 from Napier to Nickerson. He explained that the road was in such a poor condition that it was causing maintenance issues with buses. Jason Jatham explained that the road needs Restore and Rehabilitation. Unfortunately 90% of the R&R funds go to the interstate. The cost for repair

on M-139 could be up to \$25 million. He explained that smaller fixes and patching would not be the best use of funds. they might patch with leftover maintenance funding. This is a major problem which will require larger funding sources.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

Katie Beck handed out future year socioeconomic data. She mentioned that this was similar to the approval that occurred for the base year data. Katie also mentioned that they were asking if there were any proposed projects or ideas which they wanted to test with the model. A handout explain what information would be needed on a project totest in the model was asl handed out

State and federal Updates

None

12. Privilege of the Floor

None

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Minutes Compiled by: Brandon Kovnat, SWMPC associate planner



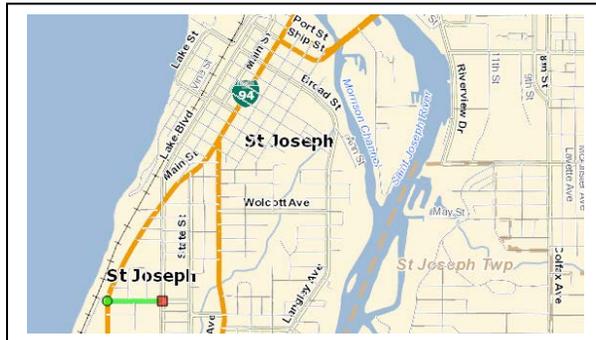
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Project Update Sheet

Project Name:	Wallace Avenue
Fiscal Year of award:	2018
Responsible Agency:	City of St. Joseph
MDOT Job Number:	133290
Project Limits:	Lakeshore Drive to South State Street.
Project Length:	0.37 mi
Location:	City of St. Joseph
Work Type:	Reconstruct
Phase:	CON

Project Description: Full reconstruction of roadway with HMA or concrete pavement including curb and gutter, install new storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water main from Lakeshore Drive to Lakeview Avenue. Resurface roadway and rehabilitate or replace one sanitary sewer run from Lakeview Avenue to South State Street. Remove and replace ADA ramps as needed to meet current standards and replace sidewalk as needed over the entire project length.



	Amount	Source
Federal	\$460,000	STP-Urban
State		
Local	\$1,000,000	
Total	\$1,460,000	

Activity	Estimated Date	Actual Date
Resolution of Support for Local Match Submitted to SWMPC	Complete	4/24/17
Project Application Submitted to MDOT	8/28/17	9/11/17
Grade Inspection Package Submitted to MDOT	9/11/17	9/11/17
Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled	10/11/17	10/10/17
Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT	11/17/17	
Project Obligated	December 2017	
Project Letting	2/2/18	
Construction Start	6/4/18	
Project Completion	9/21/18	

Project is: On Schedule Behind Schedule; Explain:

- Funding Resolution provided to SWMPC by email on April 28, 2017
- Issued RFP for Engineering on May 19, 2017



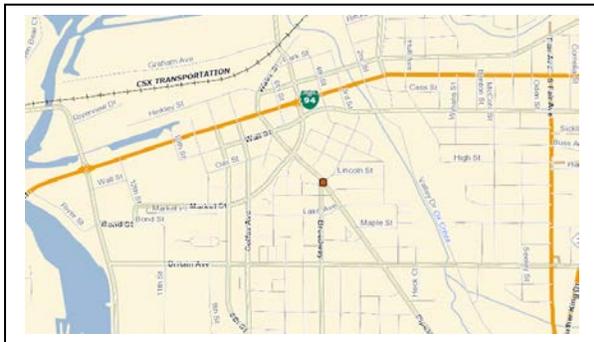
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Project Update Sheet

Project Name:	Traffic Signal replacement
Fiscal Year of award:	2018
Responsible Agency:	City of Benton Harbor
MDOT Job Number:	121016
Project Limits:	Pipestone at Jefferson St
Project Length:	
Location:	City of Benton Harbor
Work Type:	Traffic Ops/ Safety
Phase:	CON

Project Description: Traffic Signal Replacement on Pipestone at Jefferson to improve traffic light timing along Pipestone.



	Amount	Source
Federal	\$264,000	CMAQ
State		
Local		
Total	\$264,000	

Activity	Estimated Date	Actual Date
Resolution of Support for Local Match Submitted to SWMPC		
Project Application Submitted to MOT		4/25/2017
Grade Inspection Package Submitted to MDOT		4/25/2017
Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled		5/5/2017
Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT		8/30/2017
Project Obligated		September 2017
Project Letting	11/3/2017	
Construction Start	Spring 2018	
Project Completion	June 2018	

Project is: On Schedule Behind Schedule; Explain: