

**Minutes**  
*Twin Cities Area Transportation Study*  
*Policy Committee*

June 16, 2008  
 10:30 A.M.

Southwest Michigan Regional Airport

<b>POLICY MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Mickey Bennett, Sodus Township Bill Boyd, Royalton Township R.J. Burkholz, Berrien County Road Commission Tim Fenderbosch, St. Joseph Charter Township Ron Griffin, St. Joseph Charter Township Robert Judd, City of St. Joseph Ray Lenze, MDOT Planning Debra Panozzo, Berrien County Commission Louise Price, Benton Charter Township Lee Scherwitz, SW Michigan Regional Airport Dick Stauffer, Lincoln Charter Township
<b>POLICY MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Aaron Anthony, City of Bridgman Bill Brown, NIRPC (ex officio) Fred Featherly, MDOT Multi-Modal Todd Gardner, Village of Stevensville John Gast, Lake Charter Township Sarah Koepke, FHWA (ex officio) Steward McKenzie, Federal Transit Administration Dwight Pete Mitchell, City of Benton Harbor Burt Pearson II, Village of Shoreham Robert Rusch, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Brad Sharlow, MDOT Planning Jim Soteriou, Royalton Township Paul South, MDOT – Coloma TSC Sarah Woolcock, MDOT – Coloma TSC Representative, Cornerstone Alliance Walter Heritz, Berrien Co. Planning Commission Jason Latham, MDOT – Regional Planning Bill Purvis, TCATA
<b>SWMPC STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Kelly Getman-Dissette Nickolas Musson
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Victoria Chandler, SWMPC Chairperson

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**2. MINUTES OF May 19, 2008:**

- *Motion by Panozzo, seconded by Stauffer, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 Policy meeting. Motion approved.*

**3. STAFF REPORT:**

- **Lake Michigan Water Trail** – Getman-Dissette announced that Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is creating a Lake Michigan Water Trail and would like to extend it north into Michigan. NIRPC has been working with local communities to put up signs and identify hotels and bed and breakfasts for

paddlers to stay overnight. The extension of the trail into New Buffalo and farther north will depend on the cooperation of the local communities.

- **CMAQ Meeting** – There will be a CMAQ meeting to finalize 2009 projects on June 25, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Berrien County Road Commission.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**LRP goals and objectives IV-VI** – Getman-Dissette reviewed goals and objectives IV to VI to get committee feedback. The committee discussed the goals and objectives and made minor changes. Griffin noted that St. Joseph and Royalton Townships were nearly finished with the Hollywood Corridor study, and would like to present the results to the TwinCATS committees. This item will be placed on the August agenda. Additional discussion occurred on bicycle and driver safety. Committee members are concerned for the safety of the growing number of cyclists commuting due to high gasoline prices. Getman-Dissette noted that SWMPC staff recently released an article to the local press concerning this topic, and she will forward the article to committee members for inclusion in local newsletters.

Getman-Dissette explained that the next step for the goals and objectives would be to set up a meeting to accept public comment. *A motion was made by Panozzo, supported by Price, to approve the draft LRP goals and objectives for public comment. Motion approved.*

- **FY 2009 UWP** – As noted previously via e-mail, Getman-Dissette explained that the original budget total contained a typo, and the correct amount is \$216,000. In addition, the Short Range Planning section will be amended to include the 2011-2013 TIP as a work task and product. Otherwise, the FY 2009 UWP is very similar to the FY 2008 document. Judd asked that a sentence on rail be added to item 12 of the Long Range Planning section. *A motion was made by Scherwitz, supported by Burkholz, to approve the FY 2009 UWP, as amended, and to recommend that the SWMPC Board approve the document. Motion approved.*
- **Linco Road Bridge TIP Amendment** – The Berrien County Road Commission has been awarded local bridge funds for the Linco Road Bridge over Keelo Creek. The total cost is \$400,000; the Federal share is \$60,000; the State share is \$320,000; and the local match is \$20,000. *A motion was made by Scherwitz, seconded by Burkholz, to amend the FY 2008-2011 TIP to include the FY 2009 Linco Road Bridge replacement project, funded through the local bridge program with \$320,000 in state funds, \$60,000 in federal funds, and \$20,000 in local funds. Motion approved.*
- **GPA TIP Amendments** – GPAs, or general program accounts, are like place holders in the TIP for projects that occur at various locations throughout the TwinCATS area. *A motion was made by Boyd, seconded by Burkholz, to amend the FY 2008-2011 TIP to include the Berrien County FY 2009 GPAs as follows:*

Fiscal Year	County	Juris-diction	Limits	Primary Work Type	Project Descrip.	Fed. Cost (1000s)	Federal Fund Source	State Cost (1000s)	State Fund Source	Local Cost (1000s)	Local Fund Source	Total Cost (1000s)
2009	Berrien		Countywide	GPA	Bridge Local	0		551	M	29	CNTY	580
2009	Berrien	MDOT	Countywide	GPA	Highway Safety Trunk line	455	ST	51	M	0		505
2009	Berrien	MDOT	Countywide	GPA	PEROW	3	ST	1	M	0		4
2009	Berrien	MDOT	Countywide	GPA	Enhancements Trunk line	943	STE	236	M	0		1,178

*Motion approved.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

**7. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

- Panozzo announced that Larry Clymer passed away. Clymer was the former Mayor of the City of Niles and a member of the SWMPC Board. He will be missed.

**8. ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 a.m.**

- Next meeting is July 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

Compiled by: Nickolas Musson/Kelly Getman-Dissette, Transportation Planners, 6/17/08