

MINUTES
NILES/BUCHANAN/CASS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
Policy Committee

June 24, 2008
Niles City Council Chambers
3:00 P.M.

Policy Members Present:	<p>Chuck Collins, Berrien County Road Commission Dick Fintze, Four Flags Chamber, BCPC Darrell Harden, MDOT, Southwest Region Debbie Johnson, Cass County Commissioner Ray Lenze, MDOT Planning William Myers, Niles Charter Township Art Reed, Berrien County Planning Commission Johnie Rodebush, Cass County Commissioner Don Ryman, Berrien County Commissioner Mike Sutherland, Howard Township John LaMore, Berrien County Commissioner Cliff Poehlman, Cass County Road Commission John Plevich, Niles Dial-A-Ride</p>
Policy Members Absent:	<p>Georgia Boggs, Niles City Council John Brielmaier, Ontwa Township Supervisor Fred Featherly, MDOT UPTRAN Sarah Koepke, Federal Highway Administration Mary Beth McAdams, MACOG (ex-officio) Stewart McKenzie, Federal Transit Administration (ex officio) Meg Mullendore, City of Buchanan Sandra Naugle, City of Niles (Dial-A-Ride) Tim Whitfield, Milton Township Supervisor Sarah Woolcock, MDOT Coloma TSC Paul South, MDOT Coloma TSC Richard Cooper, Niles Township Jane Mitchell, Buchanan Township Jessica Mitchell, MACOG</p>
SWMPC Staff Present:	<p>Kelly Getman-Dissette Nickolas Musson</p>
Others Present:	

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- Chairman Fintze called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Minutes

- *Motion by Rodebush, supported by Reed to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting. Motion approved.*

4. Staff Report

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

5. New Business

- **FY 2009 UWP** – With the exception of some minor changes, the FY 2009 UWP is very similar to the FY 2008 document. The FHWA budget has increased about 1.5% and transit planning funds are substantially higher than in the last fiscal year. *A motion was made by Harden, supported by Poehlman, to approve the FY 2009 UWP and to recommend that the SWMPC Board approve the document. Motion approved.*
- **LRP Goals and Objectives** – Getman-Dissette reviewed the major changes to the goals and objectives to get committee feedback. The committee discussed the goals and objectives and made minor changes. Getman-Dissette explained that the next step would be to gather public input. Public comment will be accepted at the August 11 Niles City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. *A motion was made by Rodebush, supported by Johnson, to approve the draft LRP goals and objectives for public comment. Motion approved.*
- **TIP Amendments – FY 2009 GPA and M-51 Bridge over McKenzie Creek**
 - GPAs, or general program accounts, are like place holders in the TIP for projects that occur at various locations throughout the NATS area. The following GPA account should be amended into the TIP:

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	Countywide	GPA	PEROW	22	ST	5	M			27

- The M-51 Bridge over McKenzie Creek was originally listed with only state funds, but will now receive federal funds. The TIP should be amended to reflect funding at \$1,242,065 federal (BRT), \$310,516 state (M), and \$1,552,581 total.

A motion was made by Poehlman, supported by Reed, to amend the FY 2008-2011 TIP to include a FY 2009 GPA project for PEROW at \$22,000 federal (ST), \$5,000 state (M), and \$27,000 total; and a modification to the FY 2009 M-51 bridge replacement project (JN81435) so that the project is funded at \$1,242,065 federal (BRT), \$310,516 state (M), and \$1,552,581 total. Motion approved.

6. Old Business

- Reed asked for clarification on the comments made on behalf of LaMore at the May meeting. LaMore stated that he has received concerns from citizens about the condition of Bell road from the Berrien/Cass county line to U.S 12. LaMore would also like to see flashing red lights for left turns on S. 11th. He feels that estimated costs of approximately \$200,000 for such a project are too high.

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Privilege of the Floor

- Fintze initiated a discussion on providing transit service across the Indiana/Michigan state line and whether or not MACOG would be willing to coordinate between Niles Dial-A-Ride and Buchanan Dial-A-Ride.
- Rodebush called for a moment of silence in memory of Larry Clymer, a former Mayor for the City of Niles, who recently passed away.

9. Adjournment

- *Motion by Rodebush, supported by Pleveich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 P.M.*
- The next meeting is July 22, 2008 at 3:00 P.M.

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