

NILES/BUCHANAN/CASS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Policy Committee

MINUTES

May 26, 2009

Niles City Council Chambers

3:00 P.M.

Policy Members Present:	Paul Boggs, Milton Township Chuck Collins, Berrien County Road Commission Richard Cooper, Niles Township Irving Frost, Howard Township Darrell Harden, MDOT, Southwest Region Debbie Johnson, Cass County Commissioner Jim Kidwell, Niles Charter Township John LaMore, Berrien County Commissioner Jane Mitchell, Buchanan Township John Pleveich, Niles Dial-A-Ride Cliff Poehlman, Cass County Road Commission Art Reed, Berrien County Planning Commission Johnie Rodebush, Cass County Commissioner Don Ryman, Berrien County Commissioner Sarah Woolcock, MDOT Coloma TSC
Policy Members Absent:	Robert Benjamin, Milton Township Supervisor Georgia Boggs, Niles City Council John Brielmaier, Ontwa Township Supervisor Fred Featherly, MDOT UPTRAN Dick Fintze, Four Flags Chamber Ray Lenze, MDOT Planning Mary Beth McAdams, MACOG (ex-officio) Stewart McKenzie, Federal Transit Administration (ex officio) Jessica Mitchell, MACOG (ex-officio) Meg Mullendore, City of Buchanan Paul South, MDOT Coloma TSC Sarah Van Buren, Federal Highway Administration
SWMPC Staff Present:	Nickolas Musson
Others Present:	

1. Call to Order & Introductions

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

2. Minutes

- *Motion by Poehlman, supported by Frost, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2009 TAC meeting. Motion approved.*

3. Staff Report

- **Transportation Planning and Land Use NTI Course**

Musson attended the NTI course in Cleveland on May 19 thru the 21st. Musson will be presenting the course material at the next meeting.

4. Old Business

- Woolcock announced that Lansing signal will pay for the construction cost of the intersection improvement at M-51 and Chestnut.

There was a discussion on signalization. LaMore asked where you could find the ruling. Woolcock explained that the Michigan uniform traffic control device manual is located on MDOT's website. She also mentioned that there is a federal manual that the state's adjust to. Collins explained that in the past planners recommended that an access management plan be in place for the M-51/Chestnut corridor and it was denied. Business's coming should have to pay for the road improvements. Rodebush explained that West River Road Church in Bertrand Township built without researching how they would affect traffic turning left.

5. New Business

TIP amendments – The following TIP amendments were discussed:

Niles Dial-A-Ride requested the following transit amendments to the NATS FY 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program:

- Amended in FY 2009, the federal cost and comments of the project named Facility Equipment. The federal cost changed from \$27,600 to \$40,000 (5307) and in the comments field the toll credits increased from \$6,900 to \$8,000.
- Amended in FY 2009, the project name, description, federal cost, and state cost of the project named Facility Equipment. The projects name was changed to Facility Rehabilitation, garage was added to the description, the federal cost changed from \$19,608 to \$104,000 (5307), and the state cost changed from \$5,420 to \$26,000 (CTF).
- Amended in FY 2009, the federal cost of the project named Bus Washing Equipment. The federal cost changed from \$4,000 to \$5,000 (5307).
- Amended in FY 2009, the federal cost and comments of the project named Preventative Maintenance. The federal cost changed from \$128,000 to \$170,000 (5307) and in the comments field the toll credits increased from \$32,000 to \$34,000.
- Deleted in FY 2009, project named Bus Replacement to purchase 2 replacement diesel cutaways with lift to replace bus #2 and #5 for a federal cost of \$110,240 (5307) and a state cost of \$27,560 (CTF).
- Add in FY 2009, project named Radio System to purchase replacement base radio system for a federal cost of \$32,000 (5307). Comments will include the use of \$6,400 toll credits.
- Add in FY 2009, project named Trolley Repair to replace wheelchair lift and rehabilitate DART trolley for a federal cost of \$49,000 (5307), a state cost of \$12,500 (CTF).
- Add in FY 2009, project named Bus Replacement to purchase up to 3 replacement diesel cutaways with lift for a federal cost of \$228,000 (5309) and a state cost of \$57,000 (CTF).

A motion was made by Woolcock, supported by Harden to approve the amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP to include the above mentioned modifications. Motion Approved.

Cass County Road Commission requested the following amendments to the NATS FY 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program:

- Amended in FY 2009, limits, length, project description and federal cost of the ARRA project named Pine Lake Street. The limits changed from M-60 to Jefferson Township line to M-60 to Anderson Road, the project description changed from chip seal from M-60 to Jefferson Township line to chip seal from M-60 to Anderson Road, the length changed from 2.6 miles to 1.55 miles and the federal cost changed from \$39,000 to \$31,600.
- Amended in FY 2009, the federal cost of ARRA project named Huntly Road. The federal cost was changed from \$20,400 to \$27,500.
- Amended in FY 2009, the federal cost of ARRA project named Redfield Street Road. The federal cost was changed from \$7,500 to \$12,150.
- Amended in FY 2009, the federal cost of ARRA project named Ironwood Road. The federal cost was changed from \$26,400 to \$44,600.
- Amended in FY 2009, the federal and state cost of ARRA project named Gumwood Road. The federal cost was changed from \$218,273 to \$212,173 and the state cost was changed from \$71,727 to \$77,827.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Beebe Road from M-60 to Leet Road for a federal cost of \$28,800.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Fir Road from Stateline to US-12 for a federal cost of \$22,650.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Beebe Road from US-12 to Runkle Road for a federal cost of \$27,000.
- Add in FY 2009, ARRA project named Beebe Road & Fir Road from US-12 to Runkle Road and Redfield to US-12 to chip seal for a total length of 2.71 miles and for a federal cost of \$62,000.
- Amended in FY 2009, the federal cost of project named Lake Street. The federal cost changed from \$203,500 to \$148,350.
- Amended in FY 2009, the federal and state cost of project named Ironwood Road. The federal cost changed from \$99,826 to \$76,500 and the state cost changed from \$27,000 to \$17,000.
- Delete in FY 2011, project named Ironwood road from Stateline to Redfield for a federal cost of \$8,174.
- Add in FY 2009, project named Huntly Road from Lake Street to Holly Street to resurface with structural overlay (0.3 miles) for a federal cost of \$24,480 (STP-U) and local cost of \$6,120 (MTF).
- Add in FY 2009, project named Gumwood Road from Bertrand Road to US-12 to resurface with structural overlay (0.25 miles) for a federal cost of \$20,800 (STP-U) and a local cost of \$5,200 (MTF).
- Add in FY 2009, project named Elkhart Road from Sherman Road to Village of Edwardsburg to resurface with structural overlay (0.36 miles) for a federal cost of \$34,000 (STP-U) and local cost of \$8,500 (MTF).

A motion was made by Poehlman, supported by Woolcock to approve the amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP to include the above mentioned modifications. Motion Approved.

The City of Niles requested the following amendments to the NATS FY 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program:

- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named South Third Street for a federal cost of \$45,000.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named 13th Street for a federal cost of \$31,680.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named 17th Street for a federal cost of \$41,913.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Broadway for a federal cost of \$20,927.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Grant Street for a federal cost of \$15,585.

- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Lake Street for a federal cost of \$43,281.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named East Main Street for a federal cost of \$23,372.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Pokagon Street for a federal cost of \$10,772.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Sycamore Street for a federal cost of \$28,680.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Terminal Road for a federal cost of \$22,599.
- Delete in FY 2009, ARRA project named Wayne Street for a federal cost of \$23,775.
- Add in FY 2009, ARRA project named East Main Street from Maple Street to 17th Street (0.65 miles) to cold mill, resurface, ADA ramps, and pavement markings for a federal cost of \$221,100.
- Add in FY 2009, ARRA project named Lake Street from Fifth Street to Eleventh Street (0.29 miles) to cold mill, resurface, ADA ramps, and pavement markings for a federal cost of \$86,900.

A motion was made by Woolcock, supported by Pleveich to approve the amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP to include the above mentioned modifications. Motion Approved.

6. Public Comment

- None

7. Privilege of the Floor

- None

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was motioned to be adjourned at 3:52 P.M. by LaMore. The next meeting is June 23, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes compiled by: Nickolas Musson, Transportation Planner, 6/01/09