

Minutes
Twin Cities Area Transportation Study
Technical Advisory Committee

June 16, 2008
 9:30 A.M.
 Southwest Michigan Regional Airport

TECHNICAL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bill Boyd, Royalton Township Chris Cook, City of Benton Harbor Ray Lenze, MDOT, Statewide Planning Katie Montoya, Berrien Co. Planning Dept Lee Scherwitz, SW Michigan Regional Airport Terrie Smith, Lincoln Charter Township Gary Soper, Benton Charter Township, TAC Chairman Tim Zebell, City of St. Joseph
TECHNICAL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Aaron Anthony, City of Bridgman Bill Brown, NIRPC (ex officio) Fred Featherly, MDOT - Multi-Modal Services Todd Gardner, Village of Stevensville John Gast, Lake Charter Township Sarah Koepke, Federal Highway Admin (ex officio) Charles Kormanik, Village of Shoreham Steward McKenzie, Federal Transit Administration Representative, Cornerstone Alliance Robert Rusch, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Dennis Schuh (Berrien County Public Transportation) Brad Sharlow, MDOT Planning Paul South, MDOT- Coloma TSC Donna Wittl, MDOT Planning Sarah Woolcock, MDOT - Coloma TSC Jason Latham, MDOT, Southwest Region Brian Berndt, Berrien County Road Commission Bill Purvis, Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority Larry Merritt, St. Joseph Charter Township
SWMPC STAFF PRESENT:	Kelly Getman-Dissette Nickolas Musson
OTHERS PRESENT:	R.J. Burkholz, Berrien County Road Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Chairman Soper called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

2. MINUTES OF May 19, 2008:

- *Motion by Scherwitz, seconded by Cook, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 TAC 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. PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Historic Arts District** – Project is in final stages of paving and there will be dedication on June 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. by governor Granholm.
- **Ship Street** – Completed.
- **Napier** – Project will begin after July 19th (after Venetian Festival) and finish by Labor Day.

5. 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. Getman-Dissette explained that the next step would be to set up a meeting to accept public comment. *A motion was made by Montoya, supported by Boyd, to recommend that the policy committee approve the draft LRP goals and objectives for public comment. Motion approved.* Scherwitz questioned how long the public comment period would be, and Getman-Dissette indicated that it would be ten days.
- **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. *A motion was made by Cook, supported by Smith, to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the FY 2009 UWP, as amended, and that the Policy Committee 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 Zebell, seconded by Montoya, to recommend that the Policy Committee 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 Zebell, seconded by Cook, to recommend that the Policy Committee 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	MDOT	Countywide	GPA	Bridge Local							0
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.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Discussion on concrete mix** – Zebell reported that he contacted MDOT regarding the problems with asphalt mix and is waiting on MDOT to schedule a meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

8. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- Soper recently read a review of state agency spending and noted that Michigan ranked second, behind Utah, for effectiveness on spending to preserve roads.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 10:14 a.m.

- Next meeting is July 21, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

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