

MINUTES
NILES/BUCHANAN/CASS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
Technical Advisory Committee

June 24, 2008
Niles City Council Chambers
1:30 P.M.

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| TAC Members Present: | Brian Berndt, Berrien County Road Commission Willie Brown, City of Buchanan Darrell Harden, MDOT, Southwest Region Ray Lenze, MDOT Planning William Myers, Niles Charter Township John Pleveich, Niles Dial-A-Ride John Gruchot, Berrien County Planning Juan Ganum, City of Niles Planning |
| TAC Members Absent: | Fred Featherly, MDOT-Multi-Modal Sarah Koepke, Federal Highway Administration (ex officio) Stewart McKenzie, Federal Transit Administration (ex officio) Mary Beth McAdams, MACOG (ex officio) John Monaghan, Village of Edwardsburg Public Works Jennifer Osborne, MDOT Robert Rusch, MI Department of Environmental Quality/Air Quality Division Sharon Tyler, Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth Alliance/Cass Sarah Woolcock, MDOT Coloma TSC Paul South, MDOT Coloma TSC Richard Cooper, Niles Charter Township Joe Bellina, Cass County Road Commission Kate Montoya, Berrien County Planning Kimberly O’Haver, Buchanan Dial a Ride Joe Ray, City of Niles Jessica Mitchell, MACOG (ex officio) Neil Coulston, City of Niles & DPW/Airport |
| SWMPC Staff Present: | Nickolas Musson Kelly Getman-Dissette |
| Others Present: | Don Ryman, Berrien County Commissioner |

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- Chairman Bellina and Vice Chairman Ray were absent. Ganum was selected as Chairman for the day, and called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

2. Minutes

- *Motion by Berndt, supported by Gruchot, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2008 TAC meeting. Motion approved.*

3. 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.

4. Project Updates

- **City of Buchanan Street Sweeper** – Street sweeper will be delivered in August.

- **Niles-Buchanan Road** – Scheduled for September 5 letting.
- **Front Street** – Scheduled for September 5 letting.
- **Niles Dial-A-Ride** – Grants have been submitted.

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 Myers, supported by Berndt, to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the FY 2009 UWP, and that the Policy Committee 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. There was discussion regarding outreach to environmental justice populations. *A motion was made by Gruchot, supported by Harden, to recommend that the policy committee 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) |
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| 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 Plevreich, seconded by Harden, to recommend that the Policy Committee 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

- None

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Privilege of the Floor

- None

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.
- The next meeting is July 22, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes compiled by: Nickolas Musson/Kelly Getman-Dissette, Transportation Planners, 06/30/08