

**TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TAC and Policy Committee Combined Minutes**

March 20, 2017 9:30 A.M.
Kinexus, Anchor Rooms A&B

Present		Committee Representing	
Name	Representing	TAC	Policy
Carolyn Fowler	Benton Charter Township		x
Bill Chickering	Berrien County Commission		x
Evan Smith	Berrien County Community Development	x	
Tim Lynch	Berrien County Road Commission		x
Brian Berndt	Berrien County Road Commission	x	
Chris Cook	City of Benton Harbor	x	
Tim Zebell	City of St. Joseph	x	
Stacey Stephens	Cornerstone Alliance	x	x
Gloria Payne	Lake Charter Township	x	x
Dick Stauffer	Lincoln Charter Township		x
Terrie Smith	Lincoln Charter Township	x	
Jonathan Smith	MDOT Coloma TSC	x	x
Katie Beck	MDOT SUTA*	x	
Steve Tilly	Royalton Township		x
Denise Cook	St. Joseph Charter Township		x
Jonathan Fisk	St. Joseph Charter Township		
Brandon Kovnat	SWMPC	Staff	
Kim Gallagher	SWMPC	Staff	
Absent		TAC	Policy
Darin Watson	City of Benton Harbor		x
Terezie Harazinova	Disability Network Southwest Michigan	x	
Andrea Dewey	Federal Highway Administration*	x	x
Stewart McKenzie	Federal Transit Administration*	x	x
Deb Kavenah	Hagar Township		
Fred Featherly	MDOT Passenger Division	x	
Denise Smith	MDOT Southwest Michigan	x	x
Scott Weber	Northwestern Indian Regional Planning Commission*	x	x
David Chandler	Sodus Township	x	x
Vince Desjardins	Southwest Michigan Regional Airport	x	x
Roger Seeley	St. Joseph Charter Township	x	
Kelli Nelson	Benton Charter Township	x	
Bill Hodge	Berrien County Planning Commission		x
Juan Ganum	City of Bridgman	x	x
John Hodgson	City of St. Joseph		x
Jim Sturdevant	MDOT Statewide Planning	x	x

Absent		TAC	Policy
John Olson	Village of Stevensville	x	x
Bill Purvis	TCATA	x	x
*Indicates non-voting member			

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Brian Berndt at 9:30 AM

2. Changes to the Agenda

None

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approve Minutes from the February 27, 2017 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2017 Meeting as written by Dick Stauffer, second by Carolyn Fowler. **Motion Approved**

5. Staff Report

Kim Gallagher reported on the Pre-UWP meeting between SMWPC staff and MDOT on March 8. The FY 2018 Unified Work Program (UWP) will be presented to the TwinCATS committees at the May meeting and approved by the SWMPC board and then submitted to MDOT by June 1st.

Brandon Kovnat gave a presentation on Traffic Safety in the TwinCATS Planning area. [the power point of the presentation and safety report are posted on SWMPC's website as a handout to the March TwinCATS meeting

6. Land Use and Zoning Updates

Dick Stauffer said that sewer work for the Maiden Lane Condo project had begun Jonathan Fisk reported that St. Joseph Township has a draft revised master plan. The plan is available on the Township's website and there is a hearing on it scheduled for May 9th.

7. Public Transit Updates

Kim Gallagher gave an update on the Countywide Service Plan. She said there would be 3 stakeholder meetings from April 11-13. One in the Benton-Harbor area, one in the Niles area, and one for the rural area near Berrien Springs. Public meetings will occur in May and will also be located in the same areas.

Bill Purvis was absent and there were no Updates for TCATA

8. Project Status Updates

Tim Zebell said that it is time to get FY 2018 resolutions, so preliminary engineering can begin. FY 2018 updates will go out for the next meeting

Brian Berndt gave an update on Berrien County Road Commission Projects:

- John Beers road is estimated to be Let on 4/7/17
- River Road was Let on 2/3/2017; Construction will begin in April
- Hilltop Road was let on 2/3/17. There was bid savings of \$87,000; Construction began the same day as meeting, March 20.

Chris Cook gave the update on behalf of the Village of Stevensville

- The Red Arrow & John Beers Road Intersection project was let on 3/3/17. Construction will begin in May.

Jonathon Smith gave updates for MDOT projects

- I-196 Overlay is awaiting contract authorization
- M-139 has an as needed consultant for engineering work beginning in May
- M-63 Overlay had plans submitted for an April letting
- M-63 Crack has construction scheduled to begin May 17
- US-31 Longitudinal Joint repair has construction scheduled to begin June 26
- I-94 Road & Bridge Scoping had proposal submitted by consultants. MDOT is scoring these and in the process of selecting a consultant.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

Chris cook proposed to use the \$87,000 in bid savings from Hilltop Road to offset the Advance Construct (AC) for Colfax Road. Last month he had proposed to move Colfax from 2019 to 2017 using Advance Construct. This means he would front the cost in 2017 and get repaid in 2019. By using the additional funds in 2017, Benton Harbor will only need to have an AC of \$99,000. TwinCATS will then have \$87,00 extra in 2019. Before FY 2019 begins, TwinCATS committees will review projects in the illustrative list and choose a project to use the funds.

Motion for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the amendment to the TIP as presented by Tim Zebell, Second by Terrie Smith.

Motion Approved

Motion for the Policy Committee to approve the amendments to the TIP made by Denise Cook, second by Steve Tilly. **Motion Approved**

11. Privilege of the Floor

Kim Gallagher said that they were working on the RFP for the Napier Avenue Corridor Study.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Minutes Compiled by: Brandon Kovnat, SWMPC Associate Planner