



Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

376 West Main Street, Suite 130 • Benton Harbor, MI 49022-3651

TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TECHNICAL ADVISORY and POLICY COMMITTEES **COMBINED** MEETING

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kim Gallagher, *Transportation Planner*

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DATE: Monday, November 20, 2017

TIME: 9:30AM

PLACE: Kinexus (Michigan Works!) **Lighthouse Room**
499 W Main St, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Introductions
2. Changes to the Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Approve Minutes from the October 16, 2017 Meeting *(Enclosed) Action*
5. Staff Report
 - 2045 Long Range Plan – Demographics & Employment
 - Napier Corridor Study
6. Community Land Use and Zoning Member Updates
7. Public Transit
 - SWMPC Transit Updates – Countywide Transit Study
 - Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority
8. Walk and Roll Committee Updates
9. Airport Updates
10. Agency Project Status
 - Status of FY 2018 Projects
 - Berrien County Road Department *(Enclosed)*
 - City of Benton Harbor *(Enclosed)*
 - City of St. Joseph *(Enclosed)*
 - MDOT
11. Old Business
12. New Business
 - Approval of future year socioeconomic data for the travel demand Model *(Enclosed) Action*
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments from MDOT *(Enclosed) Action*
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments from TCATA *(Enclosed) Action*
 - Approval of 2018 meeting dates *(Enclosed) Action*
 - Discussion about cancelation of December meeting
13. State and Federal Updates
14. Privilege of the Floor
15. Adjournment
 - The next TwinCATS meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 9:30 am.**

TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

TAC and Policy Committee Combined Minutes

October 16, 2017 9:30 A.M.

Kinexus, Lighthouse Room

| Present | | Committee Representing | |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Name | Representing | TAC | Policy |
| Carolyn Fowler | Benton Charter Township | | x |
| Bill Chickering | Berrien County Commissioner | | x |
| Eric Lester | Berrien County Planning Commission | | x |
| Brian Berndt | Berrien County Road Department | x | |
| Chris Cook | City of Benton Harbor | x | x** |
| John Hodgson | City of St. Joseph | | |
| Tim Zebell | City of St. Joseph | x | |
| Dick Stauffer | Lincoln Charter Township | | X |
| Jason Latham | MDOT Southwest Region | x | x |
| Katie Beck | MDOT SUTA* | x | |
| Scott Weber | Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission* | x | x |
| Vince Desjardins | Southwest Michigan Regional Airport | x | x |
| Jonathan Fisk** | St. Joseph Charter Township | x | |
| Denise Cook | St. Joseph Charter Township | | x |
| Alex Little | TCATA | x | x |
| Bob Lawrence | Village of Shoreham | x | x |
| Brandon Kovnat | SWMPC | Staff | |
| Kim Gallagher | SWMPC | Staff | |
| Absent | | Committee Representing | |
| Name | Representing | TAC | POL |
| Calli Berg | Benton Charter Township | x | |
| Evan Smith | Berrien County Community Development | x | x |
| Darwin Watson | City of Benton Harbor | | x |
| Juan Ganum | City of Bridgman | x | x |
| Stacey Stephens | Cornerstone Alliance | x | x |
| Terezia Harazinova | Disability Network Southwest Michigan | x | |
| Andrea Dewey | Federal Highway Administration* | x | x |
| Angelica Selgado | Federal Transit Administration* | x | x |
| Gloria Payne | Lake Charter Township | x | x |
| Terrie Smith | Lincoln Charter Township | X | |
| Jonathon Smith | MDOT Coloma Business Office | x | x |
| Fred Featherly | MDOT Passenger Division | x | x |
| Jim Sturdevant | MDOT Statewide Planning | x | x |

| Absent | Representing | TAC | POL |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Jim Sturdevant | MDOT Statewide Planning | x | x |
| Steve Tilly | Royalton Township | | x |
| David Chandler | Sodus Township | x | x |
| Roger Seeley | St. Joseph Charter Township | x | |

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 March 20, 2017 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2017 meeting by Tim Lynch, second Dick Stauffer. **Motion Approved**

5. Staff Report

Long Range Plan Update: Brandon Kovnat presented the Non-motorized Technical Memo (http://www.swmpc.org/downloads/nonmotorized_technical_report_final.pdf).

Napier Avenue Corridor Study: Kim Gallagher said the contract between SWMPC and AECOM was approved on October 4. A kickoff meeting will be scheduled for early November. This meeting will include a walking audit where the steering committee will walk the corridor and observe the conditions.

There was a discussion about sidewalk maintenance.

- Dick Stauffer mentioned that Davenport, Iowa had good sidewalk metrics.
- Alex Little asked if the Napier Avenue Study would look at Benton Harbor Sidewalks and how they connect to Napier Avenue.
- Kim Gallagher responded that the scope of work for the Napier Study didn't include exploring condition on other roads.
- Tim Zebell said that the City of St. Joseph has a sidewalk maintenance plan. A hazard of 3/4 inches gets the sidewalk on the maintenance schedule, while a 1.5-inch hazard results in an immediate repair. Cost is shared between property owner and city 50/50.
- Benton Harbor has used CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds in the past for sidewalks.

6. Community Land Use and Zoning Member Updates

None

7. Public Transit

Countywide Transit Study: Kim Gallagher reminded the group that the CEO of Nelson Nygaard had taken over the project. A timeline would be released shortly

TCATA: Alex Little said TCATA was pursuing more funding opportunities. He was looking at using 5539 funds (Federal transit Administration section 5539 funds are given for “bus and bus facilities”) for a storage and maintenance facility. He was also looking at a greater presence in Benton Township with a terminal in the shopping area. Currently there is no good area for buses to board and drop off passengers in the area.

8. Walk and Roll

Chris Cook gave an update on the Walk and Roll Committee meeting held on October 12. He mentioned that the committee had last met prior to this in 2015. He said that they discussed the political climate around walking and biking. Attitudes in the area about walking and biking have been changing with greater acceptance but more progress is still needed. The next phase is to incorporate data into prioritizing project and working with communities.

Kim Gallagher added that many potential projects were not in the TIP or the LRP. She said that they need committee help to add more projects and put projects into an illustrative list.

Chris Cook said that the Walk and Roll committee would like the TwinCATS Policy Committee to make a motion that officially authorizes the Walk and Roll subcommittee and specifies its scope of their work. The original goals of the Walk and Roll committee were presented.

Motion for the Policy Committee to charge the Walk and Roll subcommittee with the following goals:

- To review studies, plans, and projects already completed for non-motorized transportation in the Twin Cities Area.
- To identify specific objectives/priorities for non-motorized transportation in the Twin Cities area.
- To create specific strategies for implementing those priorities.
- To communicate with surrounding areas in the region to ensure regional connectivity.

Made by Chris Cook, Second by Alex Little. **Motion Approved**

Kim Gallagher said that work on the Marquette Greenway was progressing and that SWMPC had partnered with NIRPC (Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission) to apply for a TIGER grant.

Scott Webber explained that Marquette Greenway was a planned trail going from Chicago to New Buffalo, going along the lakeshore through most of Indiana.

Kim Gallagher mentioned breaking news that SWMPC had received funding to update the 9 county Road and Trail Bicycle Guide. Kim explained that the guide mapped out the location of all trails and bike facilities as well as the traffic on roads to help cyclists plan trips. Kim explained that the inclusion of traffic levels on the map helps cyclists of different abilities know where they might be comfortable riding.

9. Airport Updates

Vince Des Jardins said the airport was busy preparing for winter.

10. Agency Project Status

Berrien County Road Department: Brian Berndt mentioned that since the County took control of the Berrien County Road Commission, the name has been changed to the Berrien County Road Department.

Berrien County Road Department:

- Nickerson Avenue: Plans have been submitted
- Shawnee Road: the site has been surveyed

City of St. Joseph: Wallace Avenue has had its Grade Inspection (GI)

City of Benton Harbor: Pipestone signal had been obligated and letting was expected in early November.

MDOT:

- Joint Resealing on US-31: Eastern side to Exit 23 is done. The remaining portion is on track for completion in mid-November
- I-94 Bridge Scoping for 2023-2025 replacement: designs are being worked on but the project is outside MDOT's 5-yr plan

11. Old Business

Katie Beck reminded the committees that future year socioeconomic data, which was handed out at the last meeting, was going to be voted on at the November meeting. She asked that communities review the data to check if it was reasonable and submit any changes to her before the next meeting.

12. New Business

None

State and Federal Updates

None

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM

Minutes Compiled by Brandon Kovnat, Associate Planner SWMPC

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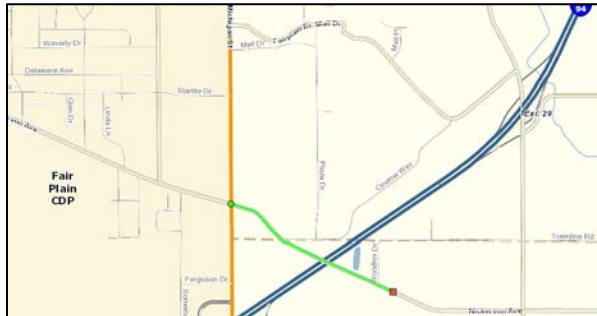
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Project Update Sheet

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Project Name: | Nickerson Avenue |
| Fiscal Year of award: | 2018 |
| Responsible Agency: | Berrien County Road Commission |
| MDOT Job Number: | 130797 |
| Project Limits: | M-139 to 700 feet East of Woodley |
| Project Length: | 0.64 mi |
| Location: | Sodus Township |
| Work Type: | Resurface |
| Phase: | CON |

Project Description: Mill and fill 2 inches



| | Amount | Source |
|---------|-----------|-------------|
| Federal | \$143,000 | STP - Urban |
| State | | |
| Local | \$32,000 | |
| Total | \$175,000 | |

| Activity | Estimated Date | Actual Date |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Resolution of Support for Local Match Submitted to SWMPC | | |
| Project Application Submitted to MOT | | |
| Grade Inspection Package Submitted to MDOT | | |
| Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled | | |
| Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT | | |
| Project Obligated | November, 2017 | |
| Project Letting | February, 2018 | |
| Construction Start | | |
| Project Completion | | |

Project is: ☒ On Schedule ☐ Behind Schedule; Explain:

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.
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Project Update Sheet

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Project Name: | Shawnee Road |
| Fiscal Year of award: | 2018 |
| Responsible Agency: | Berrien County Road Commission |
| MDOT Job Number: | 130793 |
| Project Limits: | Jericho Road to Date Road |
| Project Length: | 0.50 mi |
| Location: | Lake Charter Township |
| Work Type: | Reconstruct |
| Phase: | CON |

Project Description: Construct 5ft wide shoulders and resurface



| | Amount | Source |
|---------|-----------|-------------|
| Federal | \$269,000 | STP - Urban |
| State | | |
| Local | \$184,000 | |
| Total | \$453,000 | |

| Activity | Estimated Date | Actual Date |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Resolution of Support for Local Match Submitted to SWMPC | | |
| Project Application Submitted to MOT | | |
| Grade Inspection Package Submitted to MDOT | December , 2017 | |
| Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled | January, 2018 | |
| Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT | February, 2018 | |
| Project Obligated | February, 2018 | |
| Project Letting | May, 2018 | |
| Construction Start | | |
| Project Completion | September, 2018 | |

Project is: ☐ On Schedule ☐ Behind Schedule; Explain:

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Date: 11/8/2017

Name: Tim Drews - Abonmarche



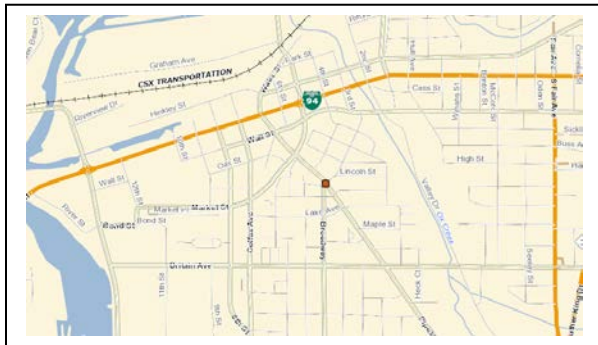
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Project Update Sheet

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| Project Name: | Traffic Signal replacement |
| Fiscal Year of award: | 2018 |
| Responsible Agency: | City of Benton Harbor |
| MDOT Job Number: | 121016 |
| Project Limits: | Pipestone at Jefferson St |
| Project Length: | |
| Location: | City of Benton Harbor |
| Work Type: | Traffic Ops/ Safety |
| Phase: | CON |

Project Description: Traffic Signal Replacement on Pipestone at Jefferson to improve traffic light timing along Pipestone.



| | Amount | Source |
|---------|-----------|--------|
| Federal | \$264,000 | CMAQ |
| State | | |
| Local | | |
| Total | \$264,000 | |

| Activity | Estimated Date | Actual Date |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Resolution of Support for Local Match Submitted to SWMPC | | |
| Project Application Submitted to MOT | | 4/25/2017 |
| Grade Inspection Package Submitted to MDOT | | 4/25/2017 |
| Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled | | 5/5/2017 |
| Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT | | 8/30/2017 |
| Project Obligated | | September 2017 |
| Project Letting | January 2018 | |
| Construction Start | Spring 2018 | |
| Project Completion | June 2018 | |

Project is: ☒ On Schedule ☐ Behind Schedule; Explain:

Estimated letting pushed back from November to January by MDOT.

Date: 11/8/2017

Name: Tim Zebell

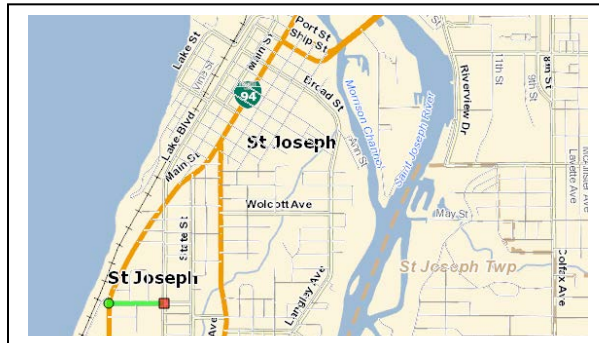
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Project Update Sheet

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| Project Name: | Wallace Avenue |
| Fiscal Year of award: | 2018 |
| Responsible Agency: | City of St. Joseph |
| MDOT Job Number: | 133290 |
| Project Limits: | Lakeshore Drive to South State Street. |
| Project Length: | 0.37 mi |
| Location: | City of St. Joseph |
| Work Type: | Reconstruct |
| Phase: | CON |

Project Description: Full reconstruction of roadway with HMA or concrete pavement including curb and gutter, install new storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water main from Lakeshore Drive to Lakeview Avenue. Resurface roadway and rehabilitate or replace one sanitary sewer run from Lakeview Avenue to South State Street. Remove and replace ADA ramps as needed to meet current standards and replace sidewalk as needed over the entire project length.



| | Amount | Source |
|---------|-------------|-----------|
| Federal | \$460,000 | STP-Urban |
| State | | |
| Local | \$1,000,000 | |
| Total | \$1,460,000 | |

| Activity | Estimated Date | Actual Date |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Resolution of Support for Local Match Submitted to SWMPC | Complete | 4/24/17 |
| Project Application Submitted to MDOT | 8/28/17 | 9/11/17 |
| Grade Inspection Package Submitted to MDOT | 9/11/17 | 9/11/17 |
| Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled | 10/11/17 | 10/10/17 |
| Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT | 11/17/17 | |
| Project Obligated | December 2017 | |
| Project Letting | 2/2/18 | |
| Construction Start | 6/4/18 | |
| Project Completion | 9/21/18 | |

Project is: ☒ On Schedule ☐ Behind Schedule; Explain:

- Funding Resolution provided to SWMPC by email on April 28, 2017
- Issued RFP for Engineering on May 19, 2017

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Project Update Sheet

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|-----------------------|--|
| Project Name: | I-196 Overlay |
| Fiscal Year of award: | 2018 |
| Responsible Agency: | MDOT |
| MDOT Job Number: | 118792 |
| Project Limits: | I-94 to 0.5 miles South of M-63 (Exit 7) |
| Project Length: | 8.09 miles |
| Location: | Benton Twp & Hager Twp |
| Work Type: | Restore & rehabilitate |
| Phase: | CON |

Project Description: Mill Existing & Multiple Course HMA Overlay

| | Amount | Source |
|---------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Federal | \$15,840,000 | Interstate Maintenance |
| State | \$1,760,000 | Michigan transportation Fund (MTF) |
| Total | \$17,6000,000 | |

| Activity | Estimated Date | Actual Date |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Resolution of Support for Local Match Submitted to SWMPC | | |
| Project Application Submitted to MOT | | |
| Grade Inspection Package Submitted to MDOT | January 2018 | |
| Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled | March 2018 | |
| Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT | | |
| Project Obligated | | |
| Project Letting | November 2018 | |
| Construction Start | | |
| Project Completion | | |

Project is: ☒ On Schedule ☐ Behind Schedule; Explain:

Base plan meeting scheduled for 11/15/2017.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.
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Project Update Sheet

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| Project Name: | M-63 Bridge Replacement |
| Fiscal Year of award: | 2018 |
| Responsible Agency: | MDOT |
| MDOT Job Number: | 115754 |
| Project Limits: | on M-63 over I-196 |
| Project Length: | |
| Location: | Hager Township |
| Work Type: | Bridge replacement |
| Phase: | CON |

Project Description: Bridge replacement

| | Amount | Source |
|---------|-------------|--|
| Federal | \$4,135,701 | Bridge Replacement (pre 1991 Interstate) |
| State | \$459,522 | Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) |
| Total | | |

| Activity | Estimated Date | Actual Date |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Resolution of Support for Local Match Submitted to SWMPC | | |
| Project Application Submitted to MOT | | |
| Grade Inspection Package Submitted to MDOT | January 2018 | |
| Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled | March 2018 | |
| Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT | | |
| Project Obligated | | |
| Project Letting | November 2018 | |
| Construction Start | | |
| Project Completion | | |

Project is: ☒ On Schedule ☐ Behind Schedule; Explain:

Bridge plans will be ready for Plan Review.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.
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Project Update Sheet

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Project Name: | Napier Avenue Carpool Lot |
| Fiscal Year of award: | 2018 |
| Responsible Agency: | MDOT |
| MDOT Job Number: | 116509 |
| Project Limits: | At Napier Avenue and US-31 |
| Project Length: | |
| Location: | Benton Twp |
| Work Type: | Roadside facility |
| Phase: | CON |

Project Description: Carpool Lot Expansion and Resurface

| | Amount | Source |
|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Federal | \$69,573 | Surface Transportation Program (STP) |
| State | \$15,427 | Michigan transportation Fund (MTF) |
| Total | \$85,000 | |

| Activity | Estimated Date | Actual Date |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Resolution of Support for Local Match Submitted to SWMPC | | |
| Project Application Submitted to MOT | | |
| Grade Inspection Package Submitted to MDOT | | |
| Grade Inspection Meeting Scheduled | | |
| Final Plan and Estimate to MDOT | | |
| Project Obligated | | |
| Project Letting | | |
| Construction Start | | |
| Project Completion | | |

Project is: ☒ On Schedule ☐ Behind Schedule; Explain:

Project has been suspended and is proposed for 2022.

TwinCATS - 2045 Socioeconomic Data

| Jurisdiction | Total Population | | Group Quarters | | Total Housing Units | | Occupied Housing Units | | Total Employment | | Retail | | Non-Retail | |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2045 | 2015 | 2045 | 2015 | 2045 | 2015 | 2045 | 2015 | 2045 | 2015 | 2045 | 2015 | 2045 |
| Baroda | 870 | 922 | 1 | 0 | 409 | 460 | 370 | 430 | 419 | 343 | 5 | 4 | 414 | 339 |
| Baroda Twp | 1,879 | 2,037 | 0 | 0 | 787 | 927 | 704 | 836 | 139 | 121 | 27 | 20 | 112 | 101 |
| Benton Harbor | 9,998 | 10,003 | 223 | 211 | 4,090 | 4,412 | 3,345 | 3,644 | 4,812 | 5,371 | 184 | 162 | 4,628 | 5,209 |
| Benton Twp | 14,459 | 14,565 | 204 | 206 | 6,305 | 7,091 | 5,515 | 6,242 | 14,093 | 12,365 | 3,012 | 2,374 | 11,081 | 9,991 |
| Berrien Springs | 1,760 | 1,735 | 21 | 20 | 803 | 871 | 720 | 792 | 1,287 | 1,397 | 74 | 62 | 1,213 | 1,335 |
| Bridgman | 2,258 | 2,295 | 97 | 98 | 1,119 | 1,259 | 899 | 1,020 | 1,505 | 1,539 | 64 | 55 | 1,441 | 1,484 |
| Hagar Twp | 3,671 | 3,593 | 14 | 14 | 2,234 | 2,331 | 1,540 | 1,619 | 815 | 718 | 30 | 23 | 785 | 695 |
| Lake Twp | 2,939 | 3,112 | 42 | 44 | 1,397 | 1,604 | 1,158 | 1,331 | 2,152 | 2,062 | 126 | 105 | 2,026 | 1,957 |
| Lincoln Twp | 13,398 | 14,255 | 7 | 7 | 5,795 | 6,609 | 5,238 | 5,983 | 3,873 | 3,916 | 694 | 768 | 3,179 | 3,148 |
| Oronoko Twp | 7,343 | 6,992 | 1,309 | 1,251 | 2,547 | 2,773 | 2,271 | 2,479 | 2,519 | 2,775 | 184 | 180 | 2,335 | 2,595 |
| Royalton Twp | 4,759 | 5,308 | 149 | 165 | 1,823 | 2,145 | 1,697 | 2,000 | 2,405 | 2,677 | 191 | 161 | 2,214 | 2,516 |
| Shoreham | 853 | 847 | 0 | 0 | 453 | 493 | 375 | 412 | 137 | 143 | 13 | 11 | 124 | 132 |
| Sodus Twp | 1,935 | 1,869 | 5 | 5 | 893 | 976 | 761 | 841 | 664 | 633 | 15 | 11 | 649 | 622 |
| St. Joseph | 8,286 | 8,354 | 624 | 610 | 4,520 | 5,122 | 3,707 | 4,213 | 9,944 | 10,124 | 425 | 369 | 9,519 | 9,755 |
| St. Joseph Twp | 9,013 | 9,105 | 0 | 0 | 3,765 | 4,203 | 3,560 | 3,967 | 2,684 | 2,805 | 408 | 342 | 2,276 | 2,463 |
| Stevensville | 1,130 | 1,203 | 0 | 0 | 565 | 646 | 507 | 579 | 951 | 915 | 83 | 67 | 868 | 848 |
| Total: | 84,551 | 86,195 | 2,696 | 2,631 | 37,505 | 41,922 | 32,367 | 36,388 | 48,399 | 47,904 | 5,535 | 4,714 | 42,864 | 43,190 |



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SOUTHWEST REGION

KIRK T. STEUDLE
DIRECTOR

November 13, 2017

Mr. K. John Egelhaaf, Executive Director
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
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Dear Mr. Egelhaaf:

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) would like to inform the Twin Cities Area Transportation Study committees of several amendment requests to the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Additional details for these projects are included in the table below:

| Fiscal Year | Project Name | Project Limits | Primary Work Type | Phase | Federal Cost and Source | State Cost and Source | MDOT Job Number |
|-------------|--------------|---|-------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 2019 | M-139 | Hinchman Rd. to north of the St. Joseph River | Road - CPM | CON | \$1,795,617 NH | \$398,172 M | 200631 |
| 2019 | I-94 E | St. Joseph River to Britain Ave. | Road – R&R | PE-S | \$0 | \$1,158,518 M | 131843 |
| 2019 | I-94 E | St. Joseph River to Britain Ave. | Road – R&R | PE | \$0 | \$3,150,000 M | 131843 |
| 2020 | M-139 | M-139 at Buckhorn Creek | Road – R&R | PE | \$0 | \$227,883 M | 200684 |
| 2020 | M-139 | M-139 at Buckhorn Creek | Road – R&R | ROW | NH | \$5,554 | 200684 |
| 2020 | I-94 E | I-94 BL (Exit 23) to the St. Joseph River | Road – R&R | PE-S | \$0 | \$1,810,00 M | 132824 |
| 2020 | I-94 E | I-94 BL (Exit 23) to the St. Joseph River | Road – R&R | PE | \$0 | \$4,000,000 M | 132824 |

If you have any questions, please contact me at (269) 337-3922 or sanadab1@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Sanada', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Sanada
Region Planner



Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority
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275 East Wall Street, P.O. Box 837, Benton Harbor, MI 49023

October 31, 2017

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Dear TwinCATS Committee:

The Twin Cities Area Transportation (TCATA) is requesting an Administrative Modification to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for fiscal year 2015 and 2017. We know this is an unusual Modification because the fiscal years are over.

The switch from Federal Transit Administrations (FTA) TEAM program to the TrAMS program has created issues. TrAMS is not letting any changes in TEAM grants. We have \$60,000.00 in funds from MI-90-X683 and an amended federal share of operating of \$754,836. The funds were originally going to be amended or deobligated to our urbanized area but TrAMS would not let us make any changes.

We've been working with Federal Transit Administration to resolve this issue. The only option is to reprogram the funds while remaining in the same scope of Bus – Rolling Stock and operating. The capital funds were for Bus Rehab to convert ten buses from gas to liquid propane. The vendor Roush pulled the conversion kit because of valve issues.

These funds need to be used in the 2017 fiscal year because they laps after 9/30/2017. We will use the capital funds to purchase two lift equipped small vans to assist in our American with Disability Act requirements for line haul routes.

The operating from MI-90-X683 will be drawn by making a Modification to the 2017 grant.

The Administrative Modifications needed are the following:

Administrative Modification 1:

Original TIP:

2015 Fiscal Year Capital Bus Rolling Stock/ Bus Rehab

| Federal 5307 | State CTF | Total |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------|
| \$60,000 | \$15,000 | <u>\$75,000</u> |

Modified TIP:

2015 Fiscal Year Bus Rolling Stock/Lift Van

| Federal 5307 | State CTF | Total |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------|
| \$60,000 | \$15,000 | <u>\$75,000</u> |

Scope is the same but changed line item

Modification 2:

Original TIP:

2017 Fiscal Year Operating

| Federal 5307 | State CTF | Local | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| \$777,380 | \$658,744 | \$406,000 | <u>\$1,842,124</u> |

Modified TIP:

2017 Fiscal Year Operating

| Federal 5307 | State CTF | Local | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| \$965,961 | \$764,132 | \$361,152 | <u>\$2,091,245</u> |

Operating owed from MI-90-X683 and an increase in 2017 Budget

Modification 3:

Original TIP:

| 2017 Fiscal Year Capital Three Buses | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------------------|
| Federal 5307 | State CTF | Local | Total |
| \$27,145 | \$4,111 | | <u>\$33,932</u> |

Modified TIP:

| 2017 Fiscal Year Capital Three Buses | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------------|
| Federal 5307 | State CTF | Local | Total |
| \$100,933 | \$25,238 | | <u>\$126,193</u> |

Additional funds needed for cost of buses

To insure it is understood that these funds have already been awarded the Federal Transit Administration needs specific language in the comment sections.

The comment section for capital Administrative Modification 1 needs to read: Carryover grant from fiscal year 2015 grant MI-90-X683. From an awarded grant with the federal share of \$60,000.00.

The comment section for operating Administrative Modification 2 needs to read: Carryover grant from fiscal year 2015 grant MI-90-X683. From an awarded grant for federal share of operating. And increase in budget for 2017 FY.

The comment section for capital Administrative Modification 3 should read: Increase in cost of buses.

If you have any questions please call me at 269-927-2268 or email me at tcatal@comcast.net

Sincerely

Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alexandre Little".

Alexandre Little

Executive Director

Twin Cities Area Transportation Study MPO

2018 Meeting Dates

Meetings take place the third Monday of each month and are held at Kinexus/Michigan WORKS in Benton Harbor.

January 8*

February 12*

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17

*Meeting is on 2nd Monday due to holidays

Meeting Cancellations: Meetings may be canceled due to no new business or weather events. If Kinexus/Michigan WORKS! (Benton Harbor) is closed due to weather the TwinCATS meeting is also canceled. Meeting cancellations due to weather will be posted as soon as possible on the home page of SWMPC webpage that can be found at www.swmpc.org.

Detailed Meeting Information: 2018 meeting dates, current meeting committee packets, and archived meeting information can be found at this link:

<http://www.swmpc.org/twincatsmeetings.asp>