

**Twin Cities Area Transportation Study
Fiscal Year 2011 to 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Project Selection Subcommittee Meeting
Friday, February 19, 2010
2:00 PM
Michigan Works! Shoreline Room

TwinCATS Members in Attendance:

Aaron Anthony	City of Bridgman
Brian Berndt	Berrien County Road Commission
Tim Fenderbosch	St. Joseph Charter Township
Ray Lenze	MDOT – Statewide Planning
Kenton McAndrew	City of Benton Harbor
Larry Merritt	St. Joseph Charter Township
Derek Perry	Village of Stevensville
Bill Purvis	Twin Cities Area Transit Authority
Donald Schlipp	Village of Stevensville
Tim Zebell	City of St. Joseph

Staff in Attendance:

Nickolas Musson	SWMPC
Anna Rahtz	SWMPC

Others in Attendance:

Ralph Heibutzki	Herald-Palladium
Carl Spikner	Consortium for Community Development

1. Meeting Called to Order at 2:00pm

2. Introductions

3. Purpose of Meeting

- To review 2010 and 2011 projects already in 2008-2011 TIP; to review projects previously selected for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 during 2010-2013 TIP selection process; to select projects for 2014 and fill in funding gaps in 2011-2013; to review transit projects and MDOT projects for 2010 through 2014; and to identify Surface Transportation and Jobs for Main Street illustrative lists of projects.

4. Review of 2010 Projects

Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments
Broad Street	City of St. Joseph	\$200,774	HMA Mill and Resurfacing	Lake Blvd to State Street & Main St. (I94BL) to Wayne St.	Originally scheduled for \$220,400, but the addition of ARRA funds reduced to federal cost to \$200,774
Pipestone Road	BCRC/Sodus Twp	\$184,000	Advance Construct Conversion	Yore to Townline	
Hollywood Road	BCRC/St. Joseph, Royalton Twp		Base Repair and Recon.	M-63 to 400 feet of Glenlord Road	Original cost of project was \$382,600. Project was deleted and funds were used to create Hollywood seal coat, Cleveland microsurface, and Britain seal coat projects.
Hollywood Rd	BCRC	\$114,590	Minor base repair, single seal coat, and single microsurface	M-63 to 300 feet south of Glenlord Road	
Cleveland Ave	BCRC	\$260,115	Sealcoat and Minor base repair and single microsurface	Hilltop Road to Glenlord	
Britain Ave	BCRC	\$73,665	Single seal coat	City of Benton Harbor to Paul Ave	
Church Street	City of Bridgman	\$20,479	Advance Construct Conversion	South CL to North CL	
Highland Avenue	City of Benton Harbor	\$193,600	Mill and Resurface	Third Street to 50' west of Fair Avenue	
Total (Estimate \$1,047,223.00)		\$1,047,223	Total remaining	\$0	

- It was noted that Broad Street has another row in the TIP document accounting for the \$42,226 of ARRA funds being used for the project in 2010.
- The limits of Highland Avenue are being modified in the TIP from “Wall Street to Fair Avenue” to “Third Street to 50’ west of Fair Avenue.”

- Musson and Lenze noted that the “total” project cost including engineering must be turned in for every project.
- There was \$65,361 remaining available for 2010. Village of Stevensville representatives noted that work on John Beers Road is direly needed, but that the remaining \$65, 361 would not be enough. Thus, it went to the Berrien County Road Commission to add to the Cleveland Avenue project.
- Cleveland Avenue is being amended in the TIP to absorb the remaining \$65,361 by changing the scope of work. A “sammy seal” will be done before microsurfacing work. Project cost was previously \$194,754 and scope of work was “Minor base repair and single microsurface.”

5. Review of 2011 Projects

Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits
South State Street and Kingsley Avenue	City of St. Joseph	\$208,000	Reconstruction/Advance Construct	South State Street from Granada Avenue to Wallace Avenue and Kingsley Avenue from South State Street to 100' East of South State
Lincoln Avenue	BCRC/ Lincoln Twp	\$486,000	Reconstruction	John Beers Road to Maiden Lane
Territorial Avenue	City of Benton Harbor	\$280,000	Cold Mill and Resurface	4th Street to Fair Avenue
California Road	BCRC/ Lake Twp	\$73,000	Resurfacing	City of Bridgman to Red Arrow Highway
Total (Estimate \$1,047,223.00)		\$1,047,000	Total remaining	\$223

- Zebell noted that a segment of Kingsley Avenue is being added to the South State Street project. Thus the name “South State Street” is changing to “South State Street and Kingsley Avenue,” and the limits are changing to “South State Street from Granada Avenue to Wallace Avenue and Kingsley Avenue from South State Street to 100’ East of South State Street.”

6. Review of 2012 Projects

Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits
Broadway Avenue	City of Benton Harbor	\$240,000	Mill and Resurface	Pipestone Avenue to Empire Avenue
Lake Street	City of St. Joseph	\$236,100	Reconstruction	Elm Street to Broad Street
Britain Avenue	BCRC/Benton Twp	\$186,000	Resurfacing/add 3' wide shoulders	City of Benton Harbor to Crystal Avenue
Highland Avenue	BCRC/Benton Twp	\$227,000	Resurfacing/add 3' wide shoulders	City of Benton Harbor to Crystal Avenue
South State Street and Kingsley Avenue	City of St. Joseph	\$191,000	Advance Construct Conversion	South State Street from Granada Avenue to Wallace Avenue and Kingsley Avenue from South State Street to 100' East of South State
Total (Estimate \$1,080,734.00)		\$1,080,100	Total remaining	\$634

7. Review of 2013 Projects

Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits
East Empire	City of Benton Harbor	\$160,000	Mill and Resurface	Riverview Drive to Colfax Avenue
South State Street and Kingsley Avenue	City of St. Joseph	\$173,000	Advance Construct Conversion	South State Street from Granada Avenue to Wallace Avenue and Kingsley Avenue from South State Street to 100' East of South State
Hollywood Road	BCRC/St. Joseph, Royalton Twp	\$782,000	Reconstruction/Advance Construct	M-63 to 500 feet South of Glenlord Road
Total (Estimate \$1,115,317.00)		\$1,115,000	Total remaining	\$317

8. Selection of 2014 Projects

New Proposed Projects									
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments	Survey Project Score	Traffic Count	3 yr PASER Average	Percent of Federal Contribution
Hollywood Road	BCRC/Royalton Twp	\$1,243,000	Restore and Rehabilitate/Advance Construct Conversion	M-63 to 500' South of Glenlord Road		61.5%	8,700 (2006)	5	20%
Pipestone	City of Benton Harbor	\$292,000	Mill and Resurface	50' East of East St to Britain Avenue		36.4%	7,132 (2009)	5	20%
Brown School Road	Village of Shoreham	\$250,000	Mill and Resurface	Lakeshore Drive East to Village Limits	Proposed for 2011	56.3%	1,292 (2007)	3	39% +
John Beers Road	Village of Stevensville	\$333,056	Reconstruction	St. Joseph Ave. to DeMorrow Rd and Red Arrow Highway to I-94	Proposed for 2011	23.0%	7,218 (2008)	5	34%
Napier Avenue	City of St. Joseph	\$435,600	HMA Mill/Resurfacing/Storm Improvements	Niles Avenue (M63) to Langley Avenue		63.7%	13,850 (2009)	5.7	32%
Total (Estimate \$1,151,007.00)		\$2,553,656							

2014 Selected Project									
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments	Survey Project Score	Traffic Count	3 yr PASER Average	Percent of Federal Contribution
Hollywood Road	BCRC/Royalton Twp	\$1,151,007	Restore and Rehabilitate/Advance Construct Conversion	M-63 to 500' South of Glenlord Road		61.5%	8,700 (2006)	5	20%
Total (Estimate \$1,151,007.00)		\$1,151,007							

- Musson stated that at the 2010-2013 TIP Project Selection Meeting, it had been agreed that Hollywood Road would be the next project in line in fiscal year 2014. Those present agreed that Hollywood Road should receive all funding in fiscal year 2014, in the amount of \$1,151,007. It is also receiving \$782,000 in fiscal year 2013.
- Berndt stated that unless a gas tax increase is passed in the State of Michigan, the Berrien County Road Commission will not be able to come up with the local match for the Hollywood Road project.
- It was asked whether Brown School Road is federal aid eligible, and Musson replied that he would check whether it is. {It is not, but has the potential to be changed to a federal aid-eligible road, so the application for the project should still be submitted.}

9. Illustrative List of Projects to Use Surface Transportation Funding for fiscal years 2010 through 2014

Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Survey Project Score	Traffic Count	3 yr PASER Average	Percent of Federal Contribution	Rank
John Beers Road	Village of Stevensville	\$333,056	Reconstruction	St. Joseph Ave. to DeMorrow Rd and Red Arrow Highway to I-94					1
Napier Avenue	City of St. Joseph	\$435,600	HMA Mill/Resurfacing/Storm Improvements	Niles Avenue (M63) to Langley Avenue	63.7%	13,850 (2009)	5.7	32%	2
Brown School Road	Village of Shoreham	\$250,000	Mill and Resurface	Lakeshore Drive East to Village Limits					3
Botham Avenue	City of St. Joseph	\$673,500	Reconstruction	Niles Avenue (M63) to Morton Avenue		3000 (2002)	4	44%	4
Benton Center Road	BCRC/Benton Twp	\$284,000	Resurfacing	Napier Avenue to 300 feet North of Empire Ave.					
Red Arrow Highway	BCRC/Lincoln Twp	\$284,000	Resurfacing	Village of Stevensville to I-94		9000 (2006)	6.6	20%	
Red Arrow Highway	BCRC/Lincoln Twp	\$365,000	Resurfacing	Linco Road to Village of Stevensville		9600 (2007)	7	20%	
Napier Avenue	BCRC/Benton Twp	\$446,000	Resurfacing	M-139 to I-94		15000 (2007)	6	20%	
Napier Avenue	BCRC/Benton Twp	\$284,000	Resurfacing	Broadway Avenue to M-139		17300 (2006)	6.3	20%	
Napier Avenue	BCRC/Benton, St. Joseph Twp	\$397,000	Resurfacing	St. Joseph River to Broadway Avenue		16500 (2006)	6.3	20%	
Cleveland Avenue	BCRC/St. Joseph, Lincoln Twp	\$454,000	Resurfacing	Hilltop Road to I-94		9500 (2006)	6.6	20%	

Lemon Creek Road	BCRC/Lake Twp	\$113,000	Resurfacing	Red Arrow Highway to Gast Road		2900 (2003)	5.3	20%	
Wallace Avenue	City of St. Joseph	\$478,200	Reconstruction	Lakeshore Drive (I94BL) to Lakeview avenue		2500	4.3	49%	
Kingsley Avenue	City of St. Joseph	\$290,500	Reconstruction	South State Street to Niles Avenue (M63)		3500 (2002)	5	45%	
Water Street	City of St. Joseph	\$199,800	Reconstruction	Intersection with Water Front Condos to State Street		3000	4.6	42%	
Hilltop Road	City of St. Joseph	\$266,300	HMA Mill and Resurfacing	Lakeshore Drive (I94BL) to CSX Rail Road Crossing		20000 (2005)	5.6	20%	
Pipestone Street	City of Benton Harbor	\$292,000	Mill and Resurface	50' East of Main St to Britain Avenue					
Lake Street	City of Bridgman	\$743,000	Reconstruction	Church Street to Gast Road					

- A priority ranking was assigned to the top four illustrative projects, but not to the others. John Beers Road and Brown School Road were moved to the top of the Illustrative List although they had not been applied for at the beginning of the process, because of the dire condition of those two roads and the high rates of local contribution.
- Pipestone Street, which had been proposed for 2014 funding, was added to the Illustrative List.
- Aaron Anthony from the City of Bridgman proposed reconstruction of Lake Street from Church Street to Gast Road, in the amount of \$743,000. An application had not been submitted for this project. Lenze asked whether the amount could be reduced by breaking the project into smaller segments. Anthony stated that he would check into that and submit the applications to Musson.

10. Illustrative List of Projects to Use Potential Jobs for Main Street Funding

"Jobs for Main Street" STP					
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Total Cost	Project Category	Limits	Rank
John Beers Road	Village of Stevensville	\$451,342	Reconstruction	St. Joseph Ave. to DeMorrow Rd and Red Arrow Highway to I-94	1
Lincoln Avenue	BCRC/ Lincoln Twp	\$600,000	Reconstruction	John Beers Road to Maiden Lane	2
California Road	BCRC/ Lake Twp	\$90,000	Resurfacing	City of Bridgman to Red Arrow Highway	3
Broadway Avenue	City of Benton Harbor	\$300,000	Mill and Resurface	Pipestone Avenue to Empire Avenue	4
Kingsley Avenue	City of St. Joseph	\$530,700	Reconstruction	South State Street to Niles Avenue (M63)	5
Lake Street	City of St. Joseph	\$445,800	Reconstruction	Elm Street to Broad Street	6
Lake Street	City of Bridgman	\$378,300	Reconstruction	Church Street to Gast Road	7
Lake Street	City of Bridgman	\$483,200	Enhancement	Church Street to Gast Road	8

"Jobs for Main Street" Transit					
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Rank
Facility Improvements	TCATA	\$100,000			1
Transit Vehicle Replacement	TCATA	\$650,000			2
Transit Operations	TCATA	\$80,000			3

- It was noted that it should be kept in mind which projects are GI-ready, so that it will be known which projects can be used for the first 50% of the funding and which can be used for the second 50%. This is important so that federal funding does not end up being lost. The engineering for the projects being used for the first 50% of the funding needs to be started immediately, as the legislation could be passed in March. Musson stated that he would keep track of “GI-readiness” in the Project Updates at the TwinCATS meetings.

11. Review of Transit Projects

2010					
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments
Public Transportation	TCATA	\$655,023	Transit Operations	Twin Cities Area	

2011					
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments
Public Transportation	TCATA	\$704,000	Transit Operations	Twin Cities Area	
Transit Vehicle Replacement	TCATA	\$153,600	Transit Capital	Twin Cities Area	

2012					
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments
Public Transportation	TCATA	\$710,000	Transit Operations	Twin Cities Area	
Transit Vehicle Replacement	TCATA	\$256,000	Transit Capital	Twin Cities Area	

2013					
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments
Public Transportation	TCATA	\$710,000	Transit Operations	Twin Cities Area	
Transit Vehicle Replacement	TCATA	\$153,600	Transit Capital	Twin Cities Area	

2014					
Project Name	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments
Public Transportation	TCATA	\$710,000	Transit Operations	Twin Cities Area	

12. Review of MDOT Projects

2011						
Project Name	MDOT Job Number	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments
I-196	109087	MDOT	\$256,755	Bridge - Other	Red Arrow Highway over I-196, 1.0 mile north of I-94 in Berrien County	Construction phase
I-94	103293	MDOT	\$24,556	Roadside Facility	at Nickerson Avenue carpool parking lot off M-139, Benton Township, Lot number 711005	Construction phase

2012						
Project Name	MDOT Job Number	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments
I-94	103294	MDOT	\$22,100	Roadside Facility	at Nickerson Road, M-40 at M-43, and I-94 at M-40	Construction phase
I-94	88086	MDOT	\$362,294	Trunkline Bridge CPM/CSM GPA	under John Beers Road	Construction phase
I-94 EB	90362	MDOT	\$7,380,000	Resurface	from Red Arrow Highway for 1.6 miles east.	Construction phase

2013						
Project Name	MDOT Job Number	Responsible Agency	Federal Cost	Project Category	Limits	Comments
I-94 EB	79871	MDOT	\$14,805,000	Resurface	Sawyer Road to 0.5 mile north of Red Arrow Highway	Construction phase

- Lenze noted that Musson would need to check with Darrell Harden at MDOT – Southwest Region for the most current list of projects, since the five-year program had recently been drastically reduced. Musson explained that he contacted Harden and got the most current list. Lenze stated that he will check the State five-year program and let Musson know if there are any changes.

13. Public Comment

14. General Discussion

- *Motion by Berndt, seconded by Zebell, to approve the draft project lists as well as the Illustrative List of Projects for potential Jobs for Main Street funding. Motion approved.*
- Rahtz and Musson stated that they would present the Illustrative List of Projects for Jobs for Main Street at the February TwinCATS meeting in case the legislation is passed before the March meeting.

15. Meeting Adjourned at 3:45pm.