

TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

TECHNICAL ADVISORY and POLICY COMMITTEES MEETING

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

9:30 am

In Person: Kinexus (Michigan Works!) **Anchor Room A**
499 W Main St, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Changes to the Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Approve Minutes from the December 19, 2022 Meeting pg. 2. Action
5. SWMPC Staff Report
6. Local Agency Updates
7. Transit Updates
8. MDOT Updates pg. 5 Action
9. Amendment Request pg. 5 Action
10. TwinCATS 2050 Long Range Plan Approval
Plan can be found at: <https://www.swmpc.org/twincats2050.asp>
Air Quality Conformity Analysis can be found at:
11. Privilege of the Floor or Public Comment
12. Adjournment

Comments can be sent prior to the meeting to Brandon Kovnat at kovnatb@swmpc.org or calling (269) 925-1137 x 1524. For questions about accessibility or to request accommodations, please contact Kim Gallagher at (269) 925-1137 x 1518 or by email at gallagherk@swmpc.org

TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
December 19 2022 Meeting Attendance

TWINCATS MEMBER ORG./POSITION	MEMBERS	TAC	POL	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Benton Charter Township	Richard Royal	x	x	V	V	V		A			V		V	V	V
Berrien Co. Board of Commissioners	Ray Bell		x	V	V	A		A			V		V	V	A
Berrien Co. Community Dev. Dept.	(Vacant / Dan Fette)	x		A	A	A		A			A		A		A
Berrien Co. Planning Commission	Eric Lester, M.D.		x	V	V	V		V			V		V	A	A
Berrien Co. Road Dept.	(Vacant)		x					A							
Berrien Co. Road Dept.	Kevin Stack	x		V	A	V		IP			V		IP	IP	IP
City of Benton Harbor	Ellis Mitchel		x	A	A	A		A			A		A	A	A
City of Benton Harbor	Tim Drews	x	Alt	IP	V	IP		IP			IP		IP	IP	IP
City of Bridgman	Juan Ganum	Alt	x	A	A	A		A			A		IP	A	V
City of Bridgman	(Vacant)	x	Alt	A	IP	V		V			V		A		
City of St. Joseph	John Hodgson		x	A	V	V		A			A		A	A	A
City of St. Joseph	Tim Zebell (TAC V. Ch.)	x		IP	IP	V		A			V		V	V	IP
Cornerstone Alliance	Sue Wyman	x	x	A	A	A		A			A		A	A	A
Disability Network of SW Mich.	Cindy gray	x		V	V	A		A			V		IP	A	IP
Hagar Township	(Vacant)	x	x												
Kinexus	(Vacant)	x													
Lake Charter Township	Gloria Payne	x	x	A	A	A		A			A		A	A	A
Lincoln Charter Township	Dick Stauffer (Pol. Ch.)		x	A	IP	A		IP			IP		IP	IP	A
Lincoln Charter Township	Terrie Smith	x		A	V	A		IP			A		A	V	V
MDOT – Bureau of Trans. Planning	Jim Sturdevant	x	x	V	V	V		IP			IP		V	IP	IP
MDOT – Bureau of Trans. Planning	Richard Bayus	Alt	Alt	V	A	A		A			A		A	V	A
MDOT – Southwest Region	Josh Grab	x	x	A	A	IP		A			A		IP	V	V
MDOT – Southwest Region	(Vacant)	Alt	Alt	A	V	A		IP			V			A	
MDOT – Trans. Service Center	Jonathon Smith	x	x	A	V	V		IP			V		V	V	V
Royalton Township	Steve Tilly	x	x	A	A	A		A			A		A	A	A
Sodus Township	David Chandler	x	x	A	A	A		A			A		A	A	A
Southwest Mich. Regional Airport	Vince Desjardins	x	x	A	A	A		A			A		A	A	V
St. Joseph Charter Township	Denise Cook		x	V	IP	IP		IP			IP		IP	IP	IP
St. Joseph Charter Township	Roger Seeley	x		V	IP	IP		IP			IP		IP	IP	IP
	Jonathan Fisk	Alt		V	A	IP		IP			A		IP	IP	IP
Twin Cities Area Trans. Authority	Angel Crayton	x	x	A	A	IP		A			A		A	A	A
Village of Grand Beach	(Vacant)	x	x					A							
Village of Shoreham	Mike Allard	x	x	V	V	V		V			V		A	V	V
Village of Stevensville	Kacey Dominguez		x								IP		IP	IP	IP
Village of Stevensville	Tim Drews	x	Alt	IP	V	IP		IP			IP		IP	IP	IP
Federal Highway Administration	Andy Pickard	x	x	A	A	A		A			A		A	A	A
Federal Transit Administration	Cecilia Crenshaw	x	x	A	A	A		A			A		A	A	A
MDOT - Modeling	Katie Beck	x		A	A	A		A			A		A	A	A
MDOT - Passenger Division	Fred Featherly	x		A	V	V		A			V		A	V	A
Northwestern Ind. Reg. Plan. Comm.	Scott Weber	x	x	A	A	A		A			A		A		A
Southwest Michigan Planning Comm.	Kim Gallagher	x	x	IP	V	IP		V			IP		IP	IP	IP
Southwest Michigan Planning Comm.	Brandon Kovnat			IP	IP	IP		IP			IP		IP	IP	IP

Pol. Ch. - Policy Chair; TAC Ch. - TAC Chair; Alt – Alternate; IP – Present in person; V – Participating remotely; A – Absent; A blank spot means the position is vacant.

Others Present: Alan Smaka, Wightman & Associates

Minutes
TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
JOINT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, December 19, 2022

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Policy Committee Vice Chair, Denise Cook, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Kim Gallagher took roll call.

2. **Changes to the Agenda**

None.

3. **Public Comment**

None.

4. **Approve Minutes from the November 21, 2022 Meeting**

There was a correction to the attendance. And a correction on who was speaking during the project updates.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022 TwinCATS combined Policy and Technical Advisory Committee meeting, with corrections. Made by Jim Sturdevant and seconded by Roger Seeley. **Motion approved.**

5. **Staff Report**

Gallagher gave an update on the TwinCATS Long Rang Plan approval process. The projects in the plan need to be run through air quality modeling to satisfy air quality conformity requirements. The conformity document is expected to be released on January 3, 2023. This will allow for the 14-day comment period before TwinCATS votes on the Long range Plan at the January 17, 2023 meeting. SWMPC will then vote on the plan at a special January SWMPC Board meeting.

6. **TwinCATS Subcommittee Summary & FY 2023 Funding Recommendation**

Kovnat gave a summary of the subcommittee meeting held on December 7, 2022, was given along with the committee's recommendation (*see meeting packet for details*).

Zebell explained further that Subcommittee is only recommending that TwinCATS vote on FY 2023 funding. Both Zebell and Drews said they believed getting the Lake Blvd, and Pipestone projects obligated in FY 2023 would not be a problem. But Zebell wanted it reflected that in the event these projects didn't get obligated in 2023, they would revert to 2024; they would not be penalized for taking the risk (however small) of moving the project forward.

Motion for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the FY 2023 projects and funding amounts as contained in the Project Funding Subcommittee Recommendation, which was included in the December 2022 TwinCATS meeting packet. Made by Tim Drews, and seconded by Tim Zebell.

Motion approved.

Motion for the Policy Committee to approve the recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Made by Jim Sturdevant and seconded by Kacey Dominguez. **Motion approved.**

7. **2023 Meeting Dates**

Gallagher presented the TwiNCATS meeting dates for 2023. She noted that the January meeting would be on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The February meeting would be Tuesday, February 21, 2023. All other meetings are on the third Monday of the month. Cook said that because the meetings were combined, a single combined vote should be used.

Motion to accept the Combined Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meeting dates for 2023. Made by Roger Seely, and seconded by Jim Sturdevant. **Motion approved.**

8. **Public Comment or Privilege of the Floor**

Cindy Gray commented on a proposal to temporarily relocate the residents of the Lake View Terrace Highrise. View Terrace is run by the St. Joseph Housing commission and has those who have disabilities or are seniors. She said that to make repairs the St. Joseph Housing Commission was planning to have residents move into a motel for approximately four months. Gray raised many concerns about transportation for the residents while they were temporarily displaced. The motel is in an unwalkable area limiting residents' ability to access basic services. Transit service from TCATA is unreliable. Many residents use wheelchairs. TCATA does not have adequate vehicles with wheelchair lifts or drivers to handle the demand.

9. **Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 9:30 AM. The third Monday of January is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Michigan Works! Will be closed, therefore the meeting will occur on the following Tuesday.

Minutes compiled by Brandon Kovnat, SWMPC Transportation Planner

MDOT 2023 PROJECT UPDATES

Contact: Jon Smith, MDOT Engineer SmithJ29@michigan.gov

Project	Phase	Estimated Cost	Update
Resurfacing of I-94 from the Pavement change east of I-196 to Benton and Bainbridge Township Line.	CON	\$4,320,000	Design in Progress. Currently programmed for plan completion Jan. 2023 for a Jun. 2023 letting to coincide with larger I-94 job letting. Construction MOT work to begin in 2023 with main work in 2024.
Reconstruction of I-94 from Exit 23 to Britain Avenue	CON	\$178,554,293	Design in progress. Currently programmed for plan completion in Feb. 2023 for a Jun. 2023 letting. Main construction years will be 2024-2026 with additional pre-work in 2023.
Replacement of 17 dynamic messaging signs and adding CCTV cameras I-94 and I-196.	CON	\$95,959	Project let in December 2022 and came in 2.83% over Engineer's Estimate. Construction in 2023.
Culvert Replacement on M-139 over Big Meadow Drian (north of Tanglewood Trl.)	CON	\$2,850,000	Project advertised for January 2023 letting. Construction in 2024
Signal / intersection upgrades of I-94 BL (Lakeshore Dr.) at Maiden Ln.	ROW	\$10,000	Design (PE) in progress. Plan completion June 2023 for December 2023 letting. Construction in 2024.
Wrong Way movement prevention at freeway ramps on I-94 Exit 16	CON	\$163,482	Design (PE) in progress. Plan completion May 2023 for October 2023 letting. Construction in 2024.
Reconstruction of M-139 from the south of I-94 to I-94BL (main St.).	PE	\$1,581,000	Early design (EPE) phase in progress. Field work (survey, geotechnical, drainage, etc.) and stake holder engagement being performed in EPE phase. Design (PE) phase will begin in FY 2023 for a Oct. 2025 letting.
Bridge repairs for overpasses on I-94 at M-139, Nickerson, & Rosyln. US-31 at Napier.	PE	\$94,500	Design will begin in 2023 with construction in 2026

AMENDMENT REQUEST

Add a new project in FY 2023 for CSX to upgrade the crossing gate and warning lights on Kerlikowski Rd. in Hagar Twp. The project is funded with the Federal rail crossing safety funding (STRP) also known as local section 130 funds, and matched by the state.

Federal:	\$360,000
State Match:	\$40,000
Total Cost:	\$400,000

