



South Haven Small Urban Area

Minutes of the 2017-2020 Project Selection Meeting

10:00 AM, Friday April 15, 2016

South Haven DPW Building, 1199 Second Avenue South , MI

Attendees

Larry Brown, Allegan County Road Commission

Tony Dacoba, Van Buren County Public Transit

Kim Gallagher, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Larry Halberstadt, City of South Haven

Larry Hummel, Van Buren County Road Commission

Gautam Mani, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Hummel called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. Overview of Small Urban Program

All attendees were asked if they felt they were familiar with the Small Urban funding program and its stipulations. Since all members had been active Small Urban participants for many years and answered yes, SWMPC staff did not give an overview of the program.

3. Approve Minutes of the April 21, 2014 Small Urban Meeting

A motion by Brown with support by Halberstadt to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 Haven Small Urban Task Force meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

4. Review and Discuss Currently Funded Projects for 2017 and Reaffirm Program (ACTION ITEM)

Mani noted that the purpose of this meeting was to re-affirm projects that were already funded for 2017 and to prioritize projects for 2019 and beyond. Mani said that in the South Haven area, Blue Star Highway was funded using the full federal allocation of \$375,000.

Hummel asked whether a letter of support would suffice for his Blue Star Highway project rather than a resolution. Mani said that a letter would be perfectly fine, and a single letter could be used for multiple projects.

5. Review and Prioritize Projects for 2019 and beyond (ACTION ITEM)

Halberstadt requested that the City of South Haven's North Shore Drive project be removed from the project list for 2019 and the list entirely because the City of South Haven is using other funding to complete that project. It is being coordinated with a sewer and water grant and cannot wait until 2019.

The next project in line was 8th Avenue from Blue Star Highway East to I-196 Resurfacing project. Hummel requested that this project be made priority 1 in 2019, with a new federal cost of \$260,000 and a local cost of \$65,000.

Dacoba said that he would like to keep his facility expansion project on the Illustrative List, but said that replacement buses were a greater priority now and he would like to get those funded where possible. Dacoba said he was flexible with getting those funded and would find slots where the funding was leftover after road projects. Gallagher recommended 5339 funds as well, but Dacoba said he has a difficult time accessing those funds and so pursues CMAQ, RTF, and Small Urban monies where possible. Dacoba said that his buses would cost \$180,000 total, with \$144,000 of that being federal. Halberstadt noted that if the Task Force prioritizes the 8th Avenue project for 2019, there would be \$115,000 left over. If Dacoba could provide additional local or state match, he could get his bus replacements in 2019. Dacoba said he could ask for the buses at \$115,000 federal and \$65,000 in state match.

Hummel suggested that we mark the 8th Avenue Project as "Priority 1" and the transit vehicle replacements as "Priority 1A" in 2019. Since the Task Force is fiscally constrained, both projects ought to be funded.

Brown submitted an application and resolution for a mill-and-fill project with paved shoulders on Blue Star Highway from Baseline Road to North Shore Drive. Brown and Halberstadt discussed the City of South Haven and the Road Commissions' plans for paved shoulders and non-motorized paths along Blue Star Highway, as well as segments that had already been completed. With this new Blue Star Highway project, Brown was requesting \$375,000 in federal funds and \$225,000 in local funds. The Task Force agreed that this project could be added as Priority 1 to the Illustrative List, since this Call for Projects only includes 2017-2020 and the South Haven area cannot expect to receive an additional project until 2021.

The City of South Haven proposed resurfacing of Elkenburg St from Center St to La Grange for \$375,000 in federal STP funds and \$93,750 in local funds. This was listed as Priority 2 on the Illustrative List.

In addition, the facility expansion project for Van Buren County Transit remains on the Illustrative List as Priority 3.

The complete prioritized project list is presented on Page 4.

A motion by Halberstadt support by Brown to approve the prioritized projects for 2017 and 2019, and the prioritized Illustrative List as presented on Page 4. **Motion passed.**

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Minutes compiled by Gautam Mani, Associate Planner, SWMPC on April 15, 2016.

South Haven Small Urban Area Approved Prioritized Project List, 2017-2020 and Illustrative

Agency	Project Name	Limits	Description	Length	Total Project Cost	Federal Amount	Local Match	Year and Priority	
2017 Projects									
Van Buren County Road Commission	Blue Star Highway	Phoenix Road to Baseline Road	Mill existing and HMA surface, pavement markings	1	\$575,000	\$375,000	\$200,000	Priority 1 in 2017 (previously awarded funding)	
2019 Projects									
Van Buren County Road Commission	8th Avenue	Blue Star Highway East to I-196	Drainage and base improvements, crush and shape	0.5	\$325,000	\$260,000	\$65,000	Priority 1 in 2019	
Van Buren Public Transit	Vehicle Replacement	NA	Replace up to 2 transit vehicles		\$180,000	\$115,000	\$65,000	Priority 1A in 2019	
Illustrative Projects									
Allegan County Road Commission	Blue Star Highway	Baseline Road to North Shore Drive	Mill & Fill with Paved Shoulders	0.5	\$600,000	\$375,000	\$200,000	Illustrative Priority 1	
City of South Haven	Elkenburg Street	Center St to Le Grange St	Resurfacing	0.5	\$468,750	\$375,000	\$93,750	Illustrative Priority 2	
Van Buren Public Transit	Facility expansion	NA	additional office working space, additional mechanic/repair area and storage for vehicles to protect from inclement weather	NA	\$360,000	\$300,000	\$60,000	Illustrative Priority 3	MDOT will match the \$60,000