

## TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND POLICY COMMITTEE COMBINED MINUTES

March 18, 2019 9:30 AM – Kinexus, Lighthouse Room, 499 W Main St, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

TWINCATS MEMBER ORG./POSITION	MEMBERS (2019)	TAC	POL	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Benton Charter Township	Carolyn Fowler		x	P	P	P									
Benton Charter Township	Kelli Smith	x		N	N	N									
Berrien Co. Board of Commissioners	Bill Chickering		x	P	P	P									
Berrien Co. Community Dev. Dept.	Evan Smith	x		N	N	N									
Berrien Co. Planning Commission	Eric Lester, M.D.		x	P	P	N									
Berrien Co. Road Dept.	(vacant)		x	V	V	V									
Berrien Co. Road Dept.	Brian Berndt (TAC Ch.)	x		P	P	A									
	Kevin Stack	Alt				P									
City of Benton Harbor	Darwin Watson		x-a	A	A	A									
City of Benton Harbor	Chris Cook (Pol. V. Ch.)	x	Alt	P	P	P									
City of Bridgman	Juan Ganum	x	x	N	P	P									
City of St. Joseph	John Hodgson		x	P	N	N									
City of St. Joseph	Tim Zebell (TAC V. Ch.)	x		P	P	P									
Cornerstone Alliance	Sue Wyman	x	x	N	N	N									
Disability Network of SW Mich.	(vacant)	x		V	V	V									
Hagar Township	(vacant)	x	x	V	V	V									
Kinexus	(vacant)	x		V	V	V									
Lake Charter Township	Gloria Payne	x	x	N	N	P									
Lincoln Charter Township	Dick Stauffer (Pol. Ch.)		x	P	P	P									
Lincoln Charter Township	Terrie Smith	x		P	N	P									
MDOT – Bureau of Trans. Planning	Jim Sturdevant	x	x	P	N	P									
MDOT – Southwest Region	Amy Lipset	x	x	P	P	A									
MDOT – Southwest Region	Brain Sanada	Alt	Alt			P									
MDOT – Trans. Service Center	Jonathon Smith	x	x	P	P	N									
Royalton Township	Steve Tilly	x	x	P	P	N									
Sodus Township	David Chandler	x	x	N	N	N									
Southwest Mich. Regional Airport	Vince Desjardins	x	x	N	N	P									
St. Joseph Charter Township	Denise Cook		x	P	P	P									
St. Joseph Charter Township	Roger Seeley	x-a		A	A	A									
St. Joseph Charter Township	Jonathan Fisk	Alt		P	P	P									
Twin Cities Area Trans. Authority	Alex Little	x	x	P	P	P									
Village of Grand Beach	(vacant)	x	x	V	V	V									
Village of Shoreham	Bob Lawrence	x	x	P	P	P									
Village of Stevensville	(vacant)		x-a	V	V	V									
Village of Stevensville	Chris Cook (Pol. V. Ch.)	x	Alt	P	P	P									
Berrien Co. Coord. Trans. Coalition	(vacant)	NV	NV	V	V	V									
Federal Highway Administration	Andrea Dewey	NV	NV	N	N	N									
Federal Transit Administration	Angelica Salgado	NV	NV	N	N	N									
MDEQ - Air Quality	Breanna Bukowski	NV		N	N	N									
MDOT - Modeling	Katie Beck	NV		P	N	N									
MDOT - Multi-Modal	(vacant)	NV		V	V	N									
MDOT - Passenger Division	(vacant)	NV		V	V	N									
Northwestern Ind. Reg. Plan. Comm.	Scott Weber	NV	NV	N	P	N									
Regional Interagency Consumers Cte.	(vacant)	NV	NV	V	V	N									
Southwest Michigan Planning Comm.	Kim Gallagher	NV	NV	P	P	P									
TCATA Local Advisory Committee	(vacant)		NV	V	V	V									

Pol. Ch.: Policy Chair; TAC Ch.: TAC Chair; Alt: Alternate; x-a: Alternate available; NV: Non-voting; P: Present; N: Not present; A: Absent-Alternate attending; V: Vacant; O: Observer (Alternate present but not voting because regular member is also present).

1. **Call to Order / Introductions**

Policy Committee Chair Dick Stauffer called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and led the group in introductions. SWMPC Staff present: Kim Gallagher and Brandon Kovnat.

2. **Changes to the Agenda**

Agenda approved by consensus without any changes.

3. **Public Comment**

None.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019 combined Technical Advisory and Policy Committee meeting. Made by Juan Ganum, second by Chris Cook. **Motion approved.**

5. **Staff Report**

Kovnat presented a pavement condition report for the TwinCATS area. The report is available at: [https://www.swmpc.org/downloads/twincats\\_2018\\_pavement\\_condition\\_report\\_report\\_1.pdf](https://www.swmpc.org/downloads/twincats_2018_pavement_condition_report_report_1.pdf)

Gallagher encouraged committee members to participate in the survey for MDOT's Long Range Plan, which can be found at: <https://michiganmobility2045.metroquest.com/>

6. **Community Land Use and Zoning Member Updates**

None.

7. **Airport Updates**

Des Jardins said that the airport was conducting stormwater inspections paid for out of pocket. They are also building additional hangers.

8. **Public Transit Updates**

Little said TCATA was going through a tough period with no federal 5307 funding due to the federal government shutdown. Awarding bids for bus cameras, and will soon be able to put their new busses into service. Due to the shutdown being over January 25, members asked if the federal government processing still had not caught up. Little said they had not.

9. **Special Studies**

A) **Countywide Transit Study:** No update.

B) **Napier Corridor Study:** Stack said that they are doing simulation & modeling for the reduction from 4 to 3 lanes.

10. **Project Updates & Amendments**

**Berrien County Road Department Project updates**

- Roosevelt Path: Obligation expected in August 2019 and construction will occur in late fall until summer 2020.
- Napier Avenue: Obligation expected in April 2019.
- John Beers Rd: Final plans submitted to MDOT in February. Obligation expected in April 2019.

### Amendment to add a project for the Berrien County Road Department

Stack said that the additional project was a replacement for another RTF project, which was going to be on Red Arrow Highway. The new project on Napier will be within Benton Township and Bainbridge Township, but is being split into two job numbers so that funding is not split between the MPO and non-MPO areas.

**Motion** for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the amendment to add the Napier Avenue project as described in the RTF project data sheet. Made by Carolyn Fowler, second by Jim Sturdevant. Motion approved.

**Motion** for the Policy Committee to approve the recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Made by Jim Sturdevant, second by Alex Little. **Motion approved.**

### MDOT project Updates:

Road/Project Name	Limits/Location	Work Description	Status
I-94	Under Glenlord Road and Cleveland Avenue	Deep overlay, substructure repair, beam repair	Tree clearing needed will be completed before 04/01. Construction on bridge to start April 15 <sup>th</sup> .
M-139	At Tanglewood/Anna and M-43 at 16th Ave.	Install passing flares	Construction to start on April 15 <sup>th</sup> .
M-63	Over St. Joseph River	Epoxy overlay, scour, mechanical & electrical	Construction to start on September 5 <sup>th</sup> .
I-94 BL	Over St. Joseph River in Benton Harbor	Epoxy overlay, joints, mechanical, electrical	Construction to start on September 5 <sup>th</sup> .
M-139	Hinchman Road to north of the St. Joseph River	Mill and one course hot mix asphalt overlay	Construction starts in May once passing flare at Tanglewood/Anna is almost complete.
M-139	Over Buckhorn Creek, north of Rocky Weed Rd.	Culvert replacement and road reconstruction	Design consultant has been selected, contract approval in progress.
US-31	North of Napier Avenue (Exit 24) to I-94	New freeway	Scope Verification meeting forthcoming.

### TIP Amendments for MDOT

Sanada said that they had to remove the abandoned phase of US-31 (Job # 49719). JobNet requires an MPO approval date for removing any job. This automated system cannot tell if a job is a duplicate of an existing job. To ensure the project has no issues he still wanted the MPO to vote on removing the outdated/duplicate job numbers for US-31.

**Motion** for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the amendment to remove the duplicate and outdates job for US-31 (JN 49719). Made by Jim Sturdevant, second by Alex Little. **Motion approved.**

**Motion** for the Policy Committee to approve the recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Made by Jim Sturdevant, second by Alex Little. **Motion approved.**

### 11. Old Business

None.

### 12. New Business

**Add Performance Measure Language to the 2017-2020 TIP:** Kim Gallagher explained that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is both a list of projects and an accompanying document that

explains the analysis undertaken during project approval. FHWA is requiring TIP documents to include language on performance measures and how MPOs are contributing to meeting performance targets. The amendment being presented is to add language about the road, bridge, and system reliability performance targets.

**Motion** for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program document to include language on performance measures for road, bridge, and system reliability. Made by Jim Sturdevant, second by Chris Cook. **Motion approved.**

**Motion** for the Policy Committee to approve the recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Made by Jim Sturdevant, second by Alex Little. **Motion approved.**

**13. State and Federal Updates**

None.

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

None.

**15. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM. The next TwinCATS meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2019, at 9:30 AM.

*Minutes compiled by Brandon Kovnat, SWMPC Associate Planner.*