

TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND POLICY COMMITTEE COMBINED MINUTES

February 28, 2022

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									
Berrien Co. Board of Commissioners	Ray Bell		x	V	V	A									
Berrien Co. Community Dev. Dept.	Evan Smith	x		A	A	A									
Berrien Co. Planning Commission	Eric Lester, M.D.		x	V	V	V									
Berrien Co. Road Dept.	(vacant)		x												
Berrien Co. Road Dept.	Kevin Stack	x		V	A	V									
City of Benton Harbor	Ellis Mitchel		x	A	A	A									
City of Benton Harbor	Tim Drews	x	Alt	IP	V	IP									
City of Bridgman	Juan Ganum	Alt	x	A	A	A									
City of Bridgman	Tim Kading	x	Alt	A	IP	V									
City of St. Joseph	John Hodgson		x	A	V	V									
City of St. Joseph	Tim Zebell (TAC V. Ch.)	x		IP	IP	V									
Cornerstone Alliance	Sue Wyman	x	x	A	A	A									
Disability Network of SW Mich.	Cindy gray	x		V	V	A									
Hagar Township	(vacant)	x	x												
Kinexus	(vacant)	x													
Lake Charter Township	Gloria Payne	x	x	A	A	A									
Lincoln Charter Township	Dick Stauffer (Pol. Ch.)		x	A	IP	A									
Lincoln Charter Township	Terrie Smith	x		A	V	A									
MDOT – Bureau of Trans. Planning	Jim Sturdevant	x	x	V	V	V									
MDOT – Bureau of Trans. Planning	Anita Boughner	Alt	Alt	V	A	A									
MDOT – Southwest Region	Amy Lipset	x	x	A	A	IP									
MDOT – Southwest Region	Brian Sanada	Alt	Alt	A	V	A									
MDOT – Trans. Service Center	Jonathon Smith	x	x	A	V	V									
Royalton Township	Steve Tilly	x	x	A	A	A									
Sodus Township	David Chandler	x	x	A	A	A									
Southwest Mich. Regional Airport	Vince Desjardins	x	x	A	A	A									
St. Joseph Charter Township	Denise Cook		x	V	IP	IP									
St. Joseph Charter Township	Roger Seeley	x		V	IP	IP									
	Ron Griffin	Alt		A	A	A									
	Jonathan Fisk	Alt		V	A	IP									
Twin Cities Area Trans. Authority	Richard Lee	x	x	A	A	IP									
Village of Grand Beach	(vacant)	x	x												
Village of Shoreham	Mike Allard	x	x	V	V	V									
Village of Stevensville	(vacant)		x												
Village of Stevensville	Tim Drews	x	Alt	IP	V	IP									
Federal Highway Administration	Andy Pickard	x	x	A	A	A									
Federal Transit Administration	Cecilia Crenshaw	x	x	A	A	A									
MDOT - Modeling	Katie Beck	x		A	A	A									
MDOT - Passenger Division	Fred Featherly	x		A	V	V									
Northwestern Ind. Reg. Plan. Comm.	Scott Weber	x	x	A	A	A									
Southwest Michigan Planning Comm.	Kim Gallagher	x	x	IP	V	IP									
Southwest Michigan Planning Comm.	Brandon Kovnat			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, on behalf of St. Joseph Township; Greg Smith, TCATA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Tim Zebell, Technical Advisory Committee Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Kim Gallagher led roll call.

2. Changes to the Agenda

None.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Vote for TwinCATS Policy Committee Vice Chair

Denise Cook Volunteered to be the Policy Committee Vice Chair.

Motion to appoint Denise Cook as the TwinCATS Policy Committee Vice Chair. Made by Amy Lipset, and seconded by Denise Cook. **Motion approved.**

5. Approve Minutes from February 28, 2022 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 TwinCATS combined Policy and Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Made by Roger Seeley and seconded by Denise Cook.

Motion approved.

6. New Business – Amendments to projects

Berrien County Road Department: Stack said he just held a GI meeting for the guardrail project. Due to material cost increases, the project cost has increased.

Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority: Gallagher explained that operating budget as shown in the TIP represents the Federal 5307 funds estimated to be spent that year along with the state & Local match. These funds do not need to match the 5307 allocation since transit agencies can use unspent from previous years (carryover) or carryover funding to future years. Another fund source for Transit agencies is the CARES Act which does not need to be included in the TIP.

Kovnat said he sent out a revised amount for TCATA's new projects on Friday before the meeting. Their original request did not reflect the proper 80/20 federal/state funding split.

Gallagher explained that TCATA has two buses eligible in 2023 and both are programed for replacement using CMAQ funds. They also applied for a bus replacement using 5339 funds which they do not need. The driveway repair was an emergency repair initially programed to use 5307 funding. TCATA was able to use CARES funds instead.

MDOT: Smith discussed the 2023 M-139 Culver preplacement between Tanglewood Trail and Scottdale Road. During the design process, they discovered that they will need to do additional excavation due to poor soils. There are also material cost increases. M-139 will be closed to through traffic during the construction period. They are working with the Road Department on plans for the alternate route.

Motion for the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend that the policy committee approve adding the amendment to the TwinCATS 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program as included in the meeting materials. Made by Roger Seeley and seconded by Tim Drews. **Motion approved.**

Motion by the Policy Committee to approve the recommendation from the Technical advisory Committee. Made by Amy Lipset and seconded by Denise Cook. **Motion approved.**

7. Privilege of the Floor or Public Comment

None.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:2 am. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2022 at 9:30 am at Michigan Works/Kinexus and online via Zoom.

Minutes compiled by Brandon Kovnat, SWMPC Associate Planner