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NOTICE OF MEETING

WATS POLICY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, August 17, 2011

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: WATS meeting space – 705 N Zeeb, 2nd Floor – Access through WATS

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order / Introductions
2. Changes/Approval of Agenda
3. Public Participation
4. Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2011 WATS Policy Committee (attached) and June 17, 2011 Special Legislative Policy Committee – Action
5. Communications and Announcements
6. Approval of Bills over \$500
7. Old Business
 - A. Countywide Transit Master Plan (attached) Presentation Jesse Bernstein/Michael Benham - Action
 - B. Toyota Crash Data Collection Process – Information
8. New Business
 - A. 2035 Transportation Plan Amendments (attached) Eric Bombery– Action
 - B. FY 2013 Safety Applications (attached) Nick Sapkiewicz – Action

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9. Agency Reports

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Scio Township
Superior Township
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WCBC
WCRC
City of Ypsilanti
Ypsilanti Township

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Ann Arbor Twp
City of Chelsea
Village of Dexter
Dexter Township
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10. Adjournment

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WCRC – Doug Fuller
WCBOC – Yousef Rabhi
Ann Arbor Township – Mike Moran
City of Milan – Mike Armitage
City of Ann Arbor DDA – John Mouat
Superior Township – Bill McFarlane
SWWCOG – Ron Mann
City of Ypsilanti – Peter Murdock
City of Chelsea – Jason Lindauer
MDOT Statewide Planning – Kari Martin (for Pam Boyd)
City of Saline – Gretchen Driskell
Scio Township – Nancy Hedberg
EMU – Leigh Greden
City of Ann Arbor – Tony Derezinski (for Carsten Hohnke)

Members Absent:

Pittsfield Township – Mandy Grewal
AATA – Anya Dale
Northfield Township – Deb Mozurkewich
University of Michigan – Hank Baier
Ypsilanti Township – Brenda Stumbo

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Others Present: WATS – Terri Blackmore, Ryan Buck, Eric Bombery, Nick Sapkiewicz, Mark Ferrall
MDOT – Mark Geib
VPSI – Michelle Romano
FHWA – Andy Pickard
WCRC – Steve Puuri, Roy Townsend
SEMCOG – Carmine Palombo
Wake up Washtenaw – Larry Krieg

1. Call to Order

Chair Carson called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. He asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Carson requested an additional agenda item, 9E, be added to discuss a proposed complete streets bill.

Mr. Fuller made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Lindauer supported and the Committee approved the agenda.

3. Public Participation

Chair Carson asked if any members of the public wished to address the Committee.

Mr. Krieg from Wake Up! Washtenaw recommended topics of discussion for the upcoming local legislative meeting including:

- The need to move forward using Transportation Funding Task Force (TF2) recommendations.
- The importance of transit as a service and an economic driver
- The need to fully fund AMTRAK

4. Approval of the May 18, 2011 Policy Committee Minutes

Mr. Mouat made a motion to approve the May 18, 2011 Policy Committee Minutes. Mr. Fuller supported and the Committee approved the minutes.

5. Communications and Director's Report

Ms. Blackmore reported that WATS received notification of a student contest that will provide recommendations to the State Legislature. This effort is co-sponsored by the Michigan Legislature and Students Reinventing Michigan (www.studentsreinventingmichigan.com). The topic this year is "How the Legislature Can

Improve Michigan's Infrastructure with Public Support in These Challenging Times." Brochures are available at WATS or visit the website.

Ms. Blackmore reported that Senator Harkin and Representatives Matsui and LaTourette introduced bills S. 1056 and H.R. 1780, the Safe and Complete Streets Act of 2011 that will ensure that our country's streets truly work for people of all ages and abilities. The MML has provided a draft letter for locals to send to Senators and Representatives to encourage their support. Ms. Blackmore indicated that the bills would be discussed as agenda item 9E.

Ms. Blackmore reported that staff from WATS attended Title VI training this month and although WATS has a title VI plan, WATS is required to have a separate Title VI plan for both FHWA and FTA. WATS also needs to develop a Limited English Proficiency Plan and an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.

Ms. Blackmore reported WATS staff also attended training on Planning and Coordinating with Tribal Governments. Ms. Blackmore indicated that this will impact the long range planning process.

Ms. Blackmore indicated that communications from SEMCOG and MDOT on MPO exploration were at each place.

6. Approval of Bills over \$500

1. \$3,274.39 – Dell Marketing, LLC for a computer replacement
2. \$975.00 – Michigan Transportation Planning Association 3 conference/training slots
3. \$1,461.02 – Mark Ferrall intern from 5-16 to 6-10-2011
4. \$588.34 – Terri Blackmore for 1 month travel

Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the bills over \$500. Mr. Lindauer supported and the motion passed.

7. Report on WATS Activities – Director's Report

Ann Arbor to Detroit Rapid Transit Service – No update or change to status reported on SEMCOG website since April.

North – South Rail Coalition – This project is on hold waiting for TheRide's countywide Transit Master Plan implementation.

WATS Model Update – WATS executed the contract with LSA, Inc. and the consultant is working on upgrading the model to work with the new operating system and new versions of TransCad. Next month they will begin adding the Monroe portion of Milan City to the Model.

2010 Census – Staff has identified the changes to the Washtenaw County traffic analysis zones for the census transportation-planning package and transmitted them to SEMCOG. The Census will release the Transportation Planning Product in fall of 2012.

Asset Management – The summary data and maps are on the Agency’s website. The agencies will not collect data this year.

Traffic Counts –WATS provided the needed regular and bike traffic counts to the local agencies last month. WATS is working with the locals to determine a protocol for collecting bike counts.

Plan Reviews – WATS reviewed the Pittsfield Township Master plan and will transmit the comments prior to June 20.

Project Assistance – WATS is assisting Northfield Township, Scio Township, and City of Ypsilanti as they begin development of Non-motorized Plans.

Federal Funding Program Management – WATS is considering becoming MPO separate from SEMCOG to streamline and shorten the Washtenaw County transportation planning process.

Complete Streets Plan – WATS held two public workshops for complete streets. The meetings included a short presentation, a hands-on design task, and opportunities for comment.

Ann Arbor Green Fair – WATS participated in the Green Fair with a booth that explained the Agency’s responsibilities and provided summary brochures on the various adopted transportation plans.

Implement the Countywide plans –

Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Cities and Pittsfield and Ypsilanti Townships held the necessary public hearings on the Washtenaw Avenue CIA. The group is working on changes to their Master Plans and zoning for the corridor and an enhancement grant for non-motorized crossings. On June 10 a meeting was held to discuss legislative changes for Act 280, Corridor Improvement Authority and Mark Ouimet and Jeff Irwin will cosponsor the changes with passage expected by the end of the year.

WATS is providing support to AATA for the countywide governance effort for an expanded transit board. WATS is meeting with local government leaders on Act 7 interlocal agreements to select board representation for a 15-member board. WATS staff is assisting with the draft language and the board member criteria. Of the five areas that need to approve an Act 7 interlocal agreement, one has negotiated and two of the four communities have approved it. In the other four areas, there is at least one community left to visit prior to negotiation. WATS and AATA presented to York Township last evening.

WATS is participating in an effort to make Ann Arbor – Ypsilanti Service improvements to improve the existing service provide economic benefit to both the City of Ann Arbor and the City of Ypsilanti. WATS will use the new zip+4 software for improved analysis on the work commuters traveling between the two cities and adjacent townships.

WATS provides educational support to Partners for Transit through development of the Partners newsletter. WATS is providing assistance on the AATA Transit Master Plan and the Blake Transit Center and the joint Connector Study. WATS provided assistance on the evaluation of County Transit Master Plan alternatives.

8. Old Business

A. Legislative Day - Information

Ms. Blackmore reported that the Legislative Day would occur on Friday, June 17 at 1:30pm. Representative Olson, Irwin, Ouimet and Rutledge as well as staff from Senator Stabenow and Representative Dingell's office plan to attend.

Ms. Blackmore stated a fact sheet was at each place with information that will be included in a brochure provided to the legislative attendees.

B. Toyota Project – Update

Ms. Blackmore reported that negotiations continue with Toyota but that a contract is not available to WATS for comment.

9. New Business

A. FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments - Action

Mr. Bombery reported that local communities are proposing eleven new projects for amendment to the TIP. He stated that 93% of the new funds were local while state, federal transit and grant funds make up the remaining 7%.

Mr. Bombery indicated that all of the projects are either adjacent or inside Environmental Justice areas but that all will have positive impacts on the community.

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the FY 2011-2014 TIP amendments. Mr. Derezinski supported and the motion passed.

B. FY 2012 Administrative Budget and Dues Recommendation - Action

Ms. Blackmore reported the Dues Committee met on April 15 to review the 2010 Census numbers and the Agency's dues structure.

The Committee's recommendation is to retain the current dues level of \$94,500 with only minor adjustments to the dues for City of Ann Arbor, City of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township, and Ypsilanti Township due to population changes.

Ms. Blackmore reported that the Agency must approve an administrative budget and dues level prior to the start of the fiscal year on July 1. Ms. Blackmore indicated that the proposed budget does not anticipate a transfer of funds from reserves.

Mr. Fuller made a motion to approve the administrative budget and dues recommendation. Mr. Mann supported and the motion passed.

C. MPO Exploration - Action

Mr. Carson stated a group of WATS Technical and Policy Committee members met to discuss the possibility of WATS becoming a separate MPO from SEMCOG. Mr. Carson stated that because of the continued discussions he felt it was time to formalize a committee to review the information and make a recommendation to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Carson stated he asked Ms. Blackmore to draft a resolution regarding the issue as a starting point for discussion and to move towards forming a committee to explore the issue.

Mr. Carson stated that the charge to a committee would be to discuss and address the issues between WATS and SEMCOG and then making a recommendation in August. Mr. McFarlane expressed concern stating he did not see the need.

Mr. Fuller stated that while there have been some challenges in following SEMCOG's schedule, overall the Road Commission's relationship with SEMCOG is very positive. He added that while there would be mild benefits to separate he felt there were more than mild benefits to remain with SEMCOG. Mr. Fuller added that he wasn't comfortable with the resolution as it stands.

Ms. Kelly stated she felt the resolution might be premature but that a thorough examination of the issues is warranted and stated the hope was that the process would be improved no matter what.

Mr. Moran stated that the issue continues to come up and that it is time for the committee to make a determination. Mr. Moran added it was important to examine the potential legal costs a separation could cause.

Mr. Greden said the fear is that separation would necessitate additional staff but pointed out the discussion today was to determine whether to form a committee.

Mr. Mann indicated that the Road Commission's experience with SEMCOG were important to him in weighing a decision. Mr. Fuller stated that he had developed a motion and recommended committee members.

Chair Carson stated that he had also come up with a list of prospective members to serve on the committee and had spoken with each of them.

Mr. Fuller made a motion that a Sub-Committee of the WATS Policy Committee be formed to examine the question of forming a separate MPO for the Ann Arbor Urbanized Area. Mr. Greden supported the motion.

Mr. Armitage offered a friendly amendment recommending the membership included in the motion change to include Eli Cooper, Chair of Technical Committee and Brenda Stumbo, Ypsilanti Township. The Committee to have as voting members of the Policy Committee as follows:

Committee members:

Policy Committee Chair - Jim Carson, Village of Dexter

Policy Committee Vice-Chair – Pat Kelly, Dexter Township

Doug Fuller – Washtenaw County Road Commission

Yousef Rabhi – Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

Tony Derezinski – City of Ann Arbor

Gretchen Driskell – City of Saline

Brenda Stumbo – Ypsilanti Township

Eli Cooper – Chair WATS Technical Committee

Chris White - Ann Arbor Transportation Authority

Non-Voting member:

WATS Executive Director – Terri Blackmore

Resources:

FHWA – Andy Pickard

MDOT – Pam Boyd

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The Sub-Committee to appoint such officers as it feels necessary. The Sub-Committee to keep Policy Committee informed as to its meeting dates, and provide minutes of such deliberations. Reports shall be made to the Policy Committee at the Regular meetings of the Committee, or at other such times as the Sub-Committee feels necessary. Mr. Fuller and Mr. Greden accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed with Ms. Martin abstaining and Mr. Murdock voting no.

D. Annual Meeting

1. Meeting Day and Time – Action

Ms. Blackmore stated that WATS Bylaws dictate that the Committee votes on a meeting day and time at the annual meeting held in June of each year. She stated that the meeting has remained the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30am for several decades.

Mr. Fuller made a motion to keep the meeting day and time for the Policy Committee as the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30am. Ms. Hedberg supported and the motion passed.

2. Election of Treasurer - Action

Chair Carson indicated that he asked Mr. Moran to make a nomination for the Treasurer position. Mr. Carson stated that the new Treasurer would serve for the remaining one year of Mr. Hohnke's term who would be released at his request.

Mr. Moran reported that he spoke with Ms. Hedberg and Mr. Armitage about serving as Treasurer. Mr. Moran indicated that both were willing and able to serve. Mr. Moran stated that he is nominating Mr. Armitage for the position of Treasurer.

Ms. Hedberg made a motion to elect Mr. Armitage as Treasurer. Ms. Kelly supported and the motion passed.

E. Complete Streets – Action

Ms. Blackmore restated that Senator Harkin and Representatives Matsui and LaTourette introduced bills S. 1056 and H.R. 1780, the Safe and Complete Streets Act of 2011 that will ensure that our country's streets truly work for people of all ages and abilities. Ms. Blackmore asked the Committee if there was interest in supporting the bill.

Ms. Kelly made a motion to authorize Ms. Blackmore to write a resolution of support for the complete streets bills and for Mr. Carson to sign the resolution as Chair of the Policy Committee. Mr. Fuller supported and the motion passed.

10. Agency Reports

A. City of Ann Arbor

Mr. Derezinski reported that work continues on the Reimagining Washtenaw project. He stated that the City of Ann Arbor Street Millage renewal is coming later this year and added that the City is considering taking on the responsibility of the sidewalks. Mr. Derezinski invited those present to attend the Rolling Sculpture auto show in Ann Arbor on July 8.

B. City of Ann Arbor DDA

Mr. Mouat reported that the DDA and the City of Ann Arbor approved their parking agreement. Mr. Mouat stated that Nancy Shore gave a presentation on the increase in Go!Pass ridership. Go!Pass data will now be collected when users swipe their pass to gain entry to a bus.

C. AATA

Ms. Dale was not present.

D. Ann Arbor Township

Mr. Moran had nothing to report.

E. City of Chelsea

Mr. Lindauer reported that the City is undertaking a visioning process for the Master Plan.

F. Dexter Village

Mr. Carson reported that the State Boundary Commission would be voting on the proposed Dexter City boundary tomorrow.

G. Dexter Township

Ms. Kelly reported that the Township Board approved local road projects for this year and that ARRA work was complete on N. Territorial and Dexter-Pinckney. Ms. Kelly added that the Township has a new Master Plan.

H. Eastern Michigan University

Mr. Greden reported that the CMAQ project at Oakwood and Washtenaw is underway. He added that the University is working with AATA to give discounts for full-time students.

I. FHWA

Mr. Pickard reported that while there have been reports of a new transportation reauthorization bill, nothing official has been presented from FHWA headquarters. Mr. Pickard stated that the division office is currently reviewing UWPs.

J. City of Milan

Mr. Armitage reported that bids were coming in for a subdivision road-resurfacing project.

K. Northfield Township

Mr. Mozurkewich was not present.

L. Pittsfield Township

Ms. Grewal was not present.

M. MDOT Planning

Ms. Martin reported that Dave Wrezinski will be the new head of Transportation Planning at MDOT. Ms. Martin added that Mark Chaput, the University Region Engineer is leaving.

N. MDOT Region/TSC

Mr. Geib reported that MDOT has ten projects in Washtenaw County this year. He added work on a carpool lot at I-94 and Huron is complete and that the HAWK signal is scheduled to be installed on US-12 next week. Mr. Geib stated that asphalt mix issues were to blame for current M-52 project delays.

O. City of Saline

Ms. Driskell had nothing to report.

P. SWWCOG

Mr. Mann reported that Manchester Township is examining using SAD's for subdivision road improvements.

Q. SEMCOG

Mr. Palombo reported that SEMCOG would be taking action on CMAQ projects at the next meeting. He stated that it appears both the Ellsworth/State roundabout and the Ypsilanti Street sweeper will be funded. He stated that several vehicle replacement projects were included with this year's funding application. He added that SEMCOG continues to meet with Representative Olson on transportation issues.

R. Scio Township

Ms. Hedberg reported that the Scio Board of Trustees voted to approve the Maple Road/Four corners project.

S. Superior Township

Mr. McFarlane had nothing to report

T. University of Michigan

Mr. Baier was not present.

U. County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Rabhi reported that the BOC held a working session on a Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Authority. Mr. Rabhi thanked Ms. Dale for her presentation. Mr. Rabhi added that the board has set 5 working sessions to discuss budget issues.

V. WCRC

Mr. Fuller stated that the latest Road Commission newsletter was available at each seat that includes updates on projects throughout the county.

W. Ypsilanti Township

Ms Stumbo was not present.

X. City of Ypsilanti

Mr. Murdock reported that the City tabled a vote on a Complete Streets ordinance.

11. Adjournment

Chair Carson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

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Others Present: 54th District – Representative David Rutledge
Jeremy Keeney – Congressman Dingell Washtenaw County Field Rep
53rd District – Representative Jeff Irwin
52nd District – Representative Mark Ouimet
Senator Stabenow’s Staff – Barbara McCallahan
55th District - Representative Rick Olson
Vanessa Hansel – Ride Connect
Joe Lawson – Ypsilanti Township Planning
Tyler Hoff – Mark Ouimet Intern
Susan Pollay – Ann Arbor DDA
Jim Kosteva – University of Michigan
Michael Ford - AATA
Eli Cooper – City of Ann Arbor
Homayoon Pirooz – City of Ann Arbor
WATS – Terri Blackmore, Ryan Buck, Eric Bombery, Nick Sapkiewicz,
Mark Ferrall
MDOT – Mark Geib
WCRC – Steve Puuri

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Carson called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. He welcomed the group, thanked them for attending this special meeting of the WATS Policy Committee, and asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Public Participation

Mr. Carson asked if any members of the public wished to address the Committee.

Mr. Ford from the AATA stated that ridership is up and added the AATA has a plan in place and is working on putting together a new governance structure but funding is needed. Mr. Ford asked that those present continue to stay engaged in the process.

Mr. Puuri from the Washtenaw County Road Commission stated that the road and bridge infrastructure is in desperate need of funding. He stated that some local governments are not able to come up with match money for local road projects. Mr. Puuri stated that the Road Commission must save large amounts of maintenance money for winter maintenance.

Mr. Cooper from the City of Ann Arbor stated that in the Ann Arbor area, approximately 40% of trips are non-motorized. Mr. Cooper noted that it is importance to invest in sustainability by constructing non-motorized paths and increasing public transportation.

3. Presentation on Transportation Needs in Washtenaw County

Mr. Carson introduced the topics for discussion and summarized some of the structural funding needs. Ms. Blackmore gave a presentation highlighting the history of WATS. The presentation also discussed some of the current funding challenges facing transportation planning.

4. Comments from Legislators

Representative Ouimet thanked Ms. Blackmore for the presentation and said that issues of ageing and aging in place are important considerations when considering transportation.

Representative Irwin stated that not investing money now to save transportation infrastructure the cost to do so in the future will be much higher. Mr. Irwin highlighted several specific issues including the 160 million dollars available to purchase portions of track owned by Norfolk Southern which will increase speeds on the Detroit to Chicago route. Mr. Irwin stated that efforts are being made to give local communities more control by enabling local funding options. Mr. Irwin expressed concern over cuts to the Comprehensive Transportation Fund, particularly its impact on working class communities.

Mr. Keeney stated that Congressman Dingell was unable to attend the meeting but thanked the group for setting up the meeting. Mr. Keeney stated that he will report back on the meeting to Mr. Dingell.

Representative Rutledge thanked the group for putting the meeting together and stated that it was an importance conversation to have. He noted the work underway for revising the gas tax including the issue of diesel parity and the possibility of a pro-rated increase over 3 years.

Representative Olson stated that the information provided is not new and that transportation has been a significant issue for some time. He reported that the State is looking at roads as assets and looking to retain the value in those assets. Representative Olson stated that a gas tax increase is not a long-term fix but could help in the short term. He added that, fortunately the Washtenaw County Road Commission is doing a great job with the limited resources available.

Ms. McCallahan stated that Senator Stabenow has been involved in what is now the Ann Arbor to Detroit Rail project since 1997. She stated that unfortunately, there is not much news to report from Washington and transportation reauthorization is very much up in the air.

5. Questions and Discussion from Policy Committee Members

Ms. Mozurkewich asked how to keep money in the state and how to ensure it is spent on transportation.

Rep. Olson pointed out that the gas tax, registration fees and federal gas tax revenues make up the majority of transportation funding in the state.

Rep. Rutledge noted that the sales tax on gas tax that does not go to roads.

Rep. Olson stated that the State Constitution dictates where some of that funding goes.

Rep. Ouimet stated that some funding is set aside for airports.

Rep. Irwin stated it was important that the revenue go towards funding more than just roads but also non-motorized and transit to support livable communities.

Ms. Kelly stated that she appreciates the data driven approach but cautioned the federal and state representatives not to put the burden on local governments.

Mr. Olsen commented that transportation is closely related with economic development, which is why Chambers of Commerce support increased taxes to support transportation infrastructure.

Ms. Driskell stated that the sooner money could be found to match all of the federal funds coming to Michigan the better. She added that a variety of tools would need to be used to fund and rebuild the transportation system.

Mr. Derezinski stated that he is involved with four communities working together on the Reimagining Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Authority. He stated local governments need more tools for regional planning.

Mr. Carson stated that it was important to expand transit in Washtenaw County.

Ms. Grewal stated that local jurisdictions are doing regional planning efforts but need new funding mechanisms to improve the transportation system.

Mr. Mann stated that if the only way to fix the problem is to increase taxes then it is time to increase taxes.

6. Adjournment

Chair Carson Adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Policy Committee
From: Terri Blackmore, Executive Director
Date: August 8, 2011
Re: Countywide Transit Master Plan Endorsement

Background

WATS adopted their Transit Plan for Washtenaw County in December 2007 after 18 months of analysis and public meetings. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority initiated their Master Plan process in July 2010 and the AATA Board endorsed the plan at their June 16, 2011 meeting after a lengthy public involvement process.

The AATA will make a presentation to the WATS Policy Committee at their August 17 meeting. The WATS Policy Committee packet email has a copy of the Plan Vision document attached. The WATS Technical Committee also viewed a presentation on the Countywide Transit Master plan and discussed its importance.

Action

The Technical Committee recommends Policy Committee endorse the Countywide Transit Master Plan.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Policy Committee
From: Eric Bombery, Transportation Planner
Date: August 8, 2011
Re: 2035 Long Range Plan FY 2012 Amendment

Background

WATS issued the first call for amendments to the 2035 Long Range Plan (LRP) on May 19, 2011. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, City of Saline, Washtenaw County Road Commission, and City of Ypsilanti submitted projects for amendment. Of the eight project amendments, seven are project additions and one change.

The seven new project amendments to the 2035 LRP cost \$4,666,500. The federal portion is 81% or \$3,785,000, the state portion is 15% or \$700,000, and the local portion is 4% or \$181,500. The new projects using transit funds are within AATA's balance of 5307 funds and remain fiscally constrained. The STP projects remained fiscally constrained by reducing preventive maintenance line items.

One of the two locatable new projects is located within or adjacent to the Environmental Justice (EJ) area. The project rehabilitates an existing facility and results in a positive impact on the area. WATS attached an EJ map of the two projects for your reference.

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Below is the table of possible environmental impacts of the entire 2035 Long Range Plan. The table includes the amendments in this call.

Possible Project Impacts

Project Type (Total Number of Projects Planned)	Number of Projects Potentially Impacting Resources										
	Water Resources ¹	Wetlands	Flood Prone Areas	Groundwater Resources ²	Woodlands	Parks & Recreation Areas	Historic Sites	Cemeteries	Heritage Routes Natural Beauty Roads	Historic Bridges	Nonmotorized Facilities
Bridge (22 projects)	17	12	16	1	1	9	1	0	0	0	6
Congestion - Capacity (16 projects)	13	14	7	2	14	5	0	2	4	1	3
Congestion - Non-Capacity (10 projects)	3	7	2	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nonmotorized (22 projects)	5	9	4	4	12	12	5	3	0	0	10
Pavement (97 projects)	65	67	42	26	58	35	22	4	7	0	22
Rail (0 projects)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Study (2 projects)	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1

1 Water resources consist of lakes and streams, designated trout lakes/streams, and Natural Rivers.

2 Groundwater resources consist of wellhead protection areas and sinkholes.

Source: SEMCOG.

The attached amendments were posted for public review on the WATS website and available for review in the Western Washtenaw County Service Center beginning June 14, 2011 for the forty-five day review period that closed on July 29, 2011.

Action

The Technical Committee recommends Policy Committee approve the attached amendments to the 2035 Long Range Plan.

2035 Transportation Plan Amendments

RTP_ID	JURISDICTION	PROJECT_NAME	PROJECT_LIMITS	PROPOSED_WORK	PROJECT_TYPE	TIME CODE	TOT_COST	RTP_ID	FUNDING SOURCE	EPE	PE	ROWAY	CON	TRANSIT CAP	OP	COMMENTS
NEW	AATA	AATA Downtown Transit Center	AATA Service Area	Reconstruct downtown transit center	Facility/Terminal	2012	\$2,000,000		5307	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$0	
NEW	AATA	AATA Downtown Transit Center	AATA Service Area	Reconstruct downtown transit center	Facility/Terminal	2012	\$2,000,000		CTF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	
NEW	AATA	AATA Storage/Maintenance Facility	AATA Service Area	Expand bus storage, rehab hoists, add urea fueling	Facility/Terminal	2012	\$1,500,000		5307	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$0	
NEW	AATA	AATA Storage/Maintenance Facility	AATA Service Area	Expand bus storage, rehab hoists, add urea fueling	Facility/Terminal	2012	\$1,500,000		CTF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	
NEW	Washtenaw CRC	North Territorial Road	At Whitmore Lake Road	Add intersection turn lanes	Minor Widening	2012	\$125,000		M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	
NEW	Washtenaw CRC	North Territorial Road	At Whitmore Lake Road	Add intersection turn lanes	Minor Widening	2012	\$125,000		STL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	
6439	Washtenaw CRC	Pavement Preservation - Rural	County wide - Rural	Pavement capital preventive maintenance	Pavement capital preventive maintenance	2012	\$306,579	6439	M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,211	\$0	\$0	
6439	Washtenaw CRC	Pavement Preservation - Rural	County wide - Rural	Pavement capital preventive maintenance	Pavement capital preventive maintenance	2012	\$306,579	6439	STL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$247,368	\$0	\$0	
NEW	Ypsilanti	Street Sweeper Replacement	City Wide	Replace 1997 Elgin Sweeper with updated model	Miscellaneous	2012	\$215,000		CMG	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
NEW	Saline	Street Sweeper	City Wide	DPW Fleet Vehicle	Diesel Retrofits	2013	\$264,000		CMQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$220,000	\$0	\$0	
NEW	Saline	Street Sweeper	City Wide	DPW Fleet Vehicle	Diesel Retrofits	2013	\$264,000		CITY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,000	\$0	\$0	
NEW	Washtenaw CRC	Ellsworth	Fairhills to Hewitt	Rehabilitate Roadway	Rehabilitate Roadway	2014	\$500,000		STU	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	An administrative modification was made to reduce an equivalent amount of STU dollars from an existing STU line item.
NEW	Washtenaw CRC	Ellsworth	Fairhills to Hewitt	Rehabilitate Roadway	Rehabilitate Roadway	2014	\$500,000		CNTY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	An administrative modification was made to reduce an equivalent amount of STU dollars from an existing STU line item.
NEW	Washtenaw CRC	Various Urban Roads	Countywide	Urban sign replacement	Sign Replacement	2014	\$62,500		STU	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	An administrative modification was made to reduce an equivalent amount of STU dollars from an existing STU line item.
NEW	Washtenaw CRC	Various Urban Roads	Countywide	Urban sign replacement	Sign Replacement	2014	\$62,500		CNTY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	



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MEMORANDUM

To: Policy Committee
From: Nick Sapkiewicz, Associate Transportation Planner
Date: August 4, 2011
Re: FY 2013 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Safety Applications

Background

On May 4, 2011 local agencies received a letter from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) calling for projects for STP Safety funding for fiscal years 2013. To comply with the schedule set forth by MDOT and to act in accordance with SEMCOG's schedule, applications for STP Safety Funds were due to WATS by noon on June 29, 2011.

Local agencies calculated the cost and benefit analysis and WATS received only one project from local agencies for 2013. Details for the project submitted are provided below:

FY 2013 Safety Project

Agency	Location	Safety Deficiency	Proposed Project	Total Cost	Federal Cost	Benefit/Cost ratio (Present)
Ann Arbor	Geddes, Fuller, S. University	Locations have a history of pedestrian crashes	Rectangular Rapid Flashing beacon	\$35,000	\$28,000	8 : 1

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Pending Policy Committee approval, the project will be forwarded to SEMCOG by August 17th for inclusion in the region's submission Safety project to MDOT.

Action Requested

The Technical Committee recommends that Policy Committee review and approve the FY 2013 Safety project for inclusion in the region's submission to MDOT.