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MINUTES OF MEETING

TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: March 4, 2009

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Rd

Members Present: University of Michigan –Dave Miller, Chair
 City of Ann Arbor Planning – Eli Cooper, 2nd Vice-Chair
 AATA – Chris White
 City of Ann Arbor Engineering – Homayoon Pirooz
 Village of Dexter – Rhett Gronevelt
 Eastern Michigan University – Dieter Otto
 MDOT Planning – Ola Williams
 City of Saline – Jeff Fordice
 Washtenaw County Strategic Planning – Brett Lenart
 Washtenaw County Road Commission Engineering – Roy Townsend
 City of Ypsilanti DPW – Stan Kirton
 MDOT – Paul Lott

Members Absent: Ypsilanti Township – Dave Nicholson, 1st Vice-Chair
 City of Chelsea - Christine Linfield
 Pittsfield Township – Bruce Fowler

Others Present: FHWA – Chris Dingman
 MDOT – Larry Dropiewski
 SEMCOG – Jeff Tumidanski
 WATS Policy Committee – Jim Carson
 WCBWC – Larry Deck
 WATS – Terri Blackmore, Ryan Buck, Nick Sapkiewicz, Eric Bombery

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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 • EX OFFICIO: FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION • SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS •

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:31 am and asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Public Participation

Chair Miller asked if anyone from the public would like to address the Committee. No one present wished to address the Committee at that time.

3. Approval of the February 4, 2009 Minutes

Mr. White made a motion to approve the February 4, 2009 Technical Committee minutes. Mr. Williams supported the motion and the minutes were approved.

4. Communications and Announcements

Ms. Blackmore reported WATS received the final numbers for the Stimulus or ARRA and later in the meeting the approved programs will need to be adjusted. WATS will be able to add to the programs to bring them up to twice the 2008 program. The added projects will be added to the "B" list and will be funded if the area receives additional funding after July. In order to receive additional funding, the area will need to have spent at least 50 percent of the stimulus funds.

Ms. Blackmore reported that some other info regarding stimulus had been resolved. It is clear that some states will not be ready to spend all their money, which is why WATS will be programming twice the 2008 federal funding totals. The requirement of monthly reporting on stimulus progress will be done by MDOT for the entire state. Projects using stimulus will also be able to use STP funds.

Handouts at place:

1. Upcoming meetings
2. Stimulus Project List
3. Updated Safety Project Memo

5. WATS Activities

Ms. Blackmore reported that AATA cancelled the WALLY Coalition meeting scheduled for February 23 at 10:00 am.

Ms. Blackmore reported that WATS has sent the list of counts needed for the 2009 submission to the local agencies.

Ms. Blackmore reported that WATS received a copy of the City of Ann Arbor Land Use Plan and provided comments to County Planning by February 11.

Ms. Blackmore reported on the 2035 Long Range Plan: All six deficiency identification maps are complete. WATS is waiting for financial estimates from the State and SEMCOG. The kick-off

meeting for goals, objectives, and process was held on January 14 at the Morris Lawrence Building from 2-4 and 6-8.

Ms. Blackmore reported the final Transit plan has been presented at five of the regional planning groups, three City Councils (AA, Saline and Ypsilanti), the county CEO's, two DDAs, three chambers and three Township Boards. This is primarily an educational effort to help the communities understand the recommendations of the plan. A presentation is planned for the Ypsilanti Depot Town DDA on March 26. Anyone interested in a presentation should contact the WATS office.

Ms. Blackmore reported that there has not been any action since last meeting for urban service area protection.

Ms. Blackmore reported that in an effort for promotion of the County Wide Transit Plan, WATS has been collecting data on other authorities funding, organizational laws and board make up. WATS has been working with the County Board chair to meet with County leaders members to advance the countywide transit plan.

Ms. Blackmore reported that the Statewide Transit Vision has been endorsed by:

- Michigan Municipal League
- Michigan Land Use Institute
- Let's Get Moving coalition
- Disability Network of Northern Michigan
- Disability Connection of West Michigan

Ms. Blackmore reported that the next mobility management meeting in March 5th in the WATS office.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

A. FY 2009 Stimulus Prioritization for Urban, Rural, and Transit

Ms. Blackmore reported that the stimulus bill passed and signed by the President on February 17 and \$641,798 in rural and \$6,459,102 in urban dollars are available for Washtenaw County. In addition, there will be 365 days for the local agencies to obligate the stimulus projects although WATS is encouraging local agencies to obligate the funds as soon as possible.

Ms. Blackmore presented the current urban stimulus project list to the committee. Mr. Pirooz stated that the City of Ann Arbor would like to make significant changes with the new 365-day limit. Ms. Blackmore explained that in case other states are not able to spend all their transportation stimulus money MDOIT was allowing agencies to program twice their 2008 STP allocations. The agencies will have to add a few projects to a B list of projects above the \$6,459,102.

Ms. Blackmore arranged the projects as requested by the agencies and provided the final urban list as follows:

**WATS
 Urban Stimulus Program**

Stimulus Funding **\$6,459,102**

Twice 2008 Program **\$8,752,292**

NM	Whittaker (at Stony Creek) - WCRC	365	\$	1,300,000
NM	Non-motorized system improve/expand -A2	365	\$	250,000
	W Stadium Blvd (Pauline to Seventh) - A2	365	\$	2,162,823
	Packard Signal Interconnect - A2	365	\$	300,000
	Preventive Maintenance - WCRC	365	\$	100,000
	College Place (W Cross to Forest) - YC	365	\$	204,000
	N Ann Arbor (US-12 to Bennett) - SC	365	\$	210,000
NM	Holmes III (Michigan to Spencer) - WCRC	365	\$	1,275,279
NM	Preventive maintenance - DV	365	\$	100,000
	Mansfield (Westmoreland to Congress) - YC/WCRC	365	\$	557,000

Total Stimulus **\$ 6,459,102**

Balance **\$ -**

B List to be included in the TIP

	2010 Resurfacing -A2		\$	963,140
	Preventive Maintenance - WC		\$	1,045,695
	Preventive Maintenance -SC		\$	90,000
	Preventive Maintenance - YC		\$	190,387
	Preventive Maintenance - DV		\$	5,000

Total **\$ 2,294,222**

Balance **\$ (1,032)**

Unfunded Projects

1	E. Stadium Bridges - A2	\$	23,500,000
2	2010 Major Resurfacing - A2	\$	4,000,000

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3	Miller Improvements (Main to Chapin) - A2	\$ 930,000
4	Plymouth Resurfacing (Nixon to CL) - A2	\$ 2,000,000
5	A2-Sailine/ Eisenhower Intersection Improvements - A2	\$ 1,000,000
6	Pedestrian Signal Upgrades - A2	\$ 1,075,538
7	Illuminated Street Name Signs - A2	\$ 875,000
8	Sidewalk Gap Program - A2	\$ 1,000,000
9	ADA Ramp Replacements - A2	\$ 560,000
10	Non-Motorized system Capital Maint. - A2	\$ 1,000,000
11	Street Surface Treatments - A2	\$ 200,000
1	Connector Feasibility Study - A2, AATA, UM	\$ 640,000
2	AATA Bus Pullouts - A2, AATA	\$ 100,000
1	Preventive Maint. - WCRC	\$ 5,858,924
2	Oak Valley (Waters to Scio Church) - WCRC	\$ 400,000
3	Carpenter (Packard to Washtenaw) - WCRC	\$ 1,200,000
4	Stony Creek (at Textile) - WCRC	\$ 2,500,000
5	Bemis (Stony Creek to Hitchingham) - WCRC	\$ 1,600,000
	Morgan EPE (Munger to Whittaker) - WCRC	\$ 200,000
	State EPE (Michigan to Ellsworth) - WCRC	\$ 250,000
1	Central (VL to Main) - DV	\$ 1,900,000
2	Mill Creek NM Path (Main to Shield) - DV	\$ 1,726,790
3	Baker (VL to Ann Arbor) - DV	\$ 450,000
4	Ann Arbor (Kensington to Meadowview) - DV	\$ 400,000
1	N Ann Arbor (Tower to Bennett) - SC	\$ 590,000
2	Austin (US-12 to CL) - SC	\$ 200,000
3	Woodland (Maple to Industrial) - SC	\$ 800,000
4	N Harris (Bennett to Clark) - SC	\$ 56,250
1	Grove (Service Drive to CL) - YC	\$ 469,000
2	W Cross (Washtenaw to Wallace) - YC	\$ 735,000
3	E Cross (River to Prospect) - YC	\$ 558,000
	Total	\$ 56,774,502

~~EPE on capacity projects~~

NM Indicates a non-motorized component

Ms. Blackmore presented the current rural stimulus project list to the committee. Ms. Blackmore moved the WAVE bus to the B list to make room for reduced program. The rural projects follow:

Rural Stimulus Program

Stimulus Funding	\$641,798
Twice 2008 Program	\$895,136

Washtenaw
 County UA

Stimulus - List A	<i>Allocation*</i>	\$	641,798
Preventive Maintenance - WCRC	365	\$	581,798
1 Small Bus - PEX	365	\$	60,000
Total		\$	641,798

Ending Balance \$ -

Stimulus - List B

1 Lift Van - WAVE	365	\$	62,500
Preventive Maintenance - WCRC		\$	190,838
Total		\$	253,338

Ending Balance \$ -

Unfunded Projects

	Preventive Maintenance	\$	2,000,000
1	Adrian (Duncan to Main) - MV	\$	335,000
2	Adrian (Furnace to Duncan) - MV	\$	335,000
	2 Lift Vans - WAVE	\$	100,000
	Computer Equipment - WAVE	\$	5,000
	Office Furniture Expansion - WAVE	\$	5,000
	1 Small Bus - PEX	\$	60,000
	3 15 Passenger Buses - PEX	\$	81,000
	4 Medium Buses 23 Passengers - PEX	\$	340,000
	1 Sedan 5 Passengers - PEX	\$	20,000

Building Headquarters - PEX	\$	2,000,000
Office Furniture Expansion - PEX	\$	10,805
Dispatch Computers - PEX	\$	4,000
Office Computers - PEX	\$	2,000
GPS for All Vehicles - PEX	\$	5,000
Vehicle Lettering - PEX	\$	4,000
Office Equipment Fax, File, Locked Cabinets - PEX	\$	1,650
 Total	\$	 3,308,455

Mr. Townsend made the motion to approve the edited stimulus lists. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

B. Amended FY 2009-2013 Urban, Rural and TEDF D Programs

Ms. Blackmore presented to the committee the current federal programs including the changes made due to the stimulus projects. Agencies may combine other types of federal aid with stimulus funds. Mr. Townsend stated that the WCRC would like to add a few projects into the urban program in case of a run over in budgets of stimulus projects. The current urban program is listed below:

**Urban Surface Transportation Program
 Technical Adopted 2/4/09**

		Washtenaw County UA	Livingston County UA
FY 2009	<i>Allocation*</i>	\$ 4,440,006	\$ 145,886
Lowell (Huron River to Forest) - YC		\$ 137,000	
W. Stadium (Pauline to Seventh) - AA		\$ 1,333,668	
Hewitt (Packard to Clark) - WC		\$ 360,520	
Mansfield (Washtenaw to Westmoreland) - YC		\$ 232,162	
Dexter-Ann Arbor (Dan Hoey to Meadowview) - DV		\$ 338,940	
Huron Parkway (at Nixon) Nixon (Huron Parkway to Plymouth) - AA		\$ 800,000	
Washtenaw NM (Glenwood to Toumy) - AA		\$ 239,716	
Preventive Maintenance - WC		\$ 902,000	
Traffic Counters - Regional		\$ 46,000	
Stony Creek at Whittaker - WC		\$ 50,000	
 Total		 \$ 4,440,006	 \$ -

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Ending Balance		\$	-	\$	768,230
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FY 2010

Allocation	Revised*	\$	4,187,689	\$	134,828
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W. Stadium (Pauline to Seventh) - AA	\$ 1,594,306	\$	1,671,279		
Willis (S Ann Arbor to Arboretum Dr) - SC	\$ 369,343	\$	387,175		
Border to Border - WC/WCPRC	\$ 184,760	\$	193,680		
Ford Blvd (Ecorse to US-12) - WC	\$ 181,613	\$	190,381		
Geddes Road Bikepath (Prospect to Ridge) - WC/Superior Twp	\$ 369,343	\$	387,175		
Washtenaw NM (Glenwood to Toumy)	\$ 210,148	\$	220,294		
Holmes III - WC	\$ 620,063	\$	650,000		
Mansfield (Westmoreland to Congress) - YC/WCRC	\$ 38,158	\$	40,000		
Preventive Maintenance - WC	\$ 138,455	\$	145,140		
Non-Motorized Bikelane striping - AA	\$ 50,688	\$	53,135		
N University Transit Center (Church Street to Natural History Museum)	\$ 125,549	\$	131,611		
Dexter-Pinckney (McGregor to CL) & CE Bridge (over Portage Lake canal) - WC	\$ 305,262	\$	320,000	\$	120,000
Total	\$ 4,187,689	\$	4,389,870	\$	-

Ending Balance		\$	(202,181)	\$	783,058
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FY 2011

Allocation	Revised*	\$	4,187,689	\$	134,828
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E. Stadium (Seventh to White) -AA	\$ 1,078,748	\$	1,200,000		
Ford Blvd (Ecorse to US-12) - WC	\$ 89,896	\$	100,000		
Oakvalley (Waters to Scio Church) - WC	\$ 374,596	\$	400,000		
N University Transit Center (Church Street to Natural History Museum)	\$ 780,644	\$	868,389		
Golfside (Packard to Clark) - WC	\$ 269,687	\$	300,000		
Liberty NM (State to City Limit) AA	\$ 107,875	\$	120,000		
Preventive Maintenance - WC	\$ 812,026	\$	300,000		
Preventive Maintenance - YC	\$ 224,739				
Carpenter (Washtenaw to Packard) - WC	\$ 449,478	\$	500,000		
<i>Dummy field</i>		\$	438,307		

Total	\$ 4,187,689	\$	4,226,696	\$	0
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Ending Balance	\$ 0	\$	(39,007)	\$	917,886
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FY 2012				
Allocation	Revised*	\$	4,326,010	\$ 139,142
Preventive Maintenance - YC	\$ 109,758	\$	117,200	
Dexter (W Huron to Fairview) -AA	\$ 1,238,990	\$	1,323,000	
Plymouth (Dixboro to M-153) - WC	\$ 749,200	\$	800,000	
Green Road Resurfacing (Frederick to Glazier Way) -AA	\$ 1,114,435	\$	1,190,000	
Preventive Maintenance - WC	\$ 655,508	\$	300,000	
Mill Pond NM (Dexter Bridge to Shield Road) -DV	\$ 458,119	\$	489,182	
<i>Dummy field</i>		\$	400,000	
Total	\$ 4,326,009	\$	4,619,382	\$0
Ending Balance	\$ 0	\$	(293,372)	\$ 1,057,029
FY 2013	Allocation	\$	4,468,894	\$143,595
Seven Mile (Main to Sunflower) - WC		\$	800,000	\$800,000
Dexter (W Huron to Fairview) -AA		\$	1,150,000	
Border to Border NM (Dexter to AA City) -WC		\$	400,000	
Green Road (Plymouth to Frederick) - AA		\$	1,400,000	
Preventive Maintenance - WC		\$	300,000	
Uncommitted		\$	368,894	
Central Street (Fifth to Village Limit) -DV		\$	50,000	
Total		\$	4,468,894	\$800,000
Ending Balance		\$	0	\$400,624

Mr. Townsend made the motion to approve the above Urban STP program. Mr. Kirton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Blackmore stated that the agencies needed to decide whether the amount of stimulus funds awarded to each project would be capped or not. Ms. Blackmore recommended that the projects stimulus amount be capped. Mr. Townsend stated that capping is the best idea as long as every MPO also does it. Ms. Blackmore stated that MDOT has agreed to hold funds within urban areas if an MPO decides to cap their projects.

Mr. Townsend made a motion to cap the project's stimulus amount at obligation. Mr. Pirooz seconded the motion and the motion passed.

C. FY 2010 and FY 2011 Safety Program Prioritization

Mr. Bombery stated that the STP Safety projects for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 were brought the committee last month but there had been additions. The WCRC added four projects to 2011 all of which are replacing signs in corridors to meet the 2003 Uniform Traffic Control Devices federal requirements. The four corridors requesting funds are Carpenter, N. Territorial, Jackson, and Old 12. Since the projects will compete against the WCRC Waters Rd project in 2011 the projects were allowed to be added after the WATS deadline but before the SEMCOG deadline.

Mr. Townsend made a motion to approve prioritization of the safety applications as presented. Mr. Kirton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

8. Agency Reports

A. City of Ann Arbor

Mr. Pirooz reported that the city can have most of their stimulus projects obligated in 6 months. The E. Stadium bridges will cost \$23.5 million to replace and design is underway. There has been deflection in one support beam that has reduced traffic to 2 lanes. The beam will be closely monitored and if the deflection continues, the bridge will be closed. Mr. Pirooz reported that Ann Arbor Transportation Plan update public hearing started last week through the Planning Commission.

Mr. Lott reported that MDOT has been in discussions with Ann Arbor about adding roundabouts to Geddes at the US-23 ramps and Earhart Rd. A public meeting will be held at Concordia University on March 25th at 7:00 pm. There will be a separate non-motorized bridge as part of the project.

B. AATA

Mr. White had nothing to report.

C. City of Chelsea

Ms. Linfield was not present.

D. Village of Dexter

Mr. Gronevelt reported that the trail that was going to get stimulus funds is not designed so switching the stimulus funds to preventive maintenance will enable quicker obligation.

E. Eastern Michigan University

Mr. Otto had nothing to report.

F. FHWA

Mr. Dingman had nothing to report.

E. Pittsfield Township

Mr. Fowler was not present.

F. MDOT Planning, TSC and Region

Mr. Dropiewski reported that the design for the I-94 repaving in Western Washtenaw County is underway. Work will be initiated on M-52 from Manchester Village to I-94 this year. The Northfield Township rest area on US-23 will be reconstructed. Washtenaw from Carpenter to Normal will receive concrete patching.

G. City of Saline

Mr. Fordice reported that the engineering contract was awarded for the stimulus project on Ann Arbor and design has been started. The development of a city non-motorized plan has started with the assistance of a County Health grant.

H. SEMCOG

Mr. Tumidanski reported that a SEMCOG University on designing pedestrian facilities scheduled for the morning of March 16th.

I. U of M

Mr. Miller reported that the UM awarded the contract for design on the Central Transit Station to HRC.

J. WCSP

Mr. Lenart had nothing report.

K. WCRC

Mr. Townsend reported that the Holmes III project is under design. The E. Delhi bridge rehabilitation work should resume around April 1st.

L. City of Ypsilanti

Mr. Kirton reported that there will be three 2009 projects in the City of Ypsilanti; S. Mansfield, the LeForge Bridge deck rehabilitation, and Mansfield from Washtenaw to Westmoreland. The design on the Mansfield project has not begun yet but should be quick to complete.

M. Ypsilanti Township

Mr. Nicholson was not present.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Townsend made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pirooz seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:38.