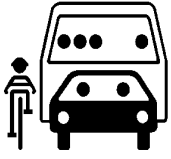


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## WASHTENAW AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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### TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: August 4, 2010  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: WATS Meeting Space, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Members Present: City of Ann Arbor Planning – Eli Cooper, Chair  
Pittsfield Township – Paul Montagno, 1st Vice-Chair  
AATA – Chris White  
City of Ann Arbor Engineering – Homayoon Pirooz  
Washtenaw County Road Commission – Roy Townsend  
City of Ypsilanti DPW – Stan Kirton  
MDOT University Region – Kari Martin  
Eastern Michigan University – Dieter Otto  
Village of Dexter – Rhett Gronevelt  
Dexter Township – Patrick Sloan  
Washtenaw County Public Health – Lily Guzman  
City of Saline – Gary Roubal  
City of Milan – Ben Swayze  
University of Michigan – Bitsy Lamb  
Disabled – Dave Reid  
Non-Motorized – Larry Deck  
Senior – Wes Armbruster

Members Absent: City of Chelsea - Christine Linfield, 2nd Vice-Chair  
MDOT Planning – Ola Williams  
Ypsilanti Township – Joe Lawson  
Ann Arbor DDA – Susan Pollay  
Environment – Timothy Fischer  
Freight – Lance Hagler

Others Present: SEMCOG – Jeff Tumidanski  
MDOT – Paul Lott, Larry Dropiewski, Stephanie Palmer  
City of Ann Arbor – Pat Cawley  
WATS – Terri Blackmore, Ryan Buck, Eric Bombery

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#### POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- CITY OF ANN ARBOR • ANN ARBOR DDA • ANN ARBOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY • ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP •  
• CITY OF CHELSEA • VILLAGE OF DEXTER • DEXTER TOWNSHIP • EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY •
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AN INTERMUNICIPALITY COMMITTEE ORGANIZED UNDER ACT 200 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN (1957)  
REPRESENTING WASHTENAW COUNTY

1. Call to Order

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M. and asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Public Participation

Chair Cooper asked if anyone from the public would like to address the Committee. No one asked to address the committee so Mr. Cooper closed public participation time.

3. Approval of the May 5, 2010 Minutes

Mr. Townsend made a motion to approve the May 5, 2010 Technical Committee minutes. Ms. Martin supported the motion and the minutes passed.

4. Communications and Announcements

Ms. Blackmore called attention to the Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> asset management training for elected officials and the Dec. 7-9 Michigan Environmental Council Public Forum on rail from the upcoming meetings list.

Ms. Blackmore reported that the FY 2010 Appropriations Act appropriated \$600 million for TIGER II. Local communities submitted pre-applications for the Stadium Bridges, State St, and WALLY projects.

Handouts at place:

1. Upcoming meetings
2. Partners for Transit Newsletter
3. ITS Washtenaw Map

5. WATS Activities

Ms. Blackmore reported that WATS helped with the TIGER II pre-applications for State St. and Stadium Bridges.

Ms. Blackmore reported that Stanek and Associates conducted the biennial audit and required much of her time over the last couple of weeks.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

A. 2009 Crash Report

Mr. Bombery reported that the draft 2009 Traffic Crash Program Report is available online for the Technical Committee's review and a few copies available at the meeting. Committee members should return comments on the report returned to Eric Bombery no later than August 18. The Traffic Crash Program Report reviews and analyzes the crashes in Washtenaw County. WATS will distribute the final Traffic Crash Report in September when action is expected.

B. Washtenaw ITS Presentation

Ms. Palmer, MDOT University Region gave a presentation on the future elements of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) in Washtenaw County. Overhead message boards, travel time signs, and traffic-monitoring cameras are among the planned improvements. WATS has attached the presentation to the filed packet in the WATS office. Committee members made several suggestions for additional elements for the ITS. Ms. Guzman requested that actual cities be added to the directional signs.

C. 2035 Transportation Plan for Washtenaw County

Ms. Blackmore reported that SEMCOG has not fully incorporated the WATS 2035 Long Range Plan into the Direction 2035 Plan document. She reported that SEMCOG chose not to include projects of the following types: Bridge, Safety, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Small Transit, and Non-Motorized. SEMCOG instead listed large General Programming Accounts in their place.

Mr. Montagno voiced concern that Pittsfield could not show citizens projects planned for in the future. Additionally, both the WATS Technical and Policy Committees approved the 2035 LRP for Washtenaw County. SEMCOG staff chose what to include after the approval, circumventing the WATS Committees. Mr. White indicated that this is the first time that SEMCOG has not incorporated the entire document including all of the projects. Mr. Townsend stated that the WCRC has many failing and closed bridges that are not specifically included in Direction 2035. Mr. White mentioned that for small transit agencies to get their funding in a timely manner their projects need to be included in Direction 2035. MDOT will not give funding to the agencies without a TIP amendment.

Mr. White made a motion that WATS prepare a resolution, for Policy Committee approval, requesting SEMCOG immediately include all projects found in the 2035 LRP for Washtenaw County. Mr. Sloan requested SEMCOG provide in writing specific reasoning why they did not include the projects. Mr. Reid supported the motion and the motion passed.

8. Agency Reports

A. City of Ann Arbor

Mr. Pirooz reported on road construction projects: West Stadium Blvd. from Seventh to Pauline is on schedule, Geddes resurfacing Huron Parkway to US-23, Plymouth/Green ARRA project is ongoing through September, and Fifth Avenue will be closed between William and Liberty for one year. The City is preparing an application for TIGER II for the Stadium Bridges. The City is also selecting a consultant for the design of the Fuller/Maiden Lane intersection.

Mr. Cooper reported that the City council approved a new pedestrian crossing ordinance. Vehicles must yield to any pedestrian crossing or intending to cross at a crosswalk. Mr. White asked for some education, as there are places where buses will not be able to stay on schedule due to a lack of gaps in students. Mr. Cooper reported that a non-motorized ARRA project is underway to add 10 miles of new bike lanes and stripe and sign existing bike lanes. He agreed to provide a list of the improvements to WATS. There will be a public meeting on the Fuller Road Station in September or October. The Ann Arbor Connector committee is analyzing various technologies against anticipated demand.

B. AATA

Mr. White reported that AATA received four more hybrid buses bringing the total of hybrid buses to 31. AATA will also complete many lead walks and bus stop improvements throughout the AATA service. The Master Plan initiatives continue with a survey effort and outreach to elected officials and community groups.

C. Ann Arbor DDA

Ms. Pollay was not present.

D. City of Chelsea

Ms. Linfield was not present.

E. Dexter Township

Mr. Sloan thanked WATS for producing maps of estimated emergency response time areas for the Public Safety Committee. He added that the committee has found the maps very helpful.

F. Village of Dexter

Mr. Gronevelt reported that the paving and shoulder addition to Dexter/Ann Arbor is complete. He added the school district is looking into pedestrian needs in response to reduced funding for busing.

G. Eastern Michigan University

Mr. Otto reported that the intersection of Washtenaw and Oakwood received a CMAQ award.

H. Federal Highway Administration

Mr. Dingman was not present.

I. Pittsfield Township

Mr. Montagno reported that a sidewalk gap-filling project on the north side of Washtenaw using CDBF funds is out for bids. Planning is underway for a possible Lohr Greenway.

J. MDOT Planning

Mr. Williams was not present.

K. MDOT Region

Ms. Martin reported the US-23 rest area reconstruction is complete and construction of roundabouts and a pedestrian bridge at Geddes at US-23 are on schedule. She indicated that US-23 between Washtenaw and Bemis will have intermittent lane closures for shoulder work, I-94 between Dexter and Chelsea is complete, rail repair on the Howell/Ann Arbor line are underway, and the HAWK signal on Huron is in final design for installation in October.

L. City of Milan

Mr. Swayze reported that he was glad to join WATS. A small ARRA project on Marvin St. is under construction. The City also has an asset management program under development.

M. SEMCOG

Mr. Tumidanski reported that the SEMCOG Executive Committee approved the 2011 - 2014 TIP. This TIP is interesting because it contains only 1/3 the total funding of the previous 2008-2011 TIP.

N. City of Saline

Mr. Roubal reported that Willis reconstruction with bike improvements and new sewer installed has begun and completed the end October. Construction of a pedestrian crossing safety project on Woodland will start soon. The City is in the final stages of the Master Plan update.

O. University of Michigan

Ms. Lamb reported work on the Central Campus Transit Center is on schedule to be completed August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Steve Dolen is the next Director of the Parking and Transportation department.

P. Washtenaw County Road Commission

Mr. Townsend reported the Dexter-Pinckney Bridge will be complete in August, ARRA resurfacing is 80% complete, and Rawsonville at Bemis is nearly complete with only curbing left. He indicated

Stony Creek/Whitaker roundabout is open, Oak Valley resurfacing will start in September, and the Willis/Carpenter intersection will be widened and a traffic signal installed.

Q. City of Ypsilanti

Mr. Kirton reported that the ARRA resurfacing projects on College and Mansfield are under construction. The CMAQ project on Forest to add bikes will start soon. Rail crossing work on Leforge will close the road temporarily.

R. Ypsilanti Township

Mr. Lawson was not present.

S. Washtenaw County Public Health

Ms. Guzman reported that the County has helped Saline with their complete streets ordinance. The County is also working with a few schools on Safe Routes to School funding.

T. Non-motorized

Mr. Deck reported that the Biking and Walking Coalition is working with the City on non-motorized trail connections to the Fuller Road Station.

U. Senior

Mr. Armbruster had nothing to report.

V. Disabled

Mr. Reid had nothing to report.

W. Environmental

Mr. Fischer was not present

X. Freight

Mr. Hagler was not present.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Montagno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. White supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.