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WASHTENAW AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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NOTICE OF MEETING

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, August 3, 2011

TIME: 9:30 am

PLACE: WATS Meeting Space, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Scio Township

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Public Participation
3. Approval of Minutes – June 1, 2011 Technical Meeting (attached) – Action
4. Communications and Announcements
5. Report on WATS Activities
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - A. Transit Master Plan Presentation and Endorsement(attached) – Jesse Bernstein and Michael Benham – Action
 - B. 2035 Transportation Plan Amendments (attached) Eric Bombery – Action
 - C. AATA Alternatives Analysis UPWP amendment – Discussion
 - D. FY 2013 Safety Applications (attached) Nick Sapkiewicz – Action
 - E. Toyota Crash Data Collection Process – Mark Ferrall – Information

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8. Agency/Interests Reports

City of Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor DDA	AATA
City of Chelsea	Village of Dexter	Dexter Township
EMU	FHWA	Pittsfield Township
City of Milan	MDOT Planning	MDOT Region/TSC
City of Saline	SEMCOG	U of M
WCRC	City of Ypsilanti	Ypsilanti Township
Washtenaw County	Disabled	Environmental
Freight	Non-motorized	Senior

9. Adjournment



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: June 1, 2011
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.
 PLACE: WATS Meeting Space, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Members Present: City of Ann Arbor – 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
 Eastern Michigan University – Dieter Otto
 Village of Dexter – Rhett Gronevelt
 Senior Representative – Wes Armbruster
 FHWA – Andy Picard
 MDOT University Region – Larry Dropiewski
 MDOT Planning – Ola Williams
 University of Michigan – Bitsy Lamb (for Steve Dolen)
 City of Saline – Jeff Fordice (for Gary Roubal)
 Non-Motorized Representative – Larry Deck

Members Absent: City of Chelsea - Christine Linfield, 2nd Vice-Chair
 Ann Arbor DDA – Susan Pollay
 Freight Representative – Lance Hagler
 Environment Representative – Timothy Fischer
 Washtenaw County Public Health – Lily Guzman
 City of Milan – Robert Grostick
 Ypsilanti Township – Joe Lawson
 Disabled Representative – Dave Reid
 Dexter Township – Patrick Sloan
 City of Ypsilanti DPW – Stan Kirton

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Others Present: WATS – Terri Blackmore, Ryan Buck, Eric Bombery, Nick Sapkiewicz, Mark Ferrall
WATS Policy Committee – Jim Carson, Chair
SEMCOG – Jeff Tumidanski

1. Call to Order

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M. and asked those present to introduce themselves. Mr. Cooper also observed that the committee did not have a quorum and would need to put off approvals and action items until a minimum number of representatives were present.

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. Communications and Announcements

Ms. Blackmore reported that MDOT Rail Plan is available and includes improvements for WALLY, Ann Arbor to Detroit and Detroit to Chicago. Ms. Blackmore added that comments from the MI by Rail public meetings were included in the plan.

Ms. Blackmore explained that there has been some action on a transportation funding bill and that there will likely be additional funding for non-motorized improvements and TIFIA language.

Ms. Blackmore noted the July 17 WATS Policy Legislative meeting and invited Technical Committee representatives to both submit their transportation concerns as talking points and attend the meeting.

4. WATS Activities

Ms. Blackmore reported staff would be submitting the Census Transportation Planning Package updates to SEMCOG in June

Ms. Blackmore explained that WATS would be exploring establishing the agency as a separate MPO and that the Policy Committee has set up subcommittee to explore the matter. Mr. Montagno questioned if Washtenaw would receive less funding as a result of becoming a separate MPO. Ms. Blackmore explained this should not be the case

Ms. Blackmore stated WATS held Complete Streets public involvement meetings

Ms. Blackmore reported that WATS is working with AATA to develop a governance structure for Transit Master Plan.

Ms. Blackmore gave an informational presentation on WATS partnership with Toyota in a crash avoidance research program scheduled to commence in July. WATS will be filming road conditions for head on, pedestrian and lane departure crashes in Washtenaw County.

Presently Mr. Cooper observed a quorum of Technical Committee representatives had arrived and the body could proceed through the agenda and attend to action items.

5. Approval of Minutes

Mr. White added clarity to his remarks about identifying alternate funding sources for the City of Ypsilanti in the event their street sweeper CMAQ grant was not funded after Technical Committee reprioritization.

Mr. Deck corrected his comments to reference non-motorized modes rather than just pedestrians.

Mr. Townsend made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. White seconded and the Committee approved the minutes.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

A. FY 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Mr. Bombery explained that WATS issued the third call for amendments to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) program on April 7, 2011 and that the City of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, MDOT, People's Express, and the Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express submitted projects for amendment. Mr. Bombery noted that eleven projects were additions and one was a change.

Mr. Bombery elaborated that the eleven new projects cost \$50,466,000 and that the federal portion is approximately 6% or \$3,152,000, the state portion is approximately 1% or \$165,000, and the local portion is approximately 93% or \$47,150,000. The projects using federal transit funds are grant awarded, and not fiscally constrained by WATS.

Mr. Bombery noted that four of the new amendments were in the same location, that is in or adjacent to the Environmental Justice (EJ) area and that the project will start the planning and construction of an intermodal facility and will provide a positive impact to the EJ area. Mr. Bombery went on to say the remaining new projects are transit improvements and will result in a positive EJ impact.

Mr. Bombery explained that the Fuller Road Station project is included due to its regional significance even though funded locally. Mr. Bombery also explained the MDOT Local Agency Programs staff requested that the City of Ann Arbor Packard project be listed as two separate projects.

Mr. Townsend asked which stage of the Fuller Rd. Station was being funded. Mr. Cooper explained the amendments fund the design phase of the Fuller Rd. Station.

Mr. Pirooz made a motion to recommend the Policy Committee approve the FY 2011 - 2014 TIP amendments. Mr. Townsend supported the motion and the motion passed.

WATS Legislative Day

Ms. Blackmore reported that the WATS Policy Committee would be holding a special legislative meeting on June 17 and WATS invited state and national representatives to participate. Ms. Blackmore invited the Technical Committee to attend the meeting and asked for their input on transportation system needs (closed bridges, operating deficiencies, etc.) as talking points for the legislative meeting.

Mr. Gronevelt recommended using PASER rating to illustrate the need for additional transportation funding. Mr. Deck added that the TF2 report could be a starting point for a conversation of how to improve transportation funding with legislators.

8. Agency Reports

A. Ann Arbor

Mr. Pirooz reported that several of the Ann Arbor resurfacing projects were delayed due to rain. Mr. Pirooz also reported the City of Ann Arbor would hold a meeting on Dexter Ave. reconstruction June 7 at 7pm to share the preliminary design with the public. Mr. Pirooz explained the City of Ann Arbor uses a dedicated millage to pay for its street improvements and that the current millage would be expiring this year with City Council to hold public meetings on the matter in June.

Mr. Cooper reported the Fuller Station is receiving \$2.8 million for NEPA and PE work and FRA would now be the lead agency for the project.

B. AATA

Mr. White reported that AATA would initiate vanpool operations in October.

C. Dexter Village

Mr. Gronevelt reported that Dexter would be working on various local resurfacing projects over the summer.

D. EMU

Mr. Otto had nothing to report.

E. FHWA

Mr. Pickard reported that FHWA was reviewing TIP amendments and that discretionary program applications had been submitted to Washington.

F. Pittsfield Township

Mr. Montagno reported work on the Textile Greenway had begun.

G. MDOT Planning

Mr. Williams reported MDOT planning is working on the TIP.

H. MDOT Region

Ms. Martin reported 2011 construction maps were available and that the maps feature smart bar codes that can be used to access additional information.

Mr. Dropiewski reported that work on M-52 would be resuming and that work in I-94 from Parker to M-14 and Cross St. streetscape would begin soon.

I. SEMCOG

Mr. Tumidanski reported the SEMCOG would be processing TIP amendments in July to prepare the TIP for 2012.

J. University of Michigan

Ms. Lamb reported that work continues on the Fuller Rd Station.

K. WCRC

Mr. Townsend reported that Holmes Phase III and North Territorial and Dexter Pinckney overlays were underway. Mr. Townsend also reported that WCRC would replace three bridges in Lima and Sharon Township this year. Mr. Townsend added that WCRC would host a local officials meeting September 14.

L. Non-motorized

Mr. Deck reported that an I-94 at Ann Arbor Saline pedestrian crossing meeting would be announced shortly. Mr. Deck also reported the WBWC continues to educate the community on the City of Ann Arbor's new pedestrian crosswalk ordinance.

M. Senior

Mr. Armbruster had nothing to report.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Pirooz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Townsend supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Technical Committee
From: Eric Bombery, Transportation Planner
Date: July 20, 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 projects 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.

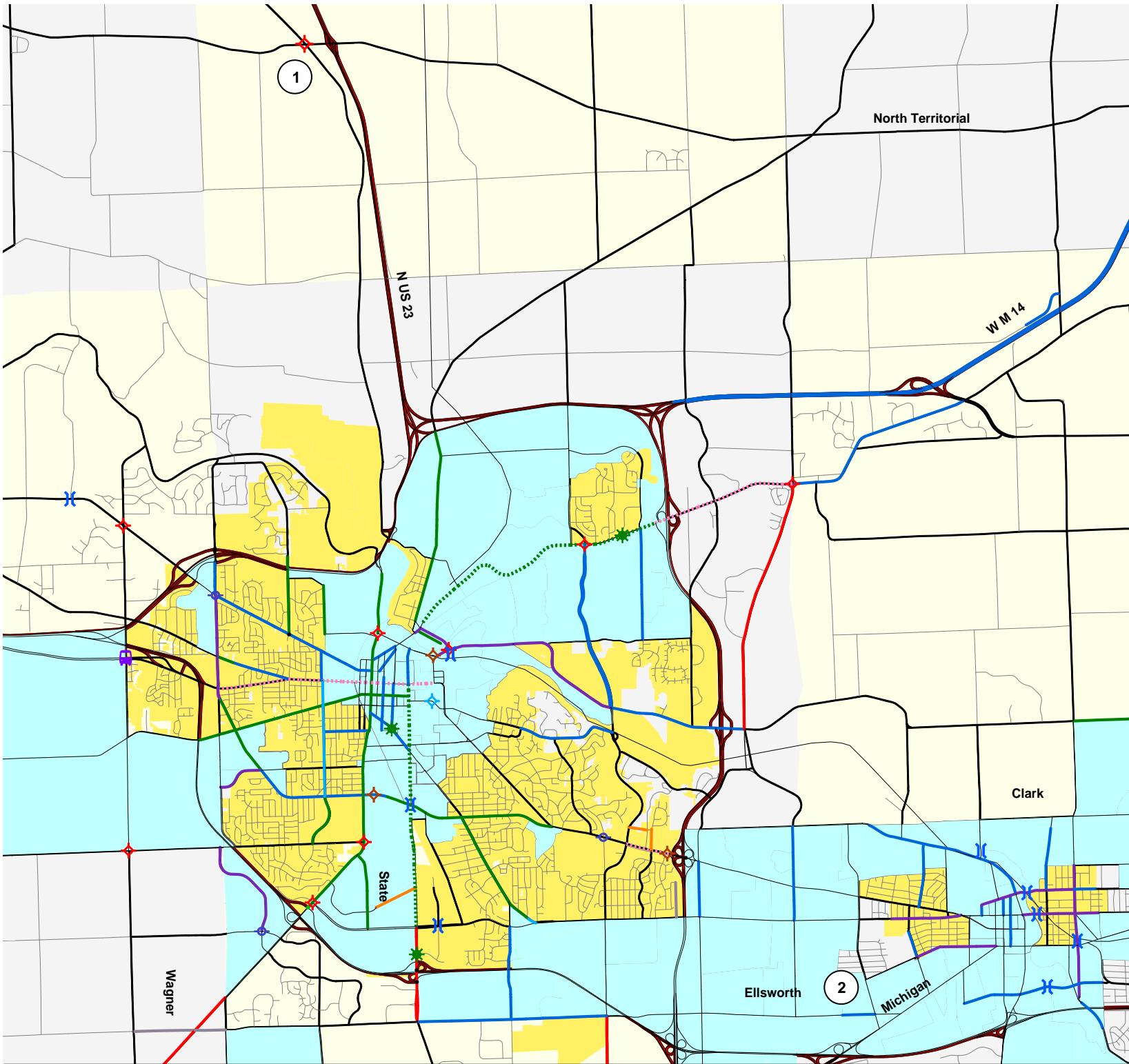
The attached amendments were posted for public review on the WATS website and available for review in the Western Washtenaw County Service Center beginning June 14, 2011 for the forty-five day review period that closes on July 29, 2011.

Action

Staff requests that the Technical Committee recommend Policy Committee approval of the attached amendments to the 2035 Long Range Plan pending positive outcome of the public comment period.

1st LRP Amendment FY 2012

- ① North Territorial at Whitmore Lake
- ② Ellsworth - Hewitt to Fairhills





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MEMORANDUM

To: Technical Committee
From: Nick Sapkiewicz, Associate Transportation Planner
Date: July 21, 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	1.84 : 1

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Pending Technical Committee approval, the project will be forwarded to the WATS Policy Committee for prioritization on August 17th. Once approved, the Policy Committee recommendation will be sent to SEMCOG by August 17th for inclusion in the region's submission to MDOT.

Action Requested

Staff requests that Technical Committee members to review and recommend the safety project for Policy Committee approval.