

Chelsea Small Urban Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: January 10, 2022

1:00pm

1. Call meeting to order and introductions

Mr. Hanifan called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and led the group in introductions.

John Hanifan, City of Chelsea

Olivia Franklin, WWAVE

Matt MacDonell WCRC

Julia Roberts, WWAVE via phone

Suzann Flowers, WATS

2. Approve Minutes from April 28, 2021

Mr. MacDonell made a motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2021, supported by Mr. Hanifan, motion approved.

3. Prioritize Funds for FY 2025

Ms. Flowers noted that the City of Chelsea is on the odd funding year for MDOT's Small Urban areas. FY 2023 is fully programmed and we are here to discuss the prioritization of FY 2025. The funding amount has increased to \$385,000, and in years before it was only \$375,000. Ms. Flowers asked each agency to put forward projects:

City of Chelsea

- Dexter Chelsea Road and Freer Road intersection work - requested \$385,000
- Freer Road reconstruction from Dexter Chelsea Road to Trinkle Road - requested \$385,000

WCRC

Ms. MacDonell deferred to the City of Chelsea

Western Washtenaw Area Value Express

- Bus stop transit infrastructure - locations to be determined after public engagement efforts underway - requested \$50,000-\$125,000
- Electrification of buses/charging stations - requested \$50,000-\$125,000

Mr. Hanifan asked Ms. Roberts to explain how the COVID relief funds were used that were prioritized for WAVE in 2019. She explained that this is to provide assistance in operations. She noted that WWAVE is and has been providing service while ridership is down 50% and may take 2-5 years to fully recover.

Ms. Flowers asked each agency to prioritize the projects that have been put forward.

City of Chelsea Prioritization

1. Freer Road reconstruction from Dexter Chelsea Road to Trinkle Road - requested \$385,000
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Ms. Franklin proposed that the Freer Rd project be prioritized for all \$385,000 of the 2025 funding, supported by Mr. Hannifan. Ms. Franklin made a friendly amendment asking that if additional funding becomes available that the WWAVE's Bust stop transit infrastructure project receives funds, which Mr. Hannifan supported. The motion was approved.

4. Public Comment

Mr. Hanifan noted that there were no members of the public present, and Ms. Flowers noted that she did not receive any phone, email, or social media comments prior to the meeting.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Hanifan adjourned the meeting at 1:18 pm.