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NOTICE OF MEETING

FEDERAL AID COMMITTEE - RURAL

DATE: November 22, 2021

TIME: Immediately after the Washtenaw County FAC Urban Meeting (which begins at 1pm)

PLACE: Virtual via Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89701786223?pwd=UERYOFVTK3Bsc1lwWkYjeFBTUmdPZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 0178 6223

Passcode: 551093

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2021
4. Public Participation
5. New Business
 - A. Program Updates - Information
 - B. Target Review - Information
 - C. Asset Management Data Collection - Information
 - D. Road Classification Changes - Information
 - a. All changes must be approved by RTF
 - E. 2024-2026 TIP Development - Action
 - a. TEDF - Category D carryforward amounts
6. Adjournment

FEDERAL AID COMMITTEE - RURAL

DATE: July 14, 2021

TIME: 11:00am

PLACE: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Transit Representative - People's Express - Doug Anderson
Road Commission Representative WCRC - Matt MacDonell
Village Representative - Village of Manchester - Jeff Wallace

Others Present:

People's Express - Matt Montalvo
WATS - Ryan Buck, Suzann Flowers, Emily Lake, and Nick Sapkiewicz
MDOT - Josh Grab

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Mr. Buck called the meeting to order at 11:01am and Ms. Lake led the roll call vote.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. MacDonell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Mr. Wallace, motion approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2018 Washtenaw County Rural FAC meeting as presented, supported by Mr. MacDonell, motion approved.

4. Public Participation

Mr. Buck provided a short description of the purpose of the Federal Aid Committees' structure and that the purpose of the FAC is to work together on a federal aid program that can be implemented. The recommendations that are formed at the FAC level are then sent to the Technical Committee and final approval is done by the WATS Policy Committee.

No comments were collected from the public.

5. New Business

A. Program Updates

Mr. MacDonell provided the following updates:

- FY 2021 - This project has been obligated and the segments on Jackson Rd have been completed. The other projects will move forward in the next couple of weeks.
- FY 2022 - This is a very important project for the WCRC as the intersection causes delays for commuters. The project has additional challenges as the intersection needs alignment work and there is ROW acquisition that is being completed. This project is requesting the COVID Relief funds due to the overall cost of the project. These funds will help decrease the total local contribution to an 80% federal and 20% local match. The project has its GI scheduled for fall to get in an early bid letting for a 2022 construction.
- FY 2023 - The agency will be working to name this project in the fall or winter in partnership with the WATS TIP call schedule.

B. Supplemental TIP Call

Mr. Buck noted that the WCRC requested the full rural allocation of funds at \$308,00 for their FY 2022 North Territorial at Pontiac Trail roundabout project. He noted that PEX also put forth a request for bus replacement and design assistance. WATS FAC Urban committee has recommended that the bus replacements be funded using urban funds instead of rural.

Mr. Wallace made a motion to recommend to the Technical Committee that the full COVID Relief rural funds be allocated to the WCRC FY 2022 North Territorial project, supported by Mr. MacDonell, motion approved.

Mr. Anderson from PEX also noted that he was in support of this project as his bus drivers have routinely commented on the prolonged wait times at this intersection.

C. 2023-2026 TIP Development

Ms. Flowers discussed the timeline: August the TIP call for projects will be issued with projects due back to WATS in September. WATS will review and score projects in October, the FAC rural meeting will take place in November with the proposed program brought to the Technical and Policy Committees in December or January.

As discussed with SEMCOG and MDOT partners, the targets will have a 2% growth rate applied with FY 2021 being the base year to begin the TIP development. The State TEDF-Category D funds will be held to this 2% growth factor as well.

Mr. Grab also noted there due to revenue decreases that the TEDF Category D funds saw a large reduction in FY 2021.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am, supported by Mr. MacDonell, motion approved.

MEMORANDUM

To: Federal Aid Committee - Rural
From: Suzann Flowers
Date: November 15, 2021
Re: 2024-2026 Rural Federal Aid Program

Background

The Federal-Aid Committee comes together when a new Federal Aid Urban program is being developed. The FAC recommends a rural program that can be implemented in each fiscal year to the Technical Committee.

Over the past month, WATS staff have been scoring and reviewing candidate projects from local agencies for the FY 2024-2026 Rural Federal Aid program. As a reminder, FY 2023 has been prioritized and approved by the WATS Policy Committee as part of the FY 2020-2023 Rural Federal Aid Program. FY 2023 reflects the carryforward year.

WATS staff drafted a preliminary 2024-2026 program for the FAC Rural Committee to review and begin their discussions with.

The 2024-2026 targets provided are presented below:

- 2024 STPBG Rural - \$867,000 State D - \$99,000
- 2025 STPBG Rural- \$884,000 State D - \$101,000
- 2026 STPBG Rural- \$901,000 State D - \$102,000

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representing Washtenaw County

Draft Program

2023					
			Targets	\$851,000	\$97,000
Year	Project Name	Agency	Limits	STP Rural	TEDF - D
205637	PM	WCRC	WCRC	\$851,000	\$97,000
			Balance	\$0	\$0
2024					
			Targets	\$867,000	\$99,000
Year	Project Name	Agency	Limits	STP Rural	TEDF - D
2024	N. Territorial Rd.	WCRC	Webster Church Rd to Whitmore Lake Rd.	\$497,000	\$0
2024	Dexter Chelsea Rd.	WCRC	Dancer Rd. to Parker Rd.	\$330,000	\$99,000
2024	EPE	People's Express	Indoor Parking Facility	\$40,000	\$0
			Balance	\$0	\$0
2025					
			Targets	\$884,000	\$101,000
Year	Project Name	Agency	Limits	STP Rural	TEDF - D
2025	CPM	WCRC	Pavement Preservation County-wide	\$384,000	101,000
2025	Nixon Rd.	WCRC	US 23 to Pontiac Trail	\$500,000	0
			Balance	\$0	\$0
2026					
			Targets	\$901,000	\$102,000
Year	Project Name	Agency	Limits	STP Rural	TEDF - D

2026	East Main/Hibbard	Manchester	East Main (Clinton to Territorial) or Hibbard (M-52 to Dutch Dr.)	\$300,000	\$102,000
2026	Old US-12	WCRC	County Line to I-94	\$601,000	
			Balance	\$0	\$0

Action

Review the attached draft FY 2024-2026 Rural Federal Aid program and come prepared to discuss potential changes and make a recommendation to the WATS Technical Committee.