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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

DATE: September 6, 2023

TIME: 9:30 am

PLACE: 200 N. Main, Ann Arbor - Lower Level Conference Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LINK: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85363141740?pwd=SHhBbUZNZ21kb2dBcTk1eVZjR2ZCZz09>

### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2023, Meeting Minutes (attached) – Action
4. Public Participation
5. Communications and Announcements
6. Old Business
7. New Business
  - A. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, Performance Targets - Action
  - B. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, Updates and Schedule - Information

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8. Agency Reports

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MDOT Region/TSC  
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Washtenaw County  
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Equity  
Senior

9. Adjournment

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## MEETING MINUTES

### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

DATE: June 7, 2023

TIME: 9:30 AM

LOCATION: 200 N. Main, Ann Arbor - Lower Level Conference Room (Virtual Option Provided)

Members Present: Washtenaw County - Nathan Voght (*Chair*)  
City of Ypsilanti - Bonnie Wessler (*Vice Chair*)  
City of Ann Arbor - Suzann Flowers (for Raymond Hess)  
City of Saline - Tesha Humphriss  
MDOT, University Region - Andrea Strach  
Pittsfield Township - Matt Best  
Representative: Environmental - Evan Pratt  
Representative: People With Disabilities - John Waterman  
Washtenaw County Road Commission - Matt MacDonell  
Ypsilanti Township - Jason Iacoangeli  
Eastern Michigan University - Dieter Otto  
Representative: Non-Motorized - Sarah Walsh  
City of Chelsea - Adrianna Jordan

Members Absent: City of Dexter - Justin Breyer  
City of Milan - Vacant  
Dexter Township - Vacant  
Representative: Equity - Vacant  
Representative: Seniors - Vacant  
Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments - Michael Sessions  
University of Michigan - Steve Dolen

Others Present: MDOT, Statewide Planning Section - Meredith Fryer  
TheRide - Dina Reed (Virtual)  
MDOT, University Region - Mike Davis  
City of Ypsilanti - Gary Burchwell  
Washtenaw County Road Commission - Brent Schlack

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WATS - Ryan Buck, Nick Sapkiewicz, Anton Schauerte, Maggie Huntley

**1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Voght called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM and led the group in introductions.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Ms. Wessler, supported by Ms. Walsh, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Wessler, supported by Ms. Flowers, to approve the April 5, 2023 meeting minutes after a edit to Ms. Wessler's name. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public participation.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Sapkiewicz provided the following updates:

- A reminder WATS is hosting the MTPA conference July 26 through 28th. Encouraging the committee members to check out the website and attend. [www.mtpa-mi.org](http://www.mtpa-mi.org).
- The urban boundary census information has been released. The committee will be included into discussions regarding this information.
- WATS is moving forward with LRTP development. The first set of public meetings have been conducted and the next public meetings are tentatively scheduled for September 2023 to discuss targets and projects.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**

Mr. Sapkiewicz provided an update to the amendments submitted. A change to note is the Parker and Shield project is a traffic signal project not a roundabout. The amendments include Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) awards as well as an ATTAIN grant for UM.

Both Mr. Voght and Ms. Strach asked for clarification on the carbon reduction awards and the grant the University of Michigan applied for. Mr. Sapkiewicz clarified the competitive nature

of both programs.

*A motion was made by Ms. Wessler, supported by Ms. Walsh, to recommend the Policy Committee approve the 3rd Call TIP Amendments, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **B. 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modifications**

Mr. Sapkiewicz reminded the Committee that modifications are small changes to projects which do not require approval and are provided for information. Mr. Voght asked about changes to funding and Ms. Strach replied that they are reflected in column Y in the spreadsheet resulting in brief discussion about tracked changes.

Mr. MacDonell asked about the progress on the Barton Dr. project. Ms. Strach and Mr. Davis provided an update that the PEL study is still ongoing and the next meeting is coming soon.

#### **C. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan - Goals**

Mr. Sapkiewicz indicated WATS has been working on the 2050 LRTP. Plan goals have already gone to the public through in person and virtual meetings as well as a survey. The feedback has been received and is reflected in the outlined changes for the 2050 plan.

Mr. MacDonell stated that regarding the Invest Strategically goal, the majority of dollars are spent on infrastructure not technology and that the previous plan goal reflected this better as it was more dedicated to maintenance. Mr. Sapkiewicz explained the goal is the same, but that the contextual text has been updated. There was discussion among committee members about the push and pull and trade offs of how goals are described. The contextual language was updated as a result of committee discussion.

Mr. Buck stated that discussion of the trade-offs between goals will be included as part of the 2050 LRTP narrative.

*A motion was made by Mr. MacDonell supported by Mr. Waterman to approve the goals and send to the Policy Committee as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **D. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan - Performance Measures**

Mr. Buck provided an explanation of the Performance Measures and how WATS uses them. Mr. MacDonell asked for clarification on MDOT routes included in these measurements. Mr. Buck replied that following plan approval staff intend to look at data with and without MDOT routes included.

Mr. MacDonell asked about the percentage of funds used for active transportation and Mr. Buck provided some historical context on the agency's target.

Mr. MacDonell and Ms. Flowers noted the incorporation of the TAP grants may skew the results.

*A motion was made by Ms. Wessler, supported by Mr. MacDonell to send to the Policy Committee with the suggested edits. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **E. Technical Committee Annual Meeting**

Mr. Voght suggested keeping meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 9:30am at 200 N. Main.

*A motion was made by Mr. Iacoangeli, supported by Ms. Wessler. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **8. AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **A. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

Mr. Davis announces a project meeting is coming up for the US-23 Environmental Assessment which is June 21st, at Washtenaw Community College with a 12pm and a 4pm session.

#### **B. Washtenaw County**

Mr. Voght announces the next local advisory committee meeting for the Washtenaw PEL is June 15th, at 1pm virtually.

### **9. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Mr. Waterman, supported by Ms. Wessler, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

# MEMORANDUM

To: Technical Committee  
From: WATS STAFF  
Date: August 28, 2023  
Re: Performance Targets

## Background

The WATS Policy Committee adopted a locally identified set of performance measures (in addition to federally required performance measures) beginning in 2015 that helped guide prioritization of projects in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). These measures were reaffirmed for use in development of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

While the measures themselves remain consistent with the 2045 LRTP, the pandemic and subsequent changes to the economy and work environment have caused a significant disruption in the overall trends for many of the measures. To understand progress towards the LRTP Goals, WATS staff have drafted targets or qualitative statements (e.g., “Continuously Monitor”) for each performance measure (with a few excepted as data is not yet available).

Targets are generally values-based, but attainable, rather than solely aspirational. Many targets are affected by factors beyond the control of road and transit agencies. However, in some cases such as safety targets, WATS and SEMCOG have set a goal of vision zero by 2050.

[LINK TO PERFORMANCE TARGETS](#)

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**Action**

Review the targets and come to the September meeting prepared to make a recommendation to the Policy Committee on using these targets as part of LRTP development and public involvement.

If you have significant concerns please contact WATS staff prior to the meeting. Note that based on public involvement or committee feedback as part of the continued LRTP development process continues, targets may change.