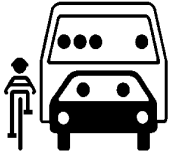


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## WASHTENAW AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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### MINUTES OF MEETING

#### POLICY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 21, 2008

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Members Present: City of Saline – Gretchen Driskell, Chair  
Pittsfield Township – Jim Walter, Vice Chair  
Village of Dexter – Jim Carson  
Ann Arbor Township – Cheryl MacKrell  
City of Ann Arbor – Steven Rapundalo  
AATA – David Nacht  
Superior Township – Brenda McKinney  
SWWCOG – Ron Mann  
City of Chelsea – Ann Feeney  
WCRC – Wes Prater  
MDOT Statewide Planning – Pam Boyd

Members Absent: Dexter Township/WCPAB – Pat Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer  
WCBOC – Jessica Ping  
Ypsilanti Township – Ruth Ann Jamnick  
Northfield Township – Cindy Wilson  
Scio Township – Jean King  
City of Ypsilanti – Bill Nickels  
EMU – Janice Stroh

Others Present: WATS – Terri Blackmore, Ryan Buck, Eric Bombery, Nick Sapkiewicz  
WCRC- Steve Puuri  
MDOT – Kari Andrewes, Paul Lott, Jeff Reed  
U of M – Dave Miller  
SWWCOG – Jolea Mull  
Ann Arbor Township – Mike Moran

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#### POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

• CITY OF ANN ARBOR • ANN ARBOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY • ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP • CITY OF CHelsea • VILLAGE OF DEXTER •  
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• WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS • WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION • CITY OF YPSILANTI • YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP •  
• EX OFFICIO: FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION • SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS •

AN INTERMUNICIPALITY COMMITTEE ORGANIZED UNDER ACT 200 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN (1957)  
REPRESENTING WASHTENAW COUNTY

1. Call to Order

Chair Driskell called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. She asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Public Participation

Chair Driskell asked if any members of the public wished to address the Committee, no one wished to address the Committee, so the public participation time was closed.

3. Approval of the April 16, 2008 Policy Committee Minutes

Mr. Prater made a motion to approve the April 16, 2008 Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Nacht supported the motion and the minutes were approved as presented.

4. Communications and Announcements

Ms. Blackmore reported that she was invited and will participate in the AATA Strategic Planning Session on May 27th.

Ms. Blackmore reported that the Scio Township DDA will be paying for service connecting the WAVE and AATA bus service. Mr. Nacht added that Scio Township was excited about providing an increased level of transit service.

Ms. Blackmore explained the handouts at each place, which included:

1. Upcoming meetings
2. 2007 Crash Reports
3. March and April Crashes
4. Non-motorized Plan for Washtenaw County Summary

5. Approval of Bills over \$500

Ms. Blackmore reported that there was one bill over \$500.

1. \$10,620.90 – LSA Associates for model update

Mr. Rapundalo made a motion to approve the bill over \$500, Mr. Prater supported and the motion passed.

6. Report on WATS Activities

Ms. Blackmore stated that a meeting has been set up with the three railroads in June to discuss the needs for the proposed Ann Arbor to Detroit Rapid Transit Service.

Ms. Blackmore reported that the WALLY Technical Steering Committee chose RL Banks for the North South Rail Validation study. The consulting team was in Michigan on May 1 and 2 to hold

community meetings and for kick off meetings with the Technical Steering Committee. Two progress reports from the consultant are complete and preliminary cost estimates of capital and operating costs have been provided to Senator Stabenow and Representatives Dingell and Rogers.

Ms. Blackmore stated that the Asset Management conference was held on April 3 in Lansing. The Asset Management Council will require MPO's to collect data on only 50% of the federal aid system. The Council has requested that the MPO's concentrate on assisting locals with complying with the reporting requirements of Act 51. MDOT has indicated that failure to complete the Asset Management reporting could result in the withholding of MTF dollars.

Ms. Blackmore reported that the 2008 HPMS count requests have been sent out. WATS is waiting to hear whether or not the WCRC will be taking traffic counts. Mr. Prater indicated that the traffic counts will be taken.

Ms. Blackmore reported that WATS recently completed a review of the Sylvan Township Comprehensive Plan. WATS Staff has also received a copy of an amendment to the City of Ann Arbor Downtown Plan that will be reviewed in the next month.

Ms. Blackmore reported Ms. Burleigh is working on the second week of May crashes and waiting on March and April corrections. She added that WATS is following up with the possibility of electronic crash reporting.

Mr. Buck reported that the WATS model development project is working on integrating the mode choice model in to the overall model, calibration and training still remain. The project is approximately 80% complete.

Ms. Blackmore stated that the Transit Plan was distributed last month and that a second meeting to discuss the future of transit in Washtenaw County that is exploring ways to protect the transit in the eastern portion of the county and implement the countywide plan was held on May 9.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. New Business

A. FY 2007 Crash Report - Action

Mr. Bombery stated that the 2007 Crash Report shows all reported crashes in Washtenaw County. He stated that comments received from the Technical and Policy Committees have been incorporated in the report. He added that agencies can request information on crashes in their jurisdiction at any time by contacting him.

Mr. Walter made a motion to approve the 2007 Crash Report. Mr. Mann supported the motion and the motion passed.

B. FY 2008-2011 TIP Amendment - Action

Mr. Bombery reported that this amendment period was the last for FY 2008 projects and the first for FY 2009. The amendments include 7 project additions, 2 deletions and 2 changes to project limits.

Mr. Bombery added that the Environmental Justice analysis indicated the projects do not have a disproportionately negative effect on EJ populations. He also reported that an environmental mitigation analysis had been performed and that the results were shown in the memo.

Ms. MacKrell made a motion to approve the FY 2008-2011 TIP amendments. Mr. Mann supported and the motion passed.

C. Five Year Plan Call for Projects - Presentation

Ms. Andrewes gave a presentation on some of the fiscal challenges both MDOT and the nation are facing when it comes to transportation. The presentation also included a list of potential projects by year within the University Region and Washtenaw County. The 5 year plan includes 65 million dollars for Washtenaw County, representing 15% of the region's total budget. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the minutes.

D. Nominations Committee – Action

Ms. Blackmore indicated that the Agency's annual meeting takes place in June. At that meeting new officers will be voted on and a nominations committee needs to be established.

Mr. Prater motioned that Ms. McKinney, Mr. Nacht and Ms. Jamnick serve as the nominations committee and to come back to the June meeting with a recommendation. Mr. Mann supported and the motion passed.

9. Agency Reports

A. City of Ann Arbor

Mr. Rapundalo reported the Ann Arbor City Council has voted to prohibit truck traffic on three blocks of Main Street. The prohibition will reroute truck traffic away from downtown Main Street. He also mentioned that the City Council voted to appropriate funds to help address some of the problems caused by the severe winter weather.

B. AATA

Mr. Nacht stated that in an informal vote, all 7 AATA board members indicated a desire to change the structure of the authority to cover a larger service area. He added that there is a movement for the agency to become more cost effective.

C. Ann Arbor Township

Mr. Moran reported that there are several large proposed developments in the Township including a 280 unit Hotel at US-23 and Plymouth Road, Konroy with 440 employees at Plymouth and Dixboro and a 32 acre shopping center.

D. City of Chelsea

Ms. Feeny reported that bids on road projects were coming back below estimates.

E. Dexter Village

Mr. Carson reported that an issue with the road near the Main Street Bridge project necessitated closing southeast bound traffic over the bridge.

F. Dexter Township

A representative was not present.

G. Planning Advisory Board

Ms. Blackmore reported that the PAB acted on the Sylvan Township plan.

H. Eastern Michigan University

A representative was not present.

I. FHWA

A representative was not present.

J. Northfield Township

A representative was not present.

K. Pittsfield Township

Mr. Walter reported that the public's reaction to the new sidewalk along Packard under US-23 has been very favorable. He added that several sidewalk segments are being added in the township in front of Glencoe Hills, Evergreen Point and Coachville.

L. MDOT Planning

Ms. Boyd reported that staff is reviewing FY 2008-2009 Unified Work Programs and the Spring TIP amendment. Ms. Boyd announced that the hiring process has begun to replace the

small urban program administrator position vacated by Nick Perfili. Ms. Boyd stated that MDOT has undergone a major reorganization in the Division of Highways which created a new section on Operations and Maintenance.

M. MDOT Region/TSC

Mr. Lott reported that the Access Management Plan and contract are complete and final copies of the plan are being distributed. Ms. Andrewes added that the University Region bike maps are complete and will be going to print soon.

Ms. Andrewes reported on major MDOT projects around the area including upcoming work at I-94 from US-12 to Harris, a micro surface job on M-52, upcoming lane closures on M-14 due to the bridge work and resurfacing and sidewalk work on I-94 BL from Hogback to Stadium.

N. City of Saline

Ms. Driskell reported that local road projects on Maple and Mills are scheduled for this year in Saline. Ms. Driskell added that bids for both projects came back low. Ms. Driskell thanked WATS for providing information regarding the possibility of adding bike lanes to the Maple road project or possible funding options for adding bike lanes to Maple in the future.

O. SWWCOG

Mr. Mann reported that there will be some work on M-52 coming up and that SWWCOG is reviewing a joint transportation plan. Ms. Mull introduced herself as Mr. Mann's alternate. Ms. Mull also serves as the Chair of the SWWCOG joint planning commission.

P. SEMCOG

A representative was not present.

Q. Scio Township

Mr. Nacht had nothing to report.

R. Superior Township

Ms. McKinney reported that the roundabout project at Geddes and Superior started April 28.

S. University of Michigan

Mr. Miller had nothing to report.

T. County Board of Commissioners

A representative was not present.

U. WCRC

Mr. Prater reported that the bids for E. Delhi came back high but that bids on other projects have been coming in low.

Mr. Puuri reported on some of the current and upcoming Road Commission projects including the Carpenter Road project, which will be completed this year. A collapse of earth near work on the Dexter Main Street Bridge caused one lane closure of the bridge allowing only westbound traffic. Utility work has begun on the Jackson Road Phase III project. Mr. Puuri added that work on the intersection projects at Geddes and Leforge and Geddes and Superior will be continuing following rain delays. Utility work continues on the Holmes Road project. Mr. Puuri reported that the Wal-Mart projects should begin in early July.

V. Ypsilanti Township

A representative was not present.

W. City of Ypsilanti

A representative was not present.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.