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**JACKSON AREA COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JACTS)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONTACT:**

**Steven Duke, Executive Director  
Susan Richardson, Senior Planner  
Region 2 Planning Commission  
(517) 788-4426**

**DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

**TIME: 9:30 A.M.**

**PLACE: Jackson City Hall  
161 W. Michigan Ave-10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jackson, MI 49201**

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**A G E N D A**

Comments will be solicited on each item following discussion and prior to any final action.

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1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approve Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10, 2014 and Receive the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of November 20, 2014 (enclosed) - **ACTION**
4. Agency Status Reports (enclosed) – **DISCUSSION**
  - City of Jackson
  - Jackson Area Transportation Authority
  - Jackson County Department of Transportation
  - Michigan Department of Transportation
  - Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field
  - Fitness Council of Jackson
  - Enterprise Group (<http://www.enterprisegroup.org>)
5. ***“Opportunity for Public Comment”*** - Approval of Amendments to the JACTS FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (enclosed) – **ACTION**
  - Jackson County Department of Transportation (JC DOT)
6. FY 2014 JACTS Obligated List of Projects (enclosed) - **DISCUSSION**
7. FY 2014 Unobligated Rural STP Funds - **DISCUSSION**
8. Other Business
  - FHWA Update
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

# MINUTES

## JACTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jackson City Hall  
161 W. Michigan Avenue - 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jackson, Michigan

**Monday, November 10, 2014**

Members Present: Alex Cash, Fitness Council of Jackson  
Andrea Dewey, FHWA (ex-officio)  
Jon Dowling, City of Jackson – Engineering  
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Rick Fowler, MDOT- Lansing  
Kari Martin, MDOT-University Region  
Kent Maurer, Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field  
Joe Michalsky, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation  
Mike Rand, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation  
Jack Ripstra, Blackman Charter Township

Members Absent: Brad Charkowske, Jackson Area Transportation Authority  
Todd Knepper, City of Jackson Public Works  
Amy Torres, The Enterprise Group  
Troy White, City of Jackson – Engineering

Others Present: Danielle Coles, FHWA  
Chris Gulock, MDOT-University Region  
Oliver Lindsay, Citizen  
Jeff Reid, MDOT – University Region  
Susan Richardson, Region 2 Planning Commission

### ITEM 1      **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Michalsky called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

### ITEM 2      **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Michalsky asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Committee. No public comments were offered.

### ITEM 3      **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2014 AND RECEIVE THE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2014**

The motion was made by Mr. Ripstra, supported by Mr. Maurer, to approve the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 14, 2014 and to receive the Policy Committee meeting minutes of October 16, 2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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### ITEM 4      AGENCY STATUS REPORTS

Project status updates were reviewed by the City of Jackson, Jackson Area Transportation Authority, Jackson County Department of Transportation, the Michigan Department of Transportation, Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field, and the Fitness Council of Jackson. Members were encouraged to visit the Enterprise Group’s website to view their report.

Chair Michalsky informed the committee that two of his Rural-STP projects were dropped from the October MDOT bid letting as result of MDOT running out of obligation authority in mid-July. Because the rural funds no longer carryover to the next fiscal year the JCDOT lost over \$950,000 for the Moscow and Lansing Avenue projects. Discussion followed regarding the changes to the rural funding program and that MDOT keeps modifying the process. Questions were asked regarding ensuring that 25% of the obligation authority went to the locals. Ms. Dewey stated that she would check on this.

Mr. Maurer stated that the airport was receiving \$9.5 million through the FAA discretionary funding.

### ITEM 5      **“OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT” – APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE JACTS FY 2014-2017 TIP**

Chair Michalsky stated that JCDOT was requesting to add two (2) amendments to the JACTS FY 2014-2017 TIP. The amendments are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Project Name	Limits	Project Description	Funding Source	Cost
<b>2015</b>	Fifth Street	Page Avenue to Broad Street	Streetscape and pedestrian improvements	Federal (TAP): Local:	\$ 265,807 \$ 58,942
<b>Move from 2014 to 2015</b>	Fifth Street	Page Avenue to Broad Street	Cold-mill, resurface, pavement markings	State (Cat F): Local:	\$ 180,000 \$ 45,000

The motion was made by Ms. Martin, supported by Mr. Fowler, to approve the JCDOT amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gulock informed the committee that MDOT was requesting several amendments to the FY 2014-2017 TIP. These amendments are shifting work from FY 2015/2016 to later years because of the complexity of the I-94 project and the Context Sensitive Design process. Mr. Gulock distributed maps showing the projects. Additionally, several other projects are being added in FY 2015:

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Move from 2016 to 2018 JN 120273	I-94	M-60 to Sargent Road	Restore and Rehabilitate	Construction Federal (IM): State:	\$36,948,000 \$ 4,105,000
Move from 2015 to 2016 JN 113565	I-94 BL	Brown Street to Louis Glick Highway	Reconstruct	Construction Federal (NH): State:	\$ 6,239,463 \$ 1,383,584
2015 JN120268	M-50	Ganson Street to North Street	Reconstruct	Right-Of-Way Federal (NH): State:	\$ 40,925 \$ 9,075
2016 JN120268	M-50	Ganson Street to North Street	Reconstruct	Construction Federal (NH): State:	\$ 1,523,167 \$ 337,758
2015	Trunkline Bridge Preservation	Region-Wide	General Program Account	Federal (ST): State:	\$ 506,210 \$ 56,245
2015	Trunkline Traffic Operations & Safety	Region-Wide	General Program Account	Federal (ST): State:	\$ 185,000 \$ 41,000
2015	Trunkline Hwy Resurface, Rehab, Reconstruct	Region-Wide	General Program Account	Federal (ST): State:	\$ 41,000 \$ 9,000
2015	Local Livability and Sustainability	Region-Wide	General Program Account	Federal (TA): State:	\$ 266,000 \$ 59,000
2015	Local Highway Rehabilitation & Reconstruct	Region-Wide	General Program Account	Federal (ST): Local:	\$ 280,000 \$ 70,000
2017 JN 120275	M-60	Emerson Rd to Renfrew Rd	2 Course Mill and Resurface	Federal (ST): State:	\$ 3,368,243 \$ 746,899
2017 JN 120277	M-60	Chapel Rd to Emerson Rd	Resurfacing/Widening w/CLTL	Federal (ST): State:	\$ 7,380,707 \$ 1,636,650
Move from 2014 to 2015 JN 123331	N. Mechanic Street	@ Adrian & Blissfield RR crossing	Upgrade flashers and relocate warning devices	Federal (STRP): State:	\$ 180,000 \$ 20,000
Move from 2015 to 2016 JN 110028	I-94	OV Parma Road, Gibbs Road, OV I-94, Blackman Road, OV I-94	Concrete overlays, deck patches, concrete T-beam repairs, substructure repairs	Federal (IM): State:	\$ 2,482,415 \$ 275,823

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Mr. Maurer asked MDOT about the number of lanes to be installed on I-94 over the Grand River Bridge. Mr. Reid stated that the bridge substructure would be built to accommodate the addition of a wider bridge deck; but for now, the roadway be reinstalled as a 4-lane cross-section until all the interchange bridge decks had been rebuilt and widen.

The motion was made by Ms. Martin, supported by Mr. Maurer, to approve the MDOT amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ITEM 6**      **UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION**

Mr. Dowling informed the committee that water main and sanitary sewer work has been completed on Michigan Avenue between Mechanic and Francis Streets. Consumers Power is now working on the gas and electric. Work will begin next March on Michigan Avenue between Jackson and Mechanic Streets, followed Blackstone to Jackson Streets in May. Michigan Avenue between Mechanic and Francis will remain gravel throughout the winter

### **ITEM 7**      **FY 2014 UNOBLIGATED RURAL FUNDS**

This subject was discussed during the Status Reports. Ms. Martin stated that she would follow through and try to get more information.

### **ITEM 8**      **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gulock informed the committee that the MDOT-University Region is developing a non-motorized plan and that the Jackson public information meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM to 7 PM at Jackson City Hall.

Ms. Dewey introduced Danielle Coles who is working with their division on planning performance development. She also stated that there were several comments regarding the proposed rulemaking for performance management. Ms. Dewey asked if we were moving forward on the functional classification update and was informed that MDOT was scheduling the meetings and that R2PC would check on having a meeting scheduled soon.

Chair Michalsky informed the committee that JCDOT had hired Christopher Bolt as the new Managing Director.

### **ITEM 9**      **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Michalsky asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Committee. No public comments were offered.

### **ITEM 10**      **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Michalsky adjourned the meeting at 10:37 AM.

# MINUTES

## JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

Jackson County Tower Building  
120 W. Michigan Avenue – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jackson, Michigan

**Thursday, November 20, 2014**

**Members Present:** John Feldvary, Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field  
Marston Fortress, Spring Arbor Township  
Pete Jancek, Blackman Charter Township  
Elwin Johnson, Region 2 Planning Commission  
John Lanum, MDOT – Lansing  
Kari Martin, MDOT – University Region  
Joe Michalsky, JACTS Technical Advisory Committee  
Phil Moilanen, Jackson Area Transportation Authority  
Michael Overton, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation  
Steve Shotwell, Chair, Jackson County Commission  
Judy Southworth, Leoni Township  
Dan Wymer, Napoleon Township

**Members Absent:** Keith Acker, Sandstone Charter Township  
Patrick Burtch, City of Jackson  
Jason Smith, City of Jackson  
Mike Trudell, Summit Township

**Others Present:** Brad Charkowske, Jackson Area Transportation Authority  
Jon Dowling, City of Jackson  
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Chris Gulock, MDOT – University Region  
Jeff Reid, MDOT – University Region  
Carl Rice, Jr., Jackson County Commission  
Susan Richardson, Region 2 Planning Commission

### ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shotwell called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

### ITEM 2      PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

### ITEM 3      APPROVE MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2014 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2014

The motion was made by Mr. Jancek, supported by Mr. Johnson, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of October 16, 2014 and to receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 14, 2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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It was noted that the GPA amendment "Local Livability and Sustainability" included the Fifth Street TAP grant project and was already approved for inclusion in the TIP under the JCDOT amendments.

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### **ITEM 8      OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was brought before the Committee.

### **ITEM 9      PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Shotwell asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Committee. No public comment was offered.

### **ITEM 10      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Shotwell adjourned the meeting at 8:42 AM.



# Neighborhood & Economic Operations

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**To:** JACTS Technical Advisory and Policy Committees

**DATE:** December 1, 2014

**FROM:** Jon H. Dowling, P.E.

**SUBJECT:** TIP Project Status

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## **2012**

Trail St at Railroad Crossing (Local Safety Program) – Construct non-motorized crossing and bridge sidewalk repair. Railroad Agreement is in place. MDOT Rail Safety Section has extended the completion time to July 31, 2015

## **2014**

North St: Kennedy to Elm Ave (Urban) – Reconstruct with curb replacement. Roadway is complete, trees and dormant seeding still needs to be done.

## **2015**

Wisner: Argyle to Boardman (Cat F) – Mill and resurface with new sidewalk on the east side. Hubbell, Roth and Clark (HRC) is the City's consultant. **A pre-GI review was held on November 18, to approve plans for submittal to MDOT to schedule the GI.**

West Ave: Bloomfield to High (urban) - Reconstruct pavement with curb repairs. Wade-Trim is the City's consultant **A design kick-off meeting was held on November 17. Survey is well under way.**

Lewis Street Bridge (Local Bridge) – Bridge replacement over the Grand River. FTC&H is the City's consultant.



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**Projects  
2014-2017 TIP  
(December, 2014 Report)**

**FY 2013**

- 1. Routing Software.**
  - a. Taking delivery of new hardware**
  - b. Project still on track and expected completion date early Spring 2015**
- 2. Transit Summit**
  - a. Survey parameters and scheduling completed**
  - b. Project still on track and expected to be conducted Spring 2015**

**FY 2014**

- 1. Salt Spreader.**
  - a. Project Complete**
- 2. Vehicle procurements**
  - a. Conducting fleet needs and timing assessment**

**FY 2015**

- 1. FY 2015 projects are all under development but have no contemplated start dates as yet.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (JACTS)  
Technical Advisory Committee & Policy Committee  
December 9, 2014**

**2014 PROJECTS:**

**GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT** (Safety): All guardrail work complete.  
**MOSCOW ROAD: M – 60 TO THE SOUTH COUNTY LINE** (STP-Rural): Funding lost--\$650,000; may reprogram to FY 2015  
**LANSING AVENUE: HENRY ROAD TO THE NORTH COUNTY LINE** (STP-Rural): Funding lost--\$279,000; may reprogram to FY 2015  
**FIFTH STREET: PAGE AVENUE TO BROAD STREET** (Category F): Cold-mill and resurfacing; incorporating Leoni Township's Streetscape TAP Grant project. Survey underway. Construct in 2015

**2015 PROJECTS:**

**BOARDMAN ROAD: WEST AVENUE TO MAYNARD ROAD** (STUL): Cold mill, paving fabric and resurface; design underway  
**O'NEILL DRIVE: AIRPORT ROAD TO DEAD END** (STUL): Cold mill, paving fabric and resurface; design underway  
**HAGUE AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE GRAND RIVER** (Local Bridge): GI held 11/19; Have SHPO clearance; waiting for MDEQ permit; Final plans ongoing  
**AUSTIN ROAD: M – 50 TO THE EAST COUNTY LINE** (STP-Rural): Deleted  
**COUNTY FARM ROAD: GARDNER ROAD TO PARMA ROAD** (STP-Rural): Wedge, chip seal and fog seal; design underway  
**JEFFERSON ROAD: U. S. 127 TO SOUTH JACKSON ROAD** (STP-Rural): Deleted  
**GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT** (Safety): Benn Road, North Parma Road, Rives Junction Road, Springport Road and Wood Road: No activity

**2016 PROJECTS:**

**WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE BRIDGE OVER N-S RAILROAD AND RAILROAD STREET** (Local Bridge): No activity  
**ROBINSON ROAD: WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE TO MCCAIN ROAD** (STUL): No activity  
**BERRY ROAD: RIVES EATON ROAD TO M -106** (STP): No activity  
**HARDCASTLE ROAD: HORNING ROAD TO M – 124** (STP): No activity

**2017 PROJECTS**

**ROBINSON ROAD: SPRING ARBOR ROAD TO KIBBY ROAD** (STUL): No activity  
**EAST MICHIGAN AVENUE UNDER THE RAILROAD VIADUCT** (STP): No activity  
**DEARING ROAD: I – 94 TO SPRINGPORT ROAD** (STP): No activity  
**TERRITORIAL ROAD: LANSING AVENUE TO BUNKERHILL ROAD** (STP): No activity  
**CONCORD ROAD: M – 60 TO WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE** (STP): No activity



RICK SNYDER  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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KIRK T. STEUDLE  
DIRECTOR

December 9, 2014

**FY 2014**

**US-127 (Parnell Road to Henry Road) – Work is complete**

**I-94-BL (Glick WB @ Mechanic St.)-** This is a project under design from our signal unit, scope and time is unknown. No further updates are known at this time.

**FY 2015**

**I-94 (OV Parma Rd, UN Gibbs Rd, OV Blackman Rd.)** - Shallow and deep concrete overlays, full depth deck patches, concrete T-beam repairs, substructure repairs, bridge railing repairs, approach work, partial painting, thrie beam railing retrofit, concrete surface coating and traffic control. Maintaining traffic is currently under design/discussion. Project is delayed until 2016.

**FY 2016**

**M-50 (US-127 NB entrance ramp) to Napoleon Rd.** - HMA cold milling and 2 course overlay with joint repairs, intermittent curb and gutter replacement, minor drainage improvements, and intersection improvements. Letting and scope are yet to be finalized.

**I-94 BL/W. Michigan Ave. (Brown St. to Washington / Louis Glick)** – Full concrete pavement roadway reconstruction with water main, lighting and sidewalk replacement. Design progressing, coordinating with the City of Jackson on replacement decisions.

**M-50 (Ganson to North and Michigan to Wildwood)** – Full pavement reconstruction with drainage and other improvements. Design engineering firm being selected; contract to combine with I-94 BL project. Portions will probably be built in the spring of 2017

**FY 2017**

**M-60 (Emerson to Renfrew)** – HMA cold milling and 2 course overlay with joint repairs, intermittent curb and gutter replacement, minor drainage improvements and intersection improvements. Design engineering firm will be selected in the fall of 2014. Project survey work is nearing completion.



# Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field

## *Flying Jackson Forward!*

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Kent L. Maurer, Airport Manager

### JACTS Airport Report December 2014

- Final engineering for Runway 7-25 is in progress
- Bid specs for landfill off site relocation to be developed
- FAA has accelerated the grants related to the Runway 7-25 Safety Project
- Taxi street crack sealing to be finished in spring of 2015





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225 N. Jackson Street, Jackson, MI 49201

November 26, 2014

Agency Update:

Fitness Council of Jackson planned and executed a successful Glow Run 5K event on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Just over 450 participants came out and dozens of volunteers helped in the effort. Fitness Council raised \$9,800 gross with a net profit of \$6,400 due to the generous support of area businesses and race fees.

Armory Bike Union is closed until March 2015.

Fitness Council is working diligently with the Jackson Walkable Communities Coalition to establish 2015 as "the Year of the Bike", by drawing attention to existing biking events and programs. We are also hoping to create more awareness to proper snow removal so sidewalks are kept clear and usable.

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December 1, 2014

Mr. Steven Duke  
Executive Director  
Region 2 Planning Commission  
120 West Michigan Avenue  
Jackson, MI 49201

Dear Mr. Duke:

**Subject: FY 2014 TIP Amendment**

The Jackson County Department of Transportation is hereby requesting approval from the Region 2 Planning Commission Committee, JACTS Technical Advisory & JACTS Policy Committees concerning the following Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for FY 2014 – 2017:

1. **FY 2015—Add:** Moscow Road: M – 60 (Spring Arbor Road) to the South County Line, Preventative Maintenance, 8.6 miles; \$480,000 STP-Rural; \$120,000 State – D
2. **FY 2015—Add:** Lansing Avenue: Henry Road to the North County Line, Preventative Maintenance, 5.0 miles; \$220,000 STP- Rural; \$55,000 State – D
3. **FY 2015—Delete:** Austin Road: M- 50 to the East County Line, \$275,000-STP-Rural; \$75,000 State - D
4. **FY 2015—Delete:** Jefferson Road: U. S. 127 (Meridian Road) to South Jackson Road, \$380,000 STP-Rural; \$95,000 State - D
5. **FY 2015—Modification:** Change funding—County Farm Road: Gardner Road to Parma Road, STP-Rural, from \$191,673 to \$146,673; State – D. change from \$59,558 to zero; JCDOT local match, change from zero to \$54,558

Proposed work for the Moscow Road and Lansing Avenue projects will include culvert replacements, wedging, single chip seal and fog seal plus new pavement markings.

Please call me at (517) 788-4230 or e-mail [jmm@jcrs-roads.org](mailto:jmm@jcrs-roads.org) for any questions or additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Michalsky", is written over a printed name and title.

Joseph M. Michalsky, P. E.  
Director of Engineering

Cc: Christopher J. Bolt, MPA, PE, Managing Director

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# Region 2 Planning Commission

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## JACKSON AREA COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JACTS)

### Federal Funds Obligated in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014

As the state-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Jackson urbanized area, the Region 2 Planning Commission (R2PC) is responsible for developing and managing a 20-year Long Range Transportation Plan and a short-term (4-year) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The current edition of the TIP includes a listing of the approved road, highway, bridge, transit, and non-motorized projects scheduled to receive federal and/or state funds in Jackson County during the 2014 to 2017 Fiscal Years.

Federal legislation adopted in July 2012, and continued through May 2015, **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21)**, continues the requirement of past legislation that “*an Annual List of projects, for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year shall be published or otherwise made available by the metropolitan planning organization for public review. The listing shall be consistent with the categories identified in the Transportation Improvement Program.*”

Therefore, in response to the above directive, R2PC is pleased to provide a list of all the projects in Jackson County “obligated” during FY 2014 (October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defines “obligated” as the federal government’s legal commitment to reimburse the implementing agency for the federal share of a project’s eligible costs. Although not all obligated projects were initiated or completed during this fiscal year, they have been approved by FHWA for reimbursement in FY 2014. Some projects actually constructed in FY 2014 were obligated in previous fiscal years and will not appear on this listing.

The complete list of the FY 2014 projects obligated in Jackson County appears on the following page. Questions or comments can be directed to:

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#### ***Did you know?***

- The total value of the transportation projects obligated in FY 2014 was **\$ 16,061,847.**
- Federal funds expended on these projects totaled **\$ 10,616,914.**

## FY 2014 ANNUAL LISTING OF OBLIGATED PROJECTS

### Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

Implementing Agency	Project Name and Location	Improvement(s)	Length	Total Phase Cost	Federal Funds Programmed	Federal Funds Obligated	Federal Funds Remaining	Total Cost
MDOT	I-94: WB, County Line to West Avenue	Restore and Rehabilitate	15.03	\$ 1,321,988	\$ 1,189,790	\$ 1,255,180	(\$ 65,390)	\$ 1,394,645
MDOT	I-94 BL: I94BL/M50/US127BR (Glick) WB @ Mechanic Street	Traffic Operations & Safety	0.0	\$ 3,998	\$ 3,998	\$ 3,998	\$ 0	\$ 3,998
MDOT	I-94: EB Off Ramp @ Sargent Road	Traffic Operations & Safety	0.0	\$ 27,958	\$ 27,958	\$ 27,958	\$ 0	\$ 27,958
MDOT	I-94: EB, M-60 to Sargent Road	Restore & rehabilitate (PE only)	8.93	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000,000
MDOT	M-50: Ganson Street to North Street	Reconstruct (PE only)	0.28	\$ 249,200	\$ 203,970	\$ 203,970	\$ 0	\$ 249,200
MDOT	M-50: US-127 to Napoleon Road	HMA cold milling & 2 course overlay (ROW only)	5.92	\$ 60,000	\$ 49,110	\$ 49,110	\$ 0	\$ 60,000
MDOT	US-127: Over I-94	Bridge Deck Replacement	0.16	\$ 3,446,000	\$ 3,101,400	\$ 2,950,243	\$ 151,157	\$ 3,278,048
MDOT	M-60: Emerson Road to Renfrew Road	2 course mill & resurface (PE only)	2.53	\$ 360,524	\$ 295,089	\$ 295,089	\$ 0	\$ 360,524
MDOT	Lansing Avenue: @ Adrian & Blissfield Railroad	Traffic Operations & Safety	0.0	\$ 64,107	\$ 57,696	\$ 57,696	\$ 0	\$ 64,107
JCDOT	Horton Road: Weatherwax Drive to Ferguson Street	Resurface	1.24	\$ 995,023	\$ 796,018	\$ 711,345	\$ 84,673	\$ 869,083
JCDOT	Warner Road: Over N Branch, Kalamazoo River	Bridge Replacement	0.0	\$ 975,000	\$ 780,000	\$ 408,171	\$ 371,829	\$ 510,213
JCDOT	Cross Road: Over Kalamazoo River	Bridge Replacement	0.0	\$ 975,000	\$ 780,000	\$ 378,065	\$ 401,935	\$ 472,581
JCDOT	Austin, Clear Lake, Hewitt, Territorial, Trist, and Seymour Roads	Guardrail Upgrade	0.0	\$ 352,514	\$ 282,011	\$ 186,648	\$ 95,363	\$ 233,310
JCDOT	Hanover, Kibby, Liberty, and Springbrook Roads	Guardrail Upgrade	0.0	\$ 355,945	\$ 284,756	\$ 173,674	\$ 111,082	\$ 217,093
City of Jackson	E. North Street: Kennedy Street to Elm Avenue	Reconstruction	0.31	\$ 813,500	\$ 460,000	\$ 501,373	(\$ 41,373)	\$ 824,806
JATA	Transit Operating – Countywide	Transit Operating Funds	0.0	\$ 4,915,788	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,915,788
JATA	Area-wide Transit	Capital Purchases	0.0	\$ 455,493	\$ 364,394	\$ 364,394	\$ 0	\$ 455,493
JATA	Transit Studies	Upcoming Summit Meeting	0.0	\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 0	\$ 125,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34.4</b>	<b>\$ 17,497,038</b>	<b>\$ 11,726,190</b>	<b>\$10,616,914</b>	<b>\$1,109,276</b>	<b>\$16,061,847</b>

JCDOT – Jackson County Department of Transportation  
JATA – Jackson Area Transportation Authority

**From:** Susan Richardson [<mailto:SRichard@co.jackson.mi.us>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 02, 2014 1:10 PM

**To:** Boyd, Pamela (MDOT)

**Cc:** McBurrows, Dalrois (MDOT); Joe Michalsky; Steven Duke; Lanum, John (MDOT); Doyle, Larry (MDOT)

**Subject:** Information on rural funding

Hi Pam,

I know that you are tired of this, but I have a lot of people asking me questions that I don't have answers for. You have assured me that 25% of the obligation authority was spent on local agencies, but I haven't seen anything that confirms this. But, what I want to know is if the local agencies actually spent the 25% of the obligation authority, then several agencies spent more than their allocations. How are you handling this? Will the agencies that overspent have the amount of overspending deducted from their 2015 allocation? If so, where will this money go? If not, then agencies could continue to overspend while other agencies that run into problems with their projects will continually lose money. Please explain to me how this makes the program more sound or financially constrained.

Thank you.

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**From:** Boyd, Pamela (MDOT) [BoydP1@michigan.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 02, 2014 5:16 PM

**To:** Susan Richardson

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**Subject:** RE: Information on rural funding



Hi Susan,

Per the conversation we had a month or so ago, please note the following:

1. We are required by law to divide federal aid 75% state 25% local. The local program was not short-changed in any way. I am copying Eric Mullen, our revenue specialist if you want to verify the numbers.
2. At the end of July, our Bureau of Finance notified MDOT Local Agency Programs and our section that obligation authority had been expended.
3. Per the conversation we had, I informed you the majority of the local transportation agencies in the state do not cap their projects. The majority are funded pro-rata which means if there are cost overruns or high bids for projects, 80% of those costs are eligible to be covered by federal aid. This spends the available revenue and obligation authority faster and makes it difficult for projects being submitted later in the year to receive all of their federal aid.
4. Projects are processed on a first come – first serve basis
5. It's my understanding that bids for projects were coming in anywhere from 14 to 20% around the May/June/July timeframe this year which is the time of year when the majority of fiscal year

projects are being obligated. This has not happened in several years (bids were coming in low during the recession), but it did this fiscal year.

6. Because of the expenditure of old balances during FY 2013, there is no longer a “cushion” in the local program. This means the only money available to expend is the money that is allocated on an annual basis and it means that obligation authority will be spent faster. Michigan has 83 counties and the local program consists of urban and rural projects all vying for the funds and spending authority in the local pot.
7. If that wasn’t enough, FHWA also required the finance bureau to close out old jobs and remaining balances during FY 2014. This also used FY 14 obligation authority which reduced the amount available to fund jobs coming in.

On the rural side, several task forces are discussing the option of capping the federal aid assigned to their projects. This means that if there are cost overruns or high bids exceeding the programmed amount, the local agency would be responsible for the difference and would not jeopardize the funding of others’ projects if they are submitted later in the year.

This could work in theory, however if the majority of local agencies still opt not to cap their projects, then obligation authority could still be exhausted before the end of the fiscal year. Projects have always been processed on a first come, first serve basis and this is why we have always advised agencies to get their projects in earlier in the fiscal year rather than later.

MDOT LAP contacts the MPOs when bids are significantly higher than the programmed amounts in the TIP so that additional funding can be added to the project prior to obligation or the project can be re-prioritized. For rural projects outside of MPOs, it is up to the local agency to decide if they accept the higher bid or not. Perhaps we can develop a better process to notify the task forces in the future, but for now this is the system we have in place.

You keep asking me how am I personally going to prevent obligation authority from running out during the fiscal year. I can assure you, I don’t control how or when local agencies submit their projects or the bidding process. My responsibility is to provide the best information I can, make sure the projects are on the TIP and constrained to the funding available. I wish I had more super powers, but I don’t. ☺

Hope this helps.

Pam



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