

Region 2 Planning Commission

Serving Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee Counties

**** Zoom Meeting Notice ****

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Region 2 Planning Commission (R2PC) will be holding this month's meeting, as well as the remainder of the 2021 meetings, via **Zoom** instead of teleconference meetings which we have been doing since April, 2020. You will be able to participate in the meeting using your **computer or telephone**.

Please follow the instructions below to participate in the Zoom meeting which will take place at **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021.**

WHAT: Region 2 Planning Commission Full Commission

WHEN: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Please do not hesitate to contact Steve at (517) 768-6706 or Jill at (517) 768-6701 at any time with questions. We understand how difficult times are right now and will do our best to help make this as easy as possible.

AGENDA

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION

Full Commission

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Steven Duke, Executive Director
(517) 768-6706

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2021

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

WHERE:

**** ZOOM MEETING ****
(Please see instructions on cover of
agenda packet)

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

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the March 11, 2021 Agenda – **ACTION**
3. Public Comment
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5. Receipt of Treasurer's Report of February 28, 2021 (see enclosure) – **ACTION** 7
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9. I-94 Jackson Corridor Presentation, Kelby Wallace, MDOT (see enclosure) – **PRESENTATION** 18
10. Sign Regulation Mandates (see enclosure) – **DISCUSSION** 44
11. Public Comment / Commissioners' Comments
12. Adjournment

New Commissioner binders will be available upon request. If you would like one MAILED to you please email Jill at jliogghio@mijackson.org and provide your mailing address.

If you prefer to stop in the office to pick up a binder, email Jill at jliogghio@mijackson.org to schedule a day/time that someone can be in the office to meet you.

Region 2 Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Region 2 Planning Commission - Full Commission

**** TELECONFERENCE MEETING ****

Thursday, February 11, 2021

I. Call to Order – Chair Terry called the meeting to order at 2:01p.m. A quorum was present.

Attendance:

Acker	✓ Drake	✓ Jancek (E)	Shaw
Adams	Driskill (E)	Jenkins	✓ Shotwell
✓ Bair	Duckham (E)	✓ Jennings	✓ Sigers (E)
Baker	Elwell	Karnaz	Snow
Bales	Frazier	Kastel	Southworth
Barnhart	Gaede (E)	Keller	Spencer
Beach	Gallagher, D.	Koehn	Sutherland
Beckner	Gallagher, F.	Kubish (E)	✓ Swartzlander
Beeker (E)	Gentner	Lammers	Teriaco
Blythe	Goetz	Lance	✓ Terry (E)
Boggs	Gould, J.	Linnabary	✓ Tillotson (E)
Bolton	✓ Gould, L. (E)	McClary	Votzke
Burruss	✓ Grabert (E)	Navarro	Wagner
Bush	Greene	Nickel	Wardius
✓ Camacho	Greenleaf	O'Dowd	Webb
Chamberlain	Griffin	✓ Overton (E)	Wiley
Collins	✓ Guetschow (E)	Pixley	Williams
Cornish	Hartsel	✓ Poleski	Wilson
Cousino	Hawkins	Richardson, C.	Winter
Cure	Hawley	Ries	Witt
David	Heath	Root	✓ Wittenbach (E)
DeBoe	✓ Herlein	Schlecte	
Dillon	Horwath	Sessions	

Key: ✓ = present (E) = Executive Committee member

Staff Present: Grant Bauman, Tanya DeOliveira, Steve Duke, Jacob Hurt, Jill Liogghio

Others Present: Mike Davis, MDOT; Adam East, City of Jackson; Angie Kline, JCDOT; Alex Masten, The Enterprise Group; Jason Pittman, MDOT

- II. **Approval of the February 11, 2021 Agenda** – The motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Grabert, to approve the February 11, 2021 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment** – Chair Terry requested public comment. No comments were received.
- IV. **Approval of the Full Commission Minutes for January 14, 2021** – The motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Drake, to approve the January 14, 2021 Full Commission meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Receipt of Treasurer's Report of January 31, 2021** – A motion was made by Comm. Grabert, and supported by Comm. Bair, to receive the January 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Approval of February 11, 2021 Submitted Bills** – A motion was made by Comm. Grabert, supported by Comm. Lucas, to approve payment of the February 11, 2021 submitted bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. **Staff Progress Report for January, 2021** – Mr. Duke reported the staff report was included in the agenda packet for Commissioner review. He reported that staff is continuing to do a combination of working in the office and remoting from home. No comments were received.
- VIII. **Report of the Nominating Committee – Election of 2021 Executive Committee and Officers** – Mr. Duke reported that the R2PC Nominating (Committee Members Tillotson, Pete Jancek, Doug Terry, and Alan Beeker) met via Zoom on February 9, 2021. Mr. Duke reported that as of January 1, 2021, three (3) vacancies exist on the Executive Committee – one (1) representing Jackson County; one (1) representing Lenawee County; and one (1) at-large representative.

The motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Grabert, nominating the following Commissioners to fill the current vacancies: Comm. Bair – representing Jackson County; Comm. Witt – representing Lenawee County; and Comm. Swartzlander – representing at-large; and, retaining the 2020 members as listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

The 2021 Executive Committee members are as follows:

Alan Beeker	representing City of Hillsdale
Bruce Grabert	representing Jackson County
Phil Duckham	representing Jackson County
Mike Overton	representing Jackson County
Jae Guetschow	representing Jackson County
Tony Bair	representing Jackson County
Jonathan Greene	representing City of Jackson
Jeanne Kubish	representing City of Jackson
Jim Driskill	representing Lenawee County
Ralph Tillotson	representing Lenawee County
Dale Witt	representing Lenawee County
VACANT	representing City of Adrian
Pete Jancek	representing at large
Larry Gould	representing at large
Doug Terry	representing at large
David Elwell	representing at large
Roger Gaede	representing at large

Rick Sigers	representing at large
Jerry Drake	representing at large
Chris Wittenbach	representing at large
Matt Swartzlander	representing at large

Mr. Duke reported that the current 2020 R2PC officers have all completed the first year of their two-year terms. All officers agreed to serve another term.

The motion was made by Comm. Shotwell, supported by Comm. Sigers, to retain the current slate of officers for 2021.

- Chair – Doug Terry (Hillsdale County)
- Vice-Chair – Pete Jancek (Jackson County)
- Treasurer – Alan Beeke (Hillsdale County)
- Secretary – Chris Wittenbach (Lenawee County)

The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Jackson County Economic Development Update – Ms. Alex Masten, Vice-President of Economic Development at the Enterprise Group, presented an overview of the development activities her office staff has been working on over the past several months.

X. Approval of Amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Chair Kline reported that JCDOT was requesting the following amendment to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

FY	JN	Project Name	Limits	Project Description	Funding	Action
2021	207171	McCain Rd and Robinson Rd	Robinson Rd to Spring Arbor Rd and Spring Arbor Rd to McCain Rd	Resurface	From: \$12,037 HIP \$591,963 STP \$151,000 JCDOT \$755,000 Total To: \$104,713 HIP \$591,963 STP \$151,000 JCDOT \$847,676 Total	Change

Mr. Davis reported that MDOT was requesting the following amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

FY	Job number	Phase	Name	Limits	Length	Description	Funds & Source	Amendment Type
2021	212155	PE	I-94 BL	Michigan Ave from East Ave to Page Ave	0.14	Install mid-block crossing & rapid flashing beacon	Fed- \$45,000 (HSIP) State- \$4,562 Total- \$50,000	Phase Add
2021	212155	CON	I-94 BL	Michigan Ave from East Ave to Page Ave	0.14	Install mid-block crossing & rapid flashing beacon	Fed- \$77,726 (HSIP) State- \$7,881 Total- \$86,362	Phase Add

The motion was made by Comm. Jancek, and supported by Comm. Grabert, to approve the JCDOT and MDOT amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 TIP as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. US-127 and US-223 Rehabilitation Project (Lenawee County) – Mr. Jason Pittman, MDOT, reviewed for the Commissioners the materials included in the agenda packet regarding the upcoming reconstruction of the US-127 and US-223 intersection that includes the addition of a roundabout.

XII. Approval of the Resolution Supporting the MDOT State Targets – Mr. Davis reported that the MDOT State Targets for Bridge Conditions, that are required to be submitted to MDOT by March 31, 2021 need updating. Bridge condition is one of the national Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) program performance goals that were established by Congress. FHWA continues to require that MPOs establish targets in specific national performance areas. The goal is to maintain the highway bridges in a state of good repair. Staff is recommending to support the State Targets for Bridge Conditions as presented, as many of the other state MPOs have done.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Jancek, supported by Mr. Acker, to approve the Resolution to Support the MDOT State Targets for Bridge Conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

XIII. JACTS FY 2020 Obligated List of Federally-funded Projects – Mr. Duke reported that the JACTS FY 2020 Obligation Report is available online. Each year the federal government requires the Jackson MPO to prepare a list of road construction projects from the Act 51 agencies and Jackson Area Transportation Authority transit projects that received federal funding.

XIV. Other Business

Mr. Duke reported that "New Commissioner" orientation binders will be sent out in a few weeks. If any of the Commissioners have any questions, he asked they either contact him by phone or email, or make an appointment to come into the office.

No other business was brought before the Commission.

XV. Public / Commissioners' Comments – No additional public or Commissioner comments were received.

XVI. Adjournment – There being no further business, Chair Terry adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM.

Chris Wittenbach
Secretary

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION
Treasurer's Report - Monthly Summary
as of February 28, 2021

Checking Account Balance ending January 31, 2020		\$ 567,599.74
Deposit Summary:		
February 2021 EFT Deposits	\$	-
February 2021 Bank Deposits		22,880.46
February 2021 Adjustments		(369.53)
Total Deposits plus Bank Balance	\$	<u>590,110.67</u>
Expenses:		
Submitted Expenses - February 2021 **	\$ (35,335.10)	
Interim Expenses	(6,465.43)	
Payroll/Related Expenses	(28,916.56)	
Subtotal of Expenses	\$ (70,717.09)	\$ (70,717.09)
Balance Checking Account ending February 28, 2021		<u>\$ 519,393.58</u>
Balance CD Investments ending February 28, 2021	\$	<u>105,931.81</u>
Total Cash on Hand		<u>\$ 625,325.39</u>

**Note that this amount can include cleared checks from prior months' submitted bills.

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION
Deposits and Adjustments to Cash
as of February 28, 2021

2/28/2021	EFT Deposits:	
	None	\$ -
	Subtotal - EFT Deposits	\$ -
2/28/2021	Check Deposits:	
	FY 2021 Membership Dues	3,236.76
	Village of Brooklyn - Planning Services Thru September 30	1,499.33
	Raisin Township - Planning Services Thru September 30	5,156.87
	Somerset Township - Planning Services Thru September 30	12,987.50
	Subtotal - Check Deposits	\$ 22,880.46
2/28/2021	Adjustments to cash:	
	Bank fees - February	\$ (139.81)
	Paycor Fees -February	(229.72)
	Credit Card charges - Not available	-
	Subtotal - Adjustments to Cash	\$ (369.53)
	Total Net Deposits	\$ 22,510.93

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION
INTERIM BILLING and PAYROLL EXPENSES
as of February 28, 2021

Interim Billing for February, 2021

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>
Bedford Adult Education	RPI Oct. 2020	\$ 3,254.18	14892
Fresh Start Coffeehouse	RPI Dec. 2020-Feb. 2021	\$ 2,987.50	14905
Mlive	JACTS Advertising	\$ 212.55	14899
The SBAM Plan	Employee Life Insurance	\$ 11.20	14902
Total Interim Billing for February, 2021		<u>\$ 6,465.43</u>	

Payroll & Travel Related Expenses:

<i>Paid February 5, 2021</i>	<i>by Direct Deposit/EFT</i>	
Paycor	Payroll Disbursement	\$ 14,433.33
	Total	<u>\$ 14,433.33</u>

<i>Paid February 19, 2021</i>	<i>by Direct Deposit/EFT</i>	
Paycor	Payroll Disbursement	\$ 14,483.23
	Total	<u>\$ 14,483.23</u>

Total Payroll Expenses for February, 2021	<u>\$ 28,916.56</u>
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Region 2 Planning Commission
Outstanding Accounts Receivable
as of February 28, 2021

Municipality/Source	Date	Inv. No.	Amount
EDA - CARES Grant - Planning Services Thru September 30	12/31/2020	-	23,564.77
Spring Arbor Township - Planning Services Thru September 30	12/31/2020	9005	4,420.13
MDOT - Rural Task Force - Planning Services Thru December 2020	2/28/2021	1001	3,798.13
MDOT - Regional Trans - Planning Services Thru December 2020	2/28/2021	1002	17,108.00
MDOT - Asset Management - Planning Services Thru December 2020	2/28/2021	1003	2,065.00
MDOT - FHWA - Planning Services Thru December 2020	2/28/2021	1004	45,160.74
FY 2021 Balance as of February 28, 2021			\$ 96,116.77

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION**Submitted Bills****March, 2021**

Vendor	Description	Amount Due
Allegra	R2PC Packet	\$ 204.40
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Employee Health Ins. (Apr. 2021)	\$ 4,938.98
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Supplement F (Apr. 2021)	\$ 195.71
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Prescription Coverage (Apr. 2021)	\$ 109.30
County of Jackson	Rent Expense for March 2021	\$ 3,138.81
County of Jackson	Postage - Feb. 2021	\$ 14.04
County of Jackson	Phone & Accounting Services - Feb.	\$ 1,262.43
Hillsdale Daily News	Subscription Renewal	\$ 323.92
ICMA Retirement Trust	ICMA 401 Contribution	\$ 2,478.57
ICMA Retirement Trust	Quarterly Fee	\$ 250.00
Jackson Police Department	OHSP Impaired Driving (opt.) FY 2021 - Feb. 2021	\$ 663.95
Vantage Point Transfer Agents	ICMA RHS Contribution	\$ 291.53
Total Submitted Billing - March, 2021		\$ 13,871.64

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Staff Progress Report *February, 2021*

Area-Wide Regional Planning Activities

Economic Development Activities

- **Economic Development Administration (EDA).** Staff was involved in the following activities on behalf of the R2PC Economic Development District (EDD):
 - Non-competitive EDD (Economic Development District) CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act supplemental grant award to address the economic consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The \$351,183 award will fund the launching of an easy-to-use website that will serve as a resource for local businesses, the hiring of a disaster recovery coordinator, and the implementation of other CEDS goals.
 - Submitted CARES Act semi-annual GRPA report to EDA Chicago Regional Office (CRO) on February 19.
 - Participated in the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank's COVID recovery webinar on February 25.
 - EDA grant award for R2PC EDD's FY 2021 Partnership Planning Assistance, which will be used to write the 2021-2025 edition of the Region 2 Economic Development District Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
 - Participated in the EDA Chicago Regional Office (CRO) FY 2021 Partnership Planning kickoff meeting on February 9.
 - Participated in the Connecting Michigan broadband webinar in preparation for the 2021-2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) on February 23.
 - Received confirmation on February 24 that the 2020 Partnership Planning grant (EDA Award No: ED20CHI3020008) was successfully completed.
 - Attended a February 25 Stats America webinar on its Innovation Index.
- **Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs).** Staff attended the monthly meetings of the City of Jackson and Leoni Downtown Development Authorities.
 - Began background research for the Downtown Master Plan for the Leoni Township Downtown Development Authority.

[February, 2021 Staff Progress Report]

R2PC Activities

- **R2PC Website.** Staff continued updating www.region2planning.com.
- Staff participated in a meeting to discuss future potential non-motorized facility development in Lenawee County, Monroe County and part of Ohio with SEMCOG, MDOT and the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments.

Regional Transportation Planning Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee Counties

Program Management

- **Rural Task Force.** Staff submitted the Rural Task Force monthly progress report to MDOT and participated in the monthly conference call. An overview of the COVID Relief funds that have been distributed to the RTF program was provided. There will be a round of Spring RTF meetings to decide how the funds for each county will be distributed.
- **Small Urban.** A meeting for the Adrian/Tecumseh/Clinton Small Urban Task Force was scheduled for March 19 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Please see the Region 2 Planning Commission website for meeting information.

Metropolitan Area Transportation Planning Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

Program Management

- Staff attended the monthly Michigan Transportation Planning Association meeting.
- Staff completed the MDOT quarterly invoices and project narratives for asset management, rural task force planning, regional planning, and JACTS activities.
- Staff attended the Local Transportation Advisory Council (LTAC) meeting.
- Staff updated the Highway System Performance Monitoring System information for Region 2 as requested by MDOT.
- Staff is working with local agencies to make plans for the PASER 2021 program.

Technical Assistance

- Staff is providing JCDOT assistance in reviewing the recommendations of the Jackson City + County Non-Motorized Plan as the department plans for future improvement projects across the county.
- Staff continues to provide administrative services for the Active Jackson Coalition. Staff attended the monthly meeting. As requested, staff is providing a 6-month long series on reviewing the recommendations of various communities in the Jackson City + County Non-Motorized Plan. Plan recommendations for the Village of Hanover and the Village of Parma were reviewed and discussed in February.

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- Staff continued providing assistance to the group discussing the possibility of a trail study for the Watkins Lake State Park/Brooklyn area. Local governments in the southeastern portion of the county and Jackson County have passed resolutions to financially support a feasibility study for the trail. The DNR has also contributed to the project. The Irish Hills Legacy Foundation is taking the lead on the project, and staff will continue to support the project as it moves along.
- Staff continues to participate in conversations exploring potential trail connections from the Village of Concord/Falling Waters Trail into Calhoun County. Discussions are scheduled to continue through the first months of 2021.
- Staff provided a letter of support for the City of Jackson Trust Fund grant to resurface part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Equality trail.
- Staff received a resolution formally adopting the Jackson City + County Non-Motorized Plan from Henrietta Township.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Amendments were incorporated into FY 2020-2023 TIP, and posted to the Region 2 Planning Commission website.
- Staff monitored and updated JobNet as necessary.

Jackson Traffic Safety Program

- Staff processed Enforcement Reports from the optional Impaired enforcement period from February 7, 2021, and submitted to OHSP.
- Staff worked on officer daily reports and submitted to OHSP for their review.

Local Planning Assistance

The requests of member units of government within Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee Counties are listed below. These activities were prepared at cost to the individual units of government requesting the service (unless alternative funding was available).

Hillsdale County

Somerset Township. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **Zoning Ordinance.** Staff discussed the proper procedure for amending the permit for an existing conditional use, including the submittal of a revised site plan.

Jackson County

Blackman Township. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **Zoning Ordinance.** Staff reviewed and commented upon proposed Zoning Ordinance text

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amendments the Township Planning Commission is considering. The amendments pertain to the regulation of medical marihuana primary caregivers as a type of home occupation.

Village of Brooklyn. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **Zoning Code.** Staff worked with the Village Manager to make final amendments to the text and map that comprise the Village Zoning Code (Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances). Prepared a memo summarizing the proposed substantive text and map amendments for the Planning Commission. Attended the February 24 public hearing held before the Planning Commission and facilitated the subsequent discussion regarding the proposed amendments. The Planning Commission subsequently recommended approval of the proposed amendments to the Village Council. A 'clean' copy of the Zoning Code was prepared and transmitted to the Village Manager for distribution to Council for its consideration.

Village of Cement City. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **Bridge Plans.** The Village contacted the R2PC about making oversized copies of existing bridge plans. Staff directed the Village to Jackson County GIS, which has the necessary equipment to scan and print oversized documents.

County of Jackson. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **County Planning Commission (JCPC).** Staff facilitated the February 11 meeting (held remotely via Zoom) and summarized staff advisements regarding a proposed rezoning in Leoni Township and text amendments regarding indoor and outdoor sport shooting ranges in Sandstone Township. Provided the townships with the JCPC recommendations. Prepared the 2020 JCPC Annual Report, which was approved by the Commission. Submitted the report to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners' Public Safety & Transportation Committee for its consideration.
- **Jackson County Hazard Mitigation Plan.** Staff continued to work on the next edition of the *Jackson County Hazard Mitigation*, concentrating on an implementation table for proposed mitigation strategies.

Leoni Township. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **Master Plan.** Staff prepared for a March 3 Township Planning Commission meeting during which work on the next edition of the Master Plan will resume.

Summit Township. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **Master Plan.** Staff received word from the Township Zoning Administrator that work can commence on the next edition of the Master Plan. Prepared the appendix of demographic information pertaining to the Township as well as Vandercook Lake. Also prepared many of the maps that will be discussed in Chapter 2 (Community Description and Issue Identification) of the document.

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Lenawee County

County of Lenawee. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **County Planning Commission (LCPC).** Staff facilitated the February 18 meeting (held remotely via Zoom) and summarized staff advisements regarding a proposed rezoning in Rollin Township and a PA 116 application in Macon Township. Prepared the 2020 LCPC Annual Report, which was approved by the Commission. Submitted the report to County Administrator for distribution to Lenawee County Board of Commissioners.

Raisin Charter Township. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **Master Plan.** Staff made a presentation on the proposed Master Plan to the Raisin Township Board on February 8. The Township Board approved the release of the document for public comment and also reserved its right to adopt the Master Plan (in addition to the Planning Commission).

Rollin Township. Staff provided the following service(s):

- **Zoning Ordinance.** Staff discussed setbacks from a county drain with a Planning Commissioner.

Region 2 Planning Commission



MEMORANDUM

TO: Region 2 Planning Commission

FROM: Steven M. Duke, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Appointment of the 2021 R2PC Personnel & Finance Committee

DATE: March 3, 2021

Per the R2PC Bylaws, the Chair of the Region 2 Planning Commission annually appoints a Personnel and Finance Committee at the March Full Commission meeting. The purpose of the Committee is to review personnel and financial concerns of the Commission and provide recommendations to the Executive Director, the R2PC Executive Committee, and/or the Full Commission.

The Committee is comprised of a minimum of five R2PC Commissioners and the Chair of the Commission. One of these members must be the Treasurer. The Committee has no regular meeting schedule. Meetings are held at the request of the Executive Director or at the call of one of the Committee members. The Committee is typically convened for the purpose of reviewing personnel and/or financial matters. On these occasions, the Committee is briefed by the Executive Director who may ask for a recommendation from the Committee. The Committee also meets on occasions when the Commission is considering a large capital purchase, or in the event a grievance is filed resulting from disciplinary action.

Members of the 2020 Personnel and Finance Committee include Ralph Tillotson, Tony Bair, Treasurer - Alan Beeker, Roger Gaede, Pete Jancek, and Chair - Doug Terry.

Nominations for the appointments will be taken from the floor.



I-94 Jackson Corridor Public Meeting February 24, 2021 5:00 PM





Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires MDOT to provide the opportunity for everyone to comment on transportation programs and activities that may affect their community. Please take this three-question survey:

Participants can vote by clicking the link in the Q & A.

You can help MDOT comply with Title VI and related statutes, which require the collection of statistical data to aid in assessing MDOT's outreach efforts among those who are affected or interested in this project.





Agenda

- Corridor Website
- Previous Projects Refresher
- Upcoming Project
 - Overview
 - Schedule
 - Detours
- Q & A





Project Comments

- Q & A Room
- www.Michigan.gov/I94Jackson
- MDOT-JacksonTSC@michigan.gov
- Jackson TSC: 517-780-7540



WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/I94JACKSON

I-94 Road and Bridge Reconstruction, Jackson County

[View Other Major Projects](#)

Start: Summer 2018 End: Spring 2024
Investment: \$350 million

Local, national and international trade traffic on I-94 in Jackson has increased substantially since the freeway opened to traffic in 1980. The current corridor is, in part, functionally obsolete and is scheduled to be upgraded to current design standards in the next seven to 10 years. This Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) multi-year project will update this corridor, with the goal to balance safety, mobility, lifecycle costs, aesthetics, and environmental sustainability. All this work includes improvements identified in the I-94 Jackson Freeway Modernization Project study, which included a Record of Decision in March 2007.

[Public Comment Form](#)

What Is Being Done?

This project is broken down into three phases.

Phase 1 (2018 - 2020)

During this first phase, MDOT made the following improvements along I-94:

- Rebuilt 1.4 miles of freeway between Lansing Avenue and Elm Road.
- Resurfaced 3.5 miles between Lansing Avenue and M-60, and 4 miles between Elm Road and Sargent Road.
- Rebuilt the I-94/Cooper Street interchange, built new roundabouts on each side of the new bridge, and rebuilt each of the ramps.
- Replaced the I-94 bridge over the Grand River.

As part of this phase, I-94 was shifted approximately 80 feet south of its current location.

Phase 2 (Spring 2021 - Summer 2023)

In this phase, MDOT will rebuild portions of I-94 between the Airport Road interchange and the US-127 south interchange. Other improvements include:

- Rebuilding the I-94/US-127/West Avenue interchange to be a diverging diamond interchange.
- Rebuilding the Lansing Avenue bridge over I-94 to be higher and wider than the current bridge to accommodate the widening of I-94.
- Rebuilding the I-94/Elm Avenue interchange to include roundabouts at the eastbound ramp terminal, the westbound ramp terminal, and the Rosehill Road/Elm Avenue/Seymour Road intersection.
- Installing freeway lighting on I-94 from the Airport Road interchange to east of the Elm Road interchange to improve safety for motorists and first responders. This will include lighting on most ramps within the project limits.

How Traffic Will Be Affected:

- During work, two lanes will be open in each direction most of the time on I-94, with short-term single-lane closures possible at off-peak times.
- The Lansing Avenue bridge will be closed and detoured while it is being rebuilt.
- More information on specific traffic impacts will be provided in spring 2021 through a public meeting and this website.

Phase 3 (2022 - 2024)

Work in this phase will include:

- Rebuilding approximately 12.5 miles of freeway from the Jackson/Calhoun County line to M-60.
- Reconfiguring the Michigan Avenue interchange with the addition of roundabouts.
- Reconfiguring the Dearing Road interchange with the addition of roundabouts.
- Preventive maintenance on 10 bridges along the I-94 corridor.





Cooper Street Interchange





Cooper Street Interchange





I-94 over the Grand River





M-60 Bridge over I-94





I-94/West Ave/US-127 Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)





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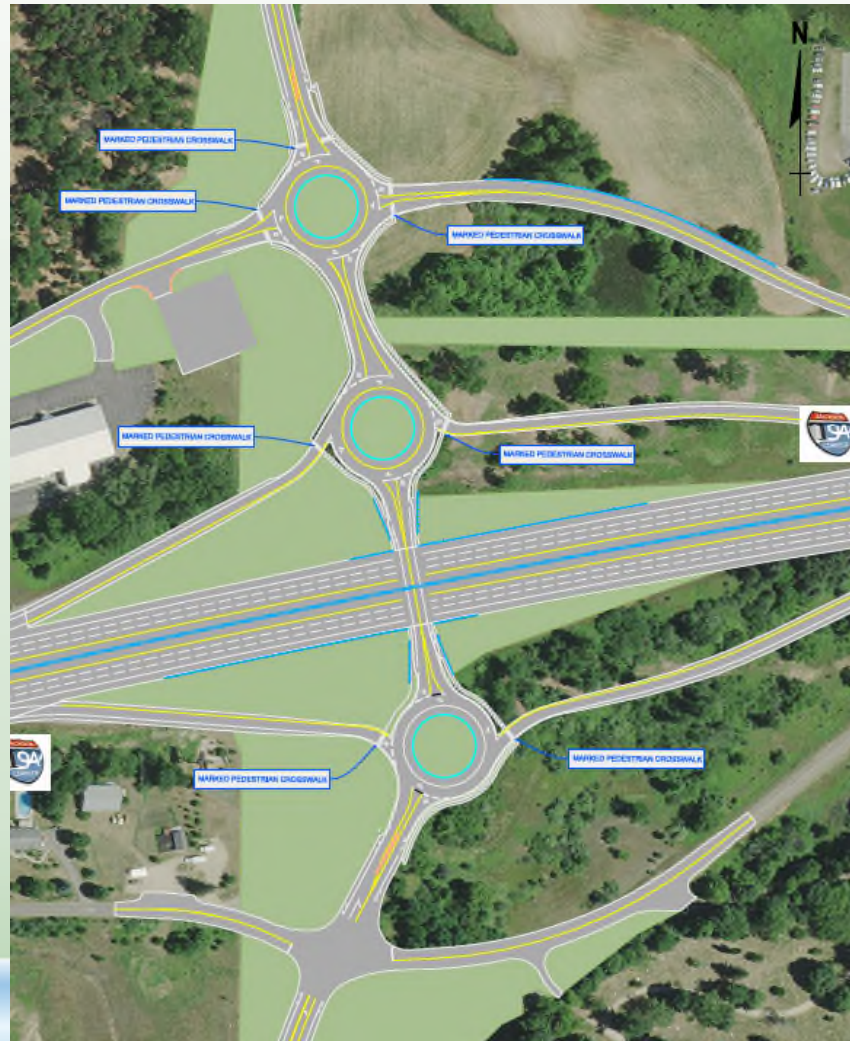


Lansing Avenue over I-94





Elm Road over I-94





Elm Road over I-94

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Anticipated 2021 Project Schedule

- I-94/US-127 Diverging Diamond Interchange
 - March 1, 2021 – November 15, 2021
- I-94 Reconstruct Airport Road to The Grand River
 - March 1, 2021 – November 15, 2021
- Lansing Avenue Road Closure
 - June 1, 2021 – November 2021
- Elm Road (Bridge Only)
 - June 2021 – November 2021



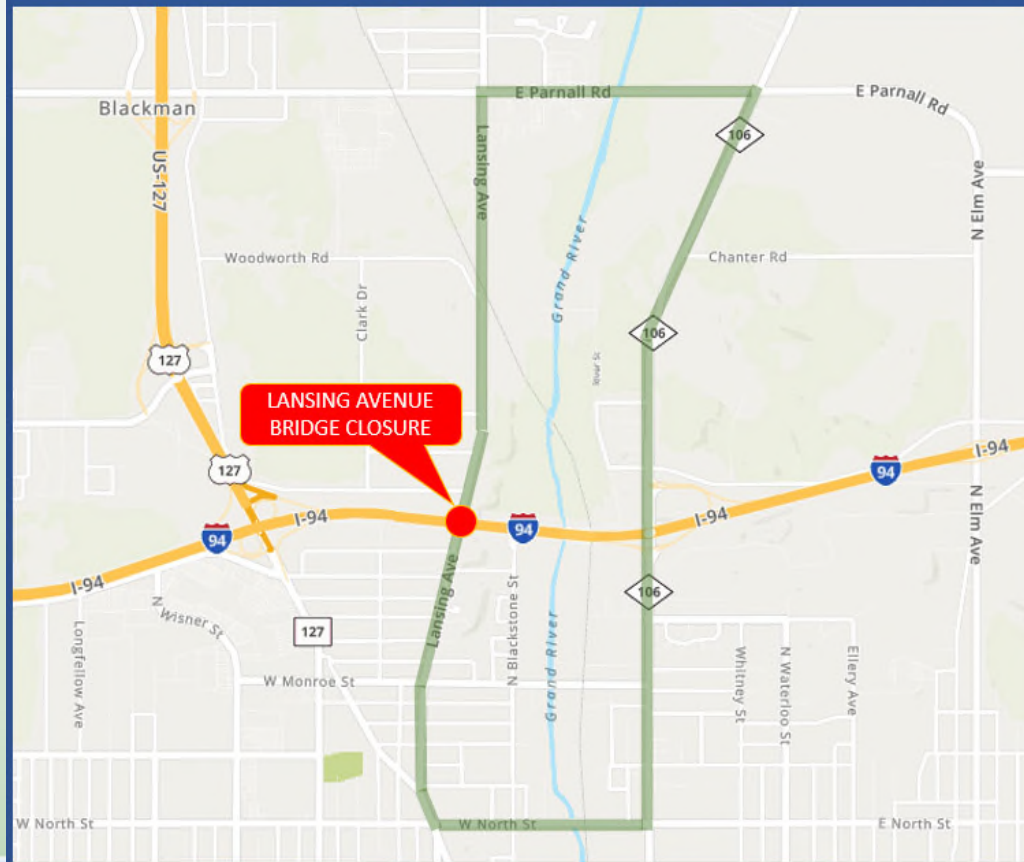
Anticipated 2022 Project Schedule

- Elm Road Road Work
 - March 2022 – August 2022
- I-94 Elm Road to US-127 (South)
 - May 2022 – November 14, 2022
- Project landscaping and punch list
 - Spring 2023



Lansing Avenue Detour

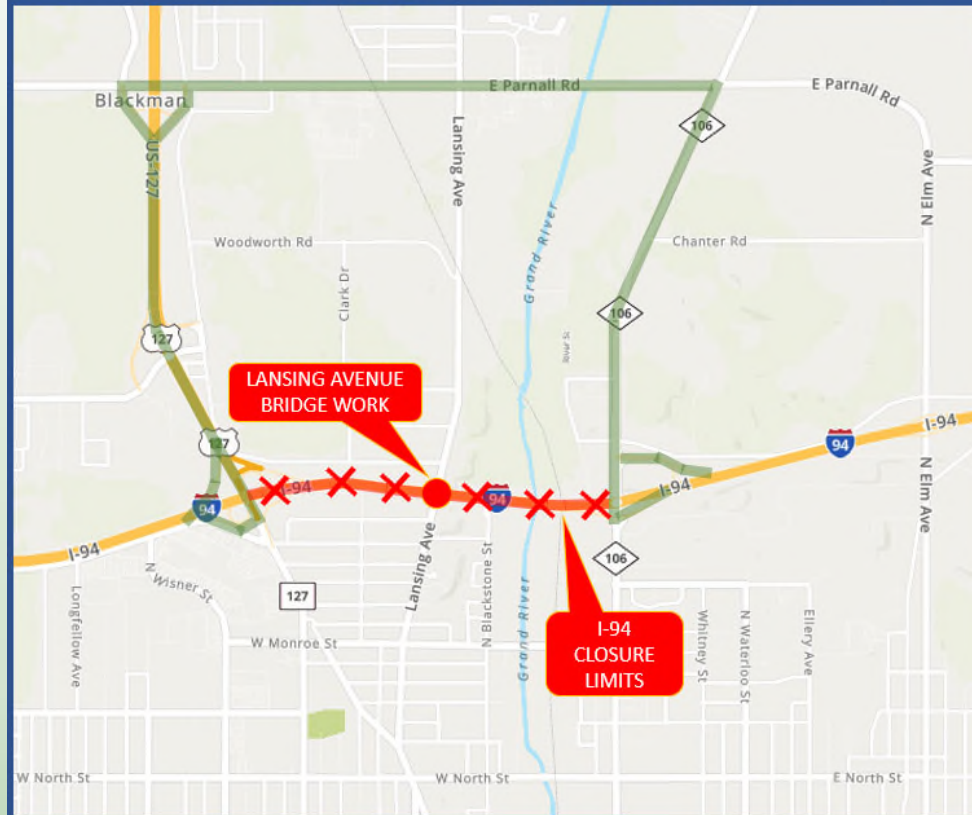
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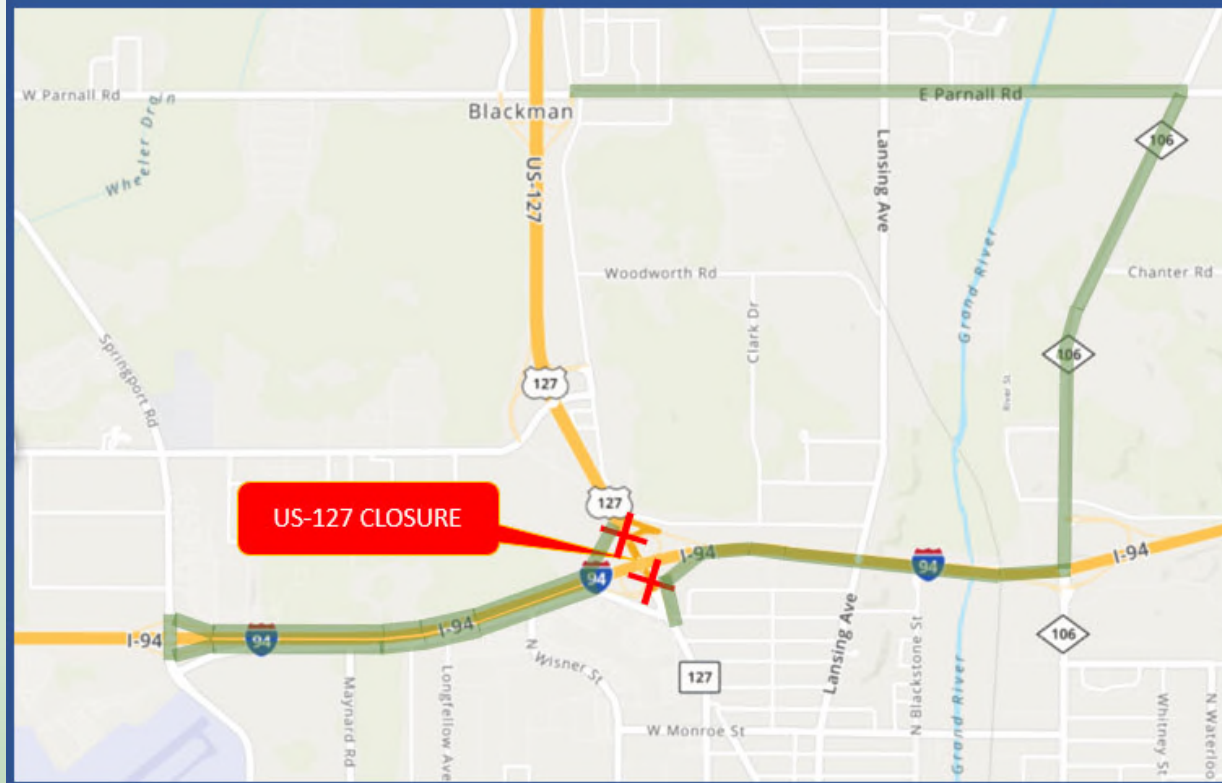
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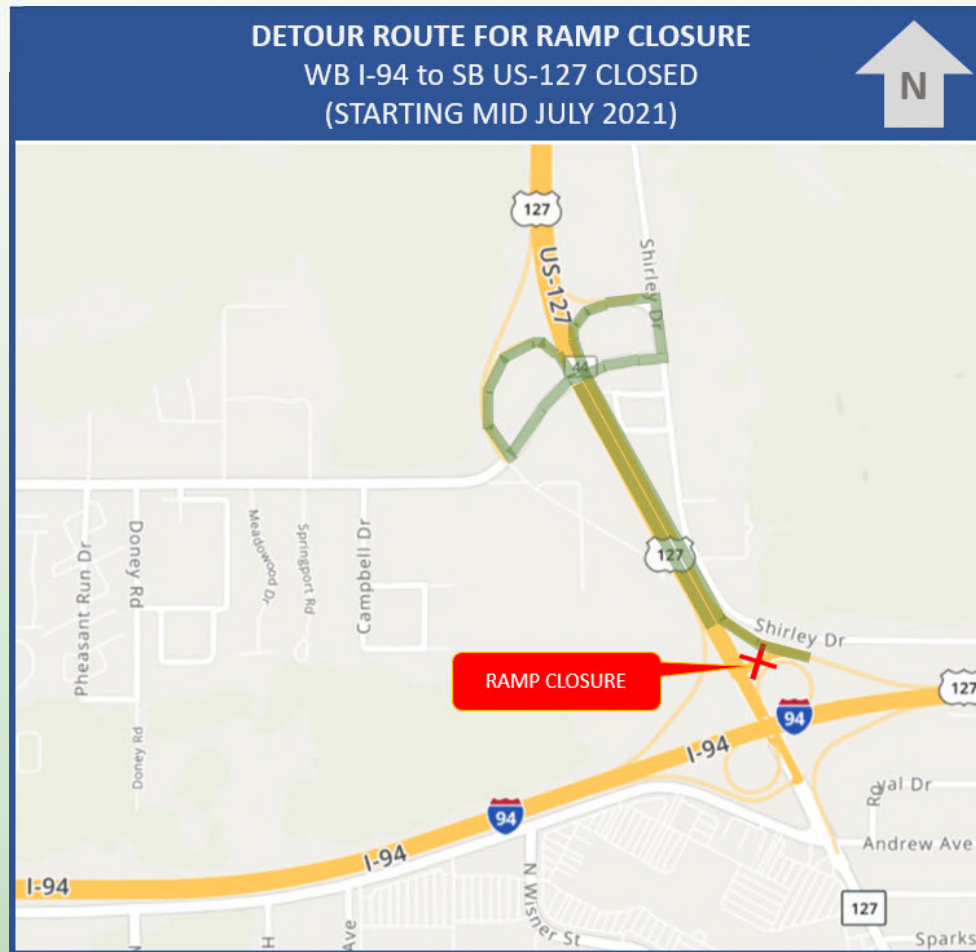
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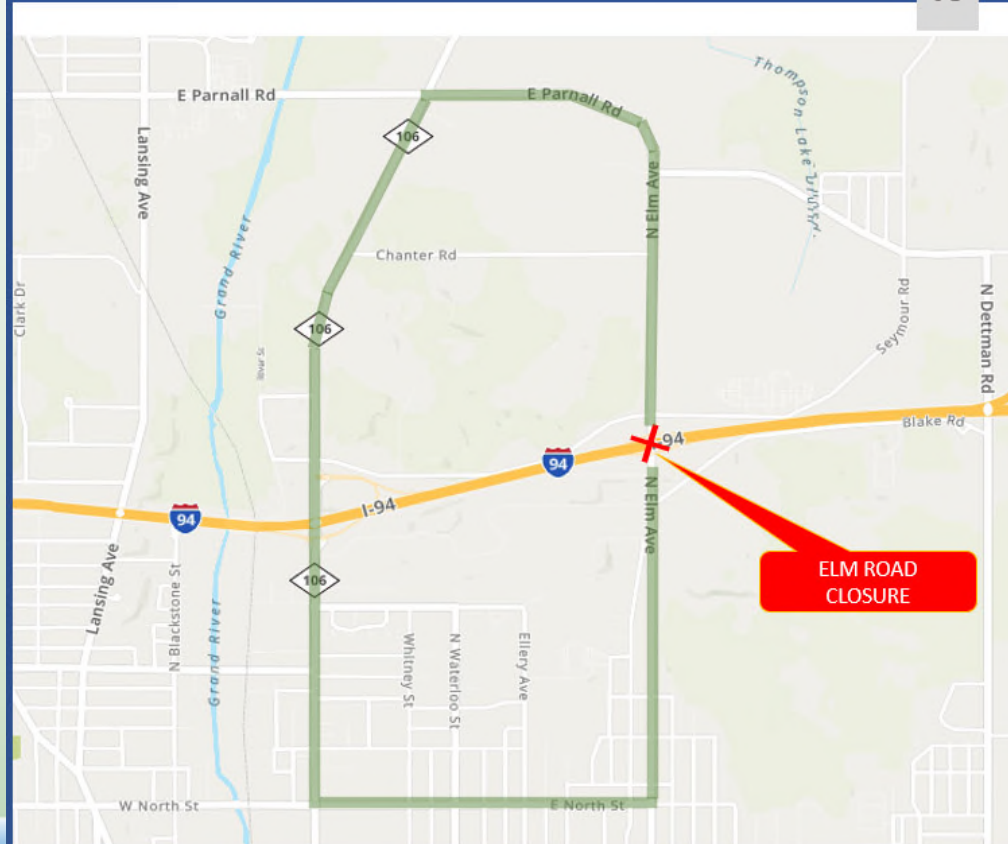
WB I-94 to SB US-127 Detour





Elm Road Detour

DETOUR ROUTE FOR CLOSURE OF ELM ROAD





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The screenshot shows the MDOT website interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays 'http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/'. The website header includes the MDOT logo and navigation links: 'MDOT Home', 'Contact MDOT', 'FAQ', and 'Sitemap'. A search bar is located on the right. A left sidebar contains a list of menu items: 'Roads and Travel', 'Public Transit', 'Rail', 'Bridges, Borders and Ferries', 'News and Information', 'Projects and Programs', 'Maps', 'Reports, Publications and Specs', 'About MDOT', 'Doing Business', 'Aeronautics', 'Title VI Nondiscrimination', and a 'Sign up for email from MDOT!' link. A red speech bubble with the text 'Click Here!' points to the 'Sign up for email from MDOT!' link. The main content area features a 'Travel' tab, a list of links including 'Mi Drive: Road Construction', 'Major Road Projects', 'Five-Year Transportation Program', 'Traffic Cameras', 'Bridges and Crossings', 'Commuting', 'Rest Areas/Welcome Centers', 'Maps', and 'Safety'. Below this is a 'News and Information' section with a list of news items: 'U.S. Army TARDEC and MDOT continue partnering on advanced vehicle technology', 'Four MDOT projects recognized with national awards', 'MDOT carpool lot off I-75 at Adams Road closed for resurfacing Oct. 2', 'Advisory: International Bridge closing to vehicle traffic during foot races', and 'Final Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of year starts Saturday'. To the right of the news is a 'Stay Connected' section with 'Mi Drive Construction & Traffic' and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. At the bottom, there are several banners: 'Report potholes on state roads such as: 23, 75', 'Traffic Lane Management Project FlexRoute23', 'planet', and 'Toward Zero Deaths October 3, 2017'.





Questions?

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Region 2 Planning Commission

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To: Region 2 Planning Commissioners
From: Grant Bauman, Principal Planner
Date: February 25, 2021
Subject: **Sign Regulation Mandates**

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling

In *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that sign regulations must be content neutral. In other words, sign type (i.e., form) should be the basis for sign regulations rather than content. Many permanent sign regulations (e.g., free-standing/pole, monument, wall, etc.) were already based solely upon form. However, many types of temporary signs were regulated based upon content.

For example, prior to *Reed v. Gilbert*, it was permissible to regulate various types of temporary signs (e.g., political, real estate, yard/garage sale, etc.) separately. For example, time-periods were often established during which the different types of temporary signs were allowed (e.g., political signs were allowed x days prior to an election and had to be removed within y days after the election). The Supreme Court ruling, however, mandates that all signs must be based solely upon form (e.g., yard signs, sandwich boards, feather flags, etc.). Many local ordinances likely continue to regulate certain types of signs based upon content and those municipalities should amend them accordingly.

Recent 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Rulings

Most local ordinances make a distinction between on-premises and off-premises signs. An on-premises sign advertises goods and services available for sale on the property on which it is located. An off-premises sign advertises goods and services that are available for sale elsewhere. Billboards are a common type of off-premises sign.

However, in *Thomas v. Taylor*, the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals—which includes Michigan—recently ruled that the only way to determine if a sign is on-premises is to review its content, bringing the distinction in conflict with *Reed v. the Town of Gilbert*. Consequently, the January 2021 edition of *Planning & Zoning News* (Vol, 39, No.3) suggests the elimination of sign regulations that impose the on-premises/off-premises distinction. Rather, municipalities should use widely accepted regulations like height, size, and location (e.g., minimum distance between billboards).

International Outdoor, Inc., v City of Troy concerned a dispute over the erection of a billboard. The billboard regulations appear to be content neutral. However, the sign ordinance also exempted certain types of temporary signs (e.g., real estate, political, etc.). Consequently, the billboard company asserted that the entire ordinance was content-based. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals agreed and remanded the case back to the district court, which must apply a higher level of scrutiny to the billboard case as a result.

Conclusion

Municipalities should review their zoning/sign ordinance to determine if any sign regulations are content-based. If that proves to be true, the municipality should revise those regulations so that they are content-neutral (i.e., based on the form of the sign rather than content). Any regulations that deal separately among various types of temporary signs (e.g., political, real estate, yard/garage sale, etc.) need revision.

Municipalities should also review their zoning/sign ordinance to determine if a distinction is made between on-premises and off-premises signs. If so, billboard regulations should be limited to widely accepted regulations like height, size, and location (e.g., minimum distance between billboards), eliminating the need for a distinction between on-/off-premises.