

# Region 2 Planning Commission

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## MINUTES

Region 2 Planning Commission – Executive Committee  
Jackson County Tower Building  
120 W. Michigan Ave. – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jackson, MI 49201

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Tillotson called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

Executive Committee Members:

✓ Beeker	✓ Guetschow	✓ Sigers
✓ Burtch	✓ Jancek	✓ Terry
✓ Driskill	✓ Knoblauch	✓ Tillotson
✓ Duckham	✓ Kubish	✓ Welsh
✓ Gaede	✓ Overton	✓ Wittenbach
✓ Gould	✓ Poole	✓ Wonacott
✓ Grabert	✓ Rohr	

**Key: ✓ = present**

Other Commissioners Present: Bair, Jennings, O'Dowd, Shotwell, Southworth, and Witt

Others Present: Mike Davis, MDOT – University Region; Dustin Krasny, Congressman Tim Walberg's Office

Staff Present: Bauman, Duke

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Those in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda** – A motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Duckham, to approve the December 12, 2019, Executive Committee agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Public Comment** – Chair Tillotson announced the first opportunity for public comment. No public comments were received.

- V. **Approval of Minutes of the October 10, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting** – A motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Beeker, to approve the October 10, 2019, Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Receipt of the Treasurer’s Report of November 30, 2019** – A motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Overton, to approve receipt of the R2PC Treasurer’s Report for November 30, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. **Approval of the December 12, 2019, Submitted Bills** – A motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Grabert, to approve payment of the December 12, 2019, submitted bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Staff Progress Report for October and November, 2019** – Mr. Bauman highlighted staff activities for October and November, 2019, as follows:
- Staff completed and submitted an application for \$70,000 through the EDA’s Partnership Planning program. The funds will be used to fund economic development activities throughout the region during the 2020 calendar year. The EDA also conducted their triennial review of the R2PC Economic Development District.
  - Staff continued to administer the Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI) program in the three-county region as well as the counties of Livingston, Washtenaw, and Monroe.
  - Staff completed the 2019 PASER data collection for all three counties. The federal-aid pavement condition maps will be available after the New Year.
  - Staff has continued to attend meetings related to the development of a trail that would run through Watkins Lake State Park, connecting the villages of Brooklyn and Manchester.
  - Staff facilitated the process of updating recreation plans in Jackson County and the City of Jackson and provided data to Lenawee County (which is updating its plan in-house).
  - Staff assisted MDOT in hosting their annual traffic summits in each of the Region’s counties.
  - Staff prepared a proposal to develop recreation plan for a 14-community multijurisdictional area in southeast Jackson County continuing into Lenawee County.
- IX. **Approval of Amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Mr. Mike Davis, Transportation Planner for the MDOT University Region, presented the following proposed MDOT amendments:

FY	Job no.	Phase	Project Name	Limits	Length	Project Description	Federal Funds	Total Project Cost	Amendment Type
2022	209381	PE Design	US-127S	I-96 to I-94	11.06	Freeway signing upgrade	\$180,000	\$180,000	ADD
2022	209481	PE Design	US-127S	I-94 to M-50	6.76	Freeway signing upgrade	\$240,000	\$240,000	ADD
2022	209391	PE Design	M-50	At Clark Lake Road	0.15	Install center left-turn lane	\$36,619	\$40,688	ADD

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

- X. **Property Assessment Data and Cultural and Recreational Resources for Jackson 2020 EDA Partnership Planning Grant** – Mr. Bauman gave a presentation discussing existing land use patterns and major community facilities in Jackson County. He explained that similar maps can also be prepared for Hillsdale and Lenawee counties.
- XI. **Approval of the R2PC Meeting Calendar for 2020** – The motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Duckham, to approve the R2PC meeting calendar and locations for 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
- XII. **Other Business** – Mr. Dustin Krasny, U.S. State Representative Tim Walberg’s office, gave a brief overview of the Congressman’s recent activities both in Washington and within his district.
- XIII. **Public Comment / Commissioner’s Comments** – Chair Tillotson wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.
- XIV. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm by Chair Tillotson.

Pete Jancek  
Secretary