

Region 2 PLANNING COMMISSION

Serving Hillsdale, Jackson & Lenawee Counties

MINUTES

Region 2 Planning Commission – Executive Committee
Hillsdale City Hall
97 N. Broad Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Thursday, February 10, 2022

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

Executive Committee Members:

✓ Bair	Greene	✓ Wittenbach
✓ Beeker	✓ Guetschow	
✓ Drake	✓ Jancek	
Driskill	✓ Overton	
✓ Duckham	✓ Sigers	
✓ Elwell	Swartzlander	
✓ Gaede	✓ Tillotson	
✓ Gould	Witt	

Key: ✓ = present

Other Commissioners Present: Christine Beecher, Rives Township; Jim Goetz, Lenawee County; Jason Smith, City of Litchfield; Judy Southworth, Jackson County

Others Present: Joe Bentschneider, Jackson County Department of Transportation and Mike Davis, MDOT

Staff Present: Stephen Bezold, Jacob Hurt, Jill Liogghio, and Anton Schauerte

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Those present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** – A motion was made by Comm. Tillotson, supported by Comm. Bair, to approve the February 10, 2022 Executive Committee agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Public Comment** – Chair Jancek announced the first opportunity for public comment. No public comments were received.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the October 14, 2021 and December 9, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting** – A motion was made by Comm. Bair, supported by Comm. Sigers, to approve the October 14, 2021 and December 9, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Receipt of the Treasurer’s Report of January 31, 2022** – A motion was made by Comm. Duckham, supported by Comm. Bair, to approve receipt of the Treasurer’s Report for January 31, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Approval of the February 10, 2022 Submitted Bills** – A motion was made by Comm. Drake, supported by Comm. Duckham, to approve payment of the February 10, 2022, submitted bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Staff Progress Report for January, 2022** – Mr. Hurt presented highlights from the staff progress report for the month of January, 2022.
9. **Report of the Nominating Committee** – Election of 2022 R2PC Executive Committee and R2PC Officers. Chair Jancek explained that the current R2PC Officers had completed their second year in office, which is the maximum allowed under the R2PC bylaws. The Nominating Committee met on February 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. and recommended the following slate of officers for 2022:

Chair – Pete Jancek
 Vice-Chair – Dale Witt
 Treasurer – Mike Overton
 Secretary – Alan Beeker

Chair Jancek asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the officer positions. No additional nominations were forthcoming.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith, supported by Comm. Tillotson to approve the R2PC Officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hurt reported that there were 2 vacancies on the Executive Committee – 1 representing ‘at large’ and the other representing Jackson County. Comm. Overton nominated Comm. Shotwell to fill the Jackson County vacancy and Comm. Jim Goetz to fill the ‘at large’ vacancy. Motion was made by Comm. Smith, supported by Comm. Tillotson. The motion carried unanimously. The 2022 Executive Committee members are as follows:

Alan Beeker	Representing City of Hillsdale
James Shotwell	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

Pete Jancek	Representing At Large
Larry Gould	Representing At Large
James Goetz	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

10. **Approval of Amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – The following amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were submitted for review and approval.

Mr. Bentschneider reported that the Jackson County Department of Transportation (JCDOT) was requesting the following amendments to the JACTS FY 2020- 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Fiscal Year	Job #	Project Name	Limits	Project Description	Funding	Action
2023	213736	Edgeline Pavement Markings	56 miles total on 78 roadway segments	Edgeline pavement markings	\$97,724.92 HSIP \$22,246.08 Local \$119,971.00 Total	Change FY to 2022
2023	213875	N. Stony Lake Rd.; Seymour Rd.; Race Rd.	Taylorfield Road to M-50; Trumble Road to Wooster Road; Ann Arbor Road to Seymour Road	Tree removal, pavement markings, signing upgrades	\$564,781.87 HRRR \$62,753.54 Local \$627,535.41 Total	Change FY to 2022
2023	214064	Horton Rd./ S. Jackson Rd.	Ferguson Road to Weatherwax Drive	Road Safety Audit	\$16,000.00 HSIP \$4,000.00 Local \$20,000.00 Total	Change FY to 2022
2023	214065	Moscow Road	At Hanover Road, Hatch Road, Sears Road, and Horton Road/Mathews Road	Road Safety Audit	\$16,000.00 HSIP \$4,000.00 Local \$20,000.00 Total	Change FY to 2022
2023	214462	Horizontal Curve Signing (southeast)	Various	Horizontal Curve Signing	\$200,000.00 HSIP \$35,493.00 Local \$235,493.00 Total	Add
2023	214463	LED Stop Signs	Various	LED Stop Signs	\$94,236.30 HSIP \$10,470.70 Local \$104,707.00 Total	Add
2023	214464	High Friction Surface Treatment and LED Stop Signs	(4) intersections	High Friction Surface Treatment and LED Stop Signs	\$186,487.20 HSIP \$20,720.80 Local \$207,208.00 Total	Add
2023	214664	Airport Rd at Wayland Dr/Meijer Dr	At intersection	Signal Modernization	\$244,914.95 HSIP \$77,228.74 Local \$322,143.69 Total	Add

The motion was made by Comm. Bair, supported by Comm. Duckham, to approve the proposed JCDOT amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Fiscal Year	Job #	Phase	Project Name	Limits	Length	Project Description	Federal Budget	State Budget	Federal Fund Source	Total Phase Cost	Amendment Type
2023	213399	CON 23	TSC Wide	All Trunkline routes in Region 2 MPO	0	HMA crack treatment and overband crack fill	\$230,817	\$51,183	ST	\$282,000	Phase Add
2022	213927	PE 22	TSC Wide	All Trunkline routes in Region 2 MPO	39.5	Non-freeway signing upgrade	\$100,000	\$0	STG	\$100,000	Phase Add

The motion was made by Comm. Bair, supported by Comm. Duckham, to approve the proposed MDOT amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **Targets for 2022 Safety Performance Measures – Resolution Adoption** – Mr. Davis stated, every two years MDOT implements new data driven safety targets related to fatalities and serious injuries. Each MPO has the option to adopt the state’s target and allow the state to monitor this data or set their own target and do their own monitoring. This data analysis is conducted by the University of Michigan’s Transportation Research Institute funded by MDOT. Following this analysis, the state decides if these safety performance measures are realistic and set their target accordingly. A motion was made by Mr. Bair, to approve the resolution as presented, with the modification that the phrase, “less than” be added prior to each of the five safety targets. Mr. Bair withdrew his motion. A motion was made by Mr. Elwell, supported by Mr. Bair, to approve the resolution as presented, with the modification that the final paragraph in the resolution (prior to the table) read, “THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Region 2 Planning Commission will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of state safety targets to be no greater than the below listed numbers”. The motion carried unanimously.
12. **Other Business** – No other business was brought to the Executive Committee’s attention.
13. **Public Comment / Commissioners Comments** – Chair Jancek thanked fellow commissioners for meeting and providing their perspectives so that their communities can receive their share of the funds allotted to them and find the most appropriate course of action.
14. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Jancek at 2:35 p.m.

Alan Beeker
Secretary