

Region 2 Planning Commission



Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

MINUTES

JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

Jackson County Tower Building
120 W. Michigan Avenue – 5th Floor
Jackson, Michigan

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Members Present: David Herlein, Spring Arbor Township
Phil Moilanen, Jackson Area Transportation Authority
Jon Dowling, JACTS Technical Advisory Committee Chair
Eric Mullen, MDOT
Bob Welsh, Region 2 Planning Commission
Mike Trudell, Summit Township
Dan Wymer, Napoleon Township
Keith Acker, Sandstone Charter Township
Steve Shotwell, Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners
John Feldvary, Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field
Pete Jancek, Vice-Chair, Blackman Charter Township
Mike Overton, Jackson County Department of Transportation

Members Absent: Derek Dobies, Mayor, City of Jackson
Howard Linnabary, Leoni Township
Patrick Burtch, City of Jackson

Others Present: Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission
Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission
Mike Davis, Jr., MDOT – University Region
Kelby Wallace, MDOT – Jackson TSC
Corey Clevenger, JCDOT
Bret Taylor, JCDOT
Mike Brown, JATA
Christopher Bolt, Jackson County Department of Transportation

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shotwell called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

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ITEM 3 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Moilanen, and supported by Vice-Chair Jancek, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of November 15, 2018 and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 14, 2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4 AGENCY STATUS REPORTS

Project status updates were presented by the City of Jackson, Jackson County Department of Transportation (JCDOT), Jackson Area Transportation Authority (JATA), the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Jackson County Airport. The City of Jackson reported that all construction projects are closed for the winter. There will be lights put around the roundabout on Fourth Street this winter. JCDOT reported that tree work on the Norvell Road project is complete. The Moon Lake Bridge project has been let and the award went to ET Mackenzie Company. JATA will have radios for their fleet that are compatible with the local 911 system. MDOT reported that work on the bridge over the Grand River on I-94 is active. The Jackson County Airport reported that in 2019 a \$3.2M project will begin to reconstruct an apron and associated taxi-ways.

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE JACTS FY 2017 – 2020 TIP

Mr. Davis requested the following amendments to the JACTS FY 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendments are:

FY	Job Number	Project Name	Limits	Project Description	Phase	Federal Cost	Fed Fund Source	State Cost	Total Phase Cost	Amendment Type
2019	127537	M-60 E	EB & WB over I94	Bridge Replacement	Utility	\$225,000	IM	\$25,000	\$250,000	Phase Add
2020	127537	M-60 E	EB & WB over I94	Bridge Replacement	CON	\$9,055,800	IM	\$1,006,200	\$10,062,000	Cost Change from \$14,287,073
2020	202571	M-50	M-99 & M-52 & M-124 btwn M-50 & US-12	Non-freeway signing upgrade	CON	\$613,107	STG	\$0	\$613,107	Length Change from 66.128 to 48.865

A motion was made by Mr. Moilanen, supported by Mr. Feldvary, to approve the proposed MDOT amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 REVIEW ALTERNATIVE DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR THE WEST AVENUE (US-127) / I-94 INTERCHANGE

Mr. Wallace gave a presentation on the options that MDOT is considering in the study of the West Avenue/US-127/I-94 Interchange. This project has been studied since 2000. MDOT is identifying additional interchange options that will be needed as part of a future environmental re-evaluation process. The study goals include evaluating innovative interchange treatments to minimize the right-of-way impact, improve safety, enhance non-motorized connections, and update costs and traffic analysis. Questions regarding the various alternatives were discussed. Concerns were raised about wildlife, pedestrians, and traffic flow within the interchange in the project area. A public meeting to review this information will be held in the community in February 2019.

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ITEM 7 REVIEW DRAFT JACTS FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PROPOSED PROJECTS

Mr. Duke reported that projects had been solicited from Act 51 Agencies. There were more projects than revenue. Projects were prioritized by local match funds, safety, PASER ratings, crashes, and priority projects within the JACTS area. No JATA projects have been selected at this time.

ITEM 8 JACTS FY 2018 LIST OF FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS

Mr. Duke stated that the Region 2 Planning Commission has made the JACTS FY 2018 List of Federal Obligated Projects report available. This is a FHWA requirement showing projects that use federal funds. The report is also available on the R2PC website.

ITEM 9 JOINT CITY / COUNTY NON-MOTORIZED PLAN UPDATE

Ms. DeOliveira reported that the Greenway Collaborative had been selected as the firm who will be working on the plan. Contract negotiations are underway. Work on the project will begin once the contract has been signed by the consultants and the Region 2 Planning Commission, which is expected in early 2019. Vice-Chair Jancek noted that Greenway Collaborative completed the MDOT non-motorized plan for the region, and has done great work in the past.

ITEM 10 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to report.

ITEM 11 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

ITEM 12 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Jancek adjourned the meeting at 9:20 AM.

Tanya DeOliveira, AICP
Principal Transportation Planner