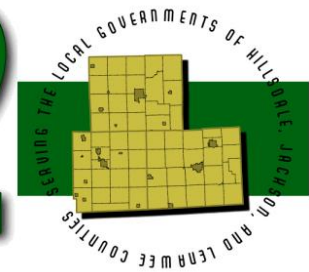


# Region 2 Planning Commission



## Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

### MINUTES

#### JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

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

**Thursday, June 20, 2019**

Members Present: Jon Dowling (Alt.), JACTS Technical Advisory Committee  
David Herlein, Spring Arbor Township  
Pete Jancek, Vice-Chair, Blackman Charter Township  
Don Mayle, MDOT  
Steve Shotwell, Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners  
Judy Southworth (Alt.), Leoni Township  
Mike Trudell, Summit Township  
Bob Welsh, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Dan Wymer, Napoleon Township

Members Absent: Keith Acker, Sandstone Township  
Patrick Burtch, City of Jackson  
Derek Dobies, City of Jackson  
John Feldvary, Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field  
Mike Overton, Jackson County Department of Transportation

Others Present: Mike Brown, Jackson Area Transportation Authority  
Corey Clevenger, Jackson County Department. of Transportation  
Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Bret Taylor, Jackson County Department of Transportation  
Kelby Wallace, MDOT – TSC

#### ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shotwell called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

#### ITEM 2      PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

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### ITEM 3            APPROVE MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 16, 2019 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Moilanen, supported by Mr. Wymer, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of May 16, 2019, and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 15, 2019 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### ITEM 4            AGENCY STATUS REPORTS

Project status updates were presented by the City of Jackson, Jackson Area Transportation Authority, Jackson County Department of Transportation, Michigan Department of Transportation, and Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field. The following project details were provided:

- City of Jackson – reported that City Council approved the Greenwood Avenue project contract. The project was let by MDOT on June 7, and construction will begin after July 4. The Fourth Street projects: (1) Horton to Audubon project is scheduled to be completed before school opens. (2) Pavement has been milled for the Fourth Street and Horton project. The new roundabout will be replaced with a single lane roundabout instead of the existing two lane roundabout. Work continues on the project, but there will be a bit of a delay due to the steel strain pole shipment being delayed until the end of July. They were originally scheduled to arrive by the end of June.
- Jackson Area Transportation Authority – reported that work has begun on upgrading the HVAC system at the main office. The procurement process for securing 2 medium duty vans is expected to begin in the fall. The work is expected to be complete by September 2019. A gillig bus has been ordered and is expected to be delivered by winter 2019.
- Jackson County Department of Transportation – reported that the cold in place recycling part of the King Road project will begin before July 4. Construction continues on the Moon Lake Road Bridge. Due to the fabrication issues by the contractor on the bridge design, the project is a bit behind schedule. They are hoping that the bridge will be open by the end of July. The Norvell Road Phase 1 project is open to traffic, and the Phase 2 work has begun. The project is expected to be complete by the time school begins. The Michigan Avenue bridge is in the June letting, and was 20% under the engineer's estimate. The Lawrence Road project came in at 37% over the engineer's estimate. JCDOT has elected to reject all of the bids, and will rebid the project to try and reduce the costs. The 2019 Preventative Maintenance project is in the August letting with a completion date of November 2020, as there are over 40 miles to pave within the project.
- Michigan Department of Transportation – reported that the work on the new eastbound I-94 bridge is almost complete. Progress continues on the Cooper Street bridge. Due to the wet spring weather and the utility delay by ATT, the completion of the work around the Cooper St. bridge may not be completed by the end of the 2019 construction season. MDOT is working with the contractor to determine the best course of action. The Cooper Street bridge is expected to be open by the winter for general use. The westbound ramps on the bridge will be closed starting at the end of June as work shifts from the south side of I-94 to the north side of I-94. The prefabricated bridges for the Lakelands Trail project will be delivered by the end of June. The M-60 detour is in place, and work continues on the project.
- Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field – There are 2-3 interested parties in building new private hangars. The airport is having conversations with Consumers Energy to consider what the power needs will be to build additional hangars.

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## ITEM 5      **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE JACTS FY 2017 – 2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Wallace reported that MDOT was requesting the following amendments to the JACTS FY 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

FY	Job no.	Phase	Project Name	Limits	Length	Project Description	Budget	Federal Fund Source	Amendment Type
2019	204744	CON	Norfolk Southern Railway	Jackson St and Mechanic St bridge in Jackson	0.416	Reconstruction of railroad bridges	\$11,595,853 – Fed \$2,898,963 – State \$14,494,816 – total	BUILD Grant	Phase Budget & State to Federal Funding

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

## ITEM 6      **JOINT CITY OF JACKSON / JACKSON COUNTY NON-MOTORIZED PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. DeOliveira provided an update on the project. Progress continues on the Jackson City and County Non-Motorized Plan. The consultants developed nearly two dozen maps based on demographic, land use, traffic, environmental, and other related information that provides a rich foundation of information for the plan during the late winter and spring. Some examples of the types of maps that the consultants have developed were shared with the committee members, including: vulnerable public health populations, limited accessibility to transit or vehicle ownership, land use, average vehicular traffic counts for roads throughout the county, the existing non-motorized network, and potential trail corridors. Results of the May public meetings were reviewed. During the 10 public input meetings, the consultants spoke with 100 people. Through the project website, 80 public comments were received on the crowd-sourcing map, and 240 people completed the project survey. A working document that synthesized the public input that the consultants put together was also shared.

The consultants will be developing a preliminary non-motorized network this summer based on their inventory and analysis work along with the public input received in May. The Steering Committee will meet to review the non-motorized network at the end of the summer. In the early fall, another round of public meetings will be held for the public to review the non-motorized network.

## ITEM 7      **ANN ARBOR ROAD NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

Mr. Duke reported that the Ann Arbor Road Non-Motorized Trail ribbon cutting ceremony will be held today at 11:00 AM, inside Suburban Lane Bowling Alley off of Ann Arbor Road. Please consider attending.

Vice-Chair Jancek took over the meeting.

## ITEM 8      **OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Jancek noted that Rod Mills Park in Blackman Township now has vaulted toilets and ADA parking.

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Mr. Mayle reported that obligation authority is gone for the local non-rural program. MDOT is encouraging local agencies to continue submitting projects as there may be an August redistribution.

ITEM 9            **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 10           **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Jancek adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Tanya DeOliveira  
Principal Transportation Planner