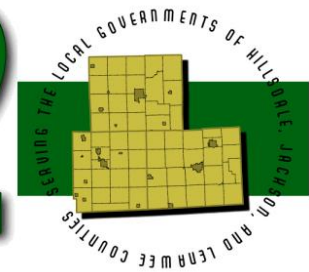


# Region 2 Planning Commission



## Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

### MINUTES

#### JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

Teleconference Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Members Present: Keith Acker, Sandstone Township  
Don Mayle, MDOT – Lansing  
John Feldvary, Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field  
Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson  
David Herlein, Spring Arbor Township  
Angela Kline, JACTS Technical Advisory Committee  
Phil Moilanen, Jackson Area Transportation Authority  
Mike Overton, Jackson County Department of Transportation  
Laura Schlecte, City of Jackson  
Steve Shotwell, Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners  
Judy Southworth (Alt.), Leoni Township  
Bob Welsh, Region 2 Planning Commission

Members Absent: Pete Jancek, Vice-Chair, Blackman Charter Township  
Mike Trudell, Summit Township  
Dan Wymer, Napoleon Township

Others Present: Christopher Bolt, Jackson County Department of Transportation  
Mike Davis, MDOT  
Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Jon Dowling, City of Jackson  
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Jill Liogghio, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Kelby Wallace, MDOT – TSC

#### ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER

In absence of Chair Shotwell and Vice-Chair Jancek, Mr. Acker 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 JUNE 18, 2020 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 17 2020**

A motion was made by Ms. Schlecte, supported by Mr. Herlein, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of June 18, 2020 and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 17, 2020 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, the Michigan Department of Transportation and Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field. The following project details were provided:

- City of Jackson – The Greenwood Avenue/Jackson Street project has been completed. The environmental clearance is being completed currently for the East High Street Bridge project. The water main is being tested for the MLK Boulevard project.
- Jackson Area Transportation Authority – The installation of the security cameras has been delayed until later in 2021.
- Jackson County Department of Transportation – A single deck pour is scheduled for Friday, September 18 for the Michigan Avenue Bridge project in Parma. The Preventative Maintenance Paving project will start on September 21. The McDevitt Phase 1 project is open through the Draper Road intersection, and be completed by November.
- Michigan Department of Transportation – The M-60 bridge project should be completed by the end of the construction season. The sidewalk and curb work has been completed for the M-50 project, and the contractor needs to complete the milling and resurfacing phase of the project. The US-12 to Liberty Road resurfacing project has gone well.
- Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field – Airport operations are down due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Jackson College decided to terminate their flight program, and will be removing operations from the airport. The hangars that they used may be rented out to other interested parties, as there is a hangar waiting list at the airport.

**ITEM 5                    APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JACTS FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

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

<b>FY</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Action</b>
2021	Wisner St Traffic Signals	Replace signals with mast arms on Wisner St., Ganson St., North St., and Argyle St.	N/A	Fed-\$600,000 (HSIP) City-\$680,419	Add
2021	Elmdale Trail:	Construct 10 ft wide concrete nonmotorized path along	0.998	Fed - \$400,000 (SRTS)	Add

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	Hickory Ave to MLK Trail	Elmdale Dr. with arch truss bridge		City - \$442,655	
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Mr. Dowling reported that City of Jackson was requesting the following administrative modifications to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

FY	JN	Agency	Project Name	Description/Limit	Length	Funding	Action
2021	208108	City of Jackson	Citywide – City of Jackson	Citywide – City of Jackson	0	Fed - \$28,800 State - \$5,400 City - \$1,800	Change project name to North St. Bridge; Change limits to over the Grand River
2021	208108	City of Jackson	Citywide – City of Jackson	Citywide – City of Jackson	0	Fed - \$19,200 State - \$3,600 City - \$1,200	Change project name to Mechanic St. Bridge; Change limits to over the Grand River
2021	208108	City of Jackson	Citywide – City of Jackson	Citywide – City of Jackson	0	Fed - \$16,800 State - \$3,150 City - \$1,050	Change project name to Denton Rd. Bridge; Change limits to Sparks Park pond.
2021	208108	City of Jackson	Citywide – City of Jackson	Citywide – City of Jackson	0	Fed - \$36,000 State - \$6,750 City - \$2,250	Change project name to Trail St. Bridge; Change limits to over the Grand River
2023	207186	Jackson County	Brown Street	Brown Street	Morrell St to Michigan Ave	Fed - \$666,400 Local - \$166,600	Change Agency to City of Jackson

Ms. Kline reported that Jackson County was requesting the following amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

FY	JN	Project Name	Limits	Description	Funding	Action
2021	210386	Edgeline pavement marking	270.7 miles all local roads in Columbia, Liberty, Napoleon, Norvell, Concord, Hanover, Parma, Pulaski, Sandstone Townships	Edge line pavement marking	Fed - \$198,586.10 (HSIP) Local - \$22,065.12 Total – \$220,651.20	Add
2021	210343	South Dearing Rd & McCain Rd	S Dearing Rd at McCain Rd	Mini roundabout	Fed - \$294,204.60 (HRRR) Local - \$32,689.40 Total - \$326,894	Add
2022	209883	South Jackson Rd Bridge Replacement	South Jackson Rd over Grand River	Bridge Replacement	Fed - \$942,400 (HRRR) Local - \$49,600 Local Total - \$992,000	Add

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2022	210635	Iron Belle Trail – Mike Levine Lakelands Trail extension	West Monroe St in the City of Jackson to the intersection of Cooper St. and Parnell Rd	Share-Use Path	\$1,884,711 (TAP) Local - \$1,400,000 Total - \$3,284,711	Add
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Mr. Wallace reported that MDOT was requesting the following amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

FY	Job number	Phase	Project Name	Limits	Length	Description	Funds & Source	Amendment Type
2022	207337	PE	Regionwide	All of Region 2 MPO	1.608	Longitudinal pavement marking application on trunklines in University Region	Fed-\$2,592 (HSIP) State-\$288 Total-\$20,000	Phase Budget Increase over 25%
2022	207338	PE	Regionwide	All of Region 2 MPO	1.659	Special pavement marking application on trunklines in University Region	Fed-\$2,592 (HSIP) State-\$288 Total-\$20,000	Phase Budget Increase over 25%
2023	207373	PE	Regionwide	All of Region 2 MPO	1.471	Special pavement marking application on trunklines in University Region	Fed-\$2,592 (HSIP) State-\$288 Total-\$20,000	Phase Budget Increase over 25%
2021	211152	CON	Regionwide	All routes in Region 2 MPO boundary	2.276	FY2021 Durable Pavement Marking Application	Fed-\$51,840 (HSIP) State-\$5,760 Total-\$400,000	Phase Add
2023	207372	PE	Regionwide	All of Region 2 MPO	1.628	Longitudinal pavement marking application on trunklines in University Region	Fed-\$2,592 (HSIP) State-\$288 Total-\$20,000	Phase Budget Increase over 25%
2021	211152	PE	Regionwide	All routes in Region 2 MPO boundary	2.276	FY2021 Durable Pavement Marking Application	Fed-\$648 (HSIP) State-\$72 Total- \$5,000	Phase Add

A motion was made by Mr. Feldvary, supported by Ms. Schlecte, to approve the proposed amendments and administrative modifications as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6            MICHIGAN'S STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN**

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The goal of the plan is to reduce fatalities and serious injury crashes across the state. The safety plan is a collaborative effort among state agencies to address highway safety. There are a number of strategies identified in the plan to help address and improve traffic safety, such as addressing high-risk behaviors, helping at-risk road users, enhancing traffic safety engineering infrastructure, and improving safety system administration. More than \$10 million in TIP safety projects will be constructed in Michigan through 2023. Once these projects have been built, the state will measure to see if the investment is helping to improve highway safety.

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Mr. Welsh asked why the 2020 crash fatalities may be up. Mr. Davis replied that this is happening across the country, and even though vehicular traffic counts are down, there is an increase in reckless driving incidents. The Michigan State Police are concerned about the record number of speeding violations.

### **ITEM 7            I-94 UPDATE**

Mr. Kelby Wallace gave an update on projects along the I-94 corridor within the County. The Cooper Street interchange and the Grand River bridge projects are complete. Feedback from others across the state is that the bridge looks nice, especially when it's lit up at night. The Lansing Avenue I-94 overpass, the Elm Road interchange, and the US-127 & West Avenue interchange projects will begin in early 2021. The US-127/West Avenue interchange project will be a diverging diamond design with a nonmotorized path. Box culverts will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to traverse the interchange safely.

### **ITEM 8            MDOT'S PILOT NONMOTORIZED TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM**

Ms. DeOliveira spoke about the MDOT nonmotorized traffic count program. The program began in 2019. In Jackson County, future count locations will include the Falling Waters Trailhead on Weatherwax Drive, McDevitt and Hague Ave., the Lakelands Trailhead, and Wamplers Lake, east of Pink St. MDOT is interested in working with Region 2 staff on selecting other locations within the county for future count locations. Chair Shotwell requested that MDOT consider a count location at New Leaf Park within the City of Jackson.

### **ITEM 9            CITY OF JACKSON / JACKSON COUNTY NON-MOTORIZED PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. DeOliveira reported that Jackson County, the City of Jackson, and the Region 2 Planning Commission passed resolutions adopting the nonmotorized plan this summer. MDOT has submitted a formal Letter of Support acknowledging the nonmotorized plan for the City and County. Some townships and villages have also passed or are discussing resolutions to formally adopt the plan. Ms. DeOliveira said that she is available to address any questions community members may have about the plan, passing resolutions, and/or future nonmotorized projects.

### **ITEM 10          OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was brought forward.

### **ITEM 11          PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

### **ITEM 12          ADJOURNMENT**

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

Tanya DeOliveira  
Transportation Planner