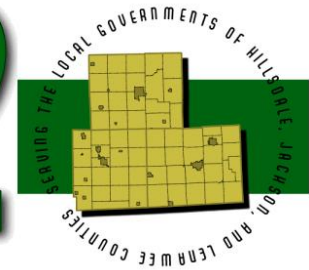


Region 2 Planning Commission



Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

MINUTES

JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

Zoom Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Members Present: Keith Acker, Sandstone Township
John Feldvary, Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field
Dan Gallagher, Napoleon Township
Jae Guetschow, Region 2 Planning Commission
David Herlein, Spring Arbor Township
Pete Jancek, Vice-Chair, Blackman Charter Township
Angela Kline, JACTS Technical Advisory Committee
Don Mayle, MDOT – Lansing
Randy Purvis, Jackson Area Transportation Authority
Mike Overton, Jackson County Department of Transportation
Steve Shotwell, Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Mike Trudell, Summit Township
Judy Southworth, Leoni Township

Members Absent: Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson
Laura Schlecte, City of Jackson

Others Present: Joe Bentschneider, Jackson County Department of Transportation
Christopher Bolt, Jackson County Department of Transportation
Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission
Jon Dowling, City of Jackson
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 8:00 AM.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments received.

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF 2021 OFFICERS

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A motion was made by Mr. Feldvary, supported by Mr. Purvis, to approve Mr. Steve Shotwell as Chair. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Herlein, supported by Mr. Trudell, to approve Mr. Pete Jancek as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4 **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2020 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2020**

A motion was made by Mr. Trudell, supported by Mr. Purvis, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of December 17, 2020 and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 16, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5 **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 – The Elmdale Trail project will be advertised for three weeks, and have a special opening through MDOT. MDOT has been in communication with the City, as the project will not make the February 5 letting.
- Jackson Area Transportation Authority – The Rides to Wellness program has filled all of its driver positions. The program runs Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in the City of Jackson and across Jackson County. The program provides transportation to and from medical appointments and grocery stores.
- Jackson County Department of Transportation – Forms have been signed for the Jefferson Road and West Michigan Avenue tree removal project. Removal work should begin soon. Design for the mini-roundabout continues for South Dearing Road and McCain Road project.
- Michigan Department of Transportation – The Lansing Avenue bridge construction project will begin on June 1. The goal is to have it completed by the end of the Fall in 2021. Work on the railroad bridges over Jackson Street and Mechanic Street in downtown Jackson will not begin until late 2021, with most of the work occurring in 2022.
- Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field – The old, abandoned runway pavement was removed and will be reused by JCDOT. The pavement will be used in resurfacing projects. Jackson College has received four bids on their airport hangar.

ITEM 6 **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE JACTS FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

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

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FY	JN	Project Name	Limits	Project Description	Funding	Action
2021	207171	McCain Rd and Robinson Rd	Robinson Rd to Spring Arbor Rd and Spring Arbor Rd to McCain Rd	Resurface	From: \$12,037 HIP \$591,963 STP \$151,000 JCDOT \$755,000 Total To: \$104,713 HIP \$591,963 STP \$151,000 JCDOT \$847,676 Total	Change

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

FY	Job number	Phase	Name	Limits	Length	Description	Funds & Source	Amendment Type
2021	212155	PE	I-94 BL	Michigan Ave from East Ave to Page Ave	0.14	Install mid-block crossing & rapid flashing beacon	Fed- \$45,000 (HSIP) State- \$4,562 Total- \$50,000	Phase Add
2021	212155	CON	I-94 BL	Michigan Ave from East Ave to Page Ave	0.14	Install mid-block crossing & rapid flashing beacon	Fed- \$77,726 (HSIP) State- \$7,881 Total- \$86,362	Phase Add

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

ITEM 7 **APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MDOT STATE TARGETS FOR BRIDGE CONDITION**

Mr. Davis reported that the MDOT State Targets for Bridge Conditions that are required to be submitted to MDOT by March 31, 2021 need updating. Bridge condition is one of the national Federal highway program performance goals that were established by Congress. FHWA continues to require that MPOs establish targets in specific national performance areas. The goal is to maintain the highway bridges in a state of good repair. Staff is recommending to support the State Targets for Bridge Conditions as presented, as many of the other state MPOs have done.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Jancek, supported by Mr. Acker, to approve the Resolution to Support the MDOT State Targets for Bridge Conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8 **JACTS FY 2020 OBLIGATED LIST OF FEDERALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS**

Mr. Duke reported that the JACTS FY 2020 Obligation Report is available online. Each year the federal government requires the Jackson MPO to prepare a list of road construction projects from the Act 51 agencies and Jackson Area Transportation Authority transit projects that received federal funding.

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ITEM 9 **INCORPORATING ON-ROAD BICYCLE NETWORKS INTO RESURFACING PROJECTS**

Ms. DeOliveira provided a review of the FHWA guide entitled Incorporating On-Road Bicycle Networks into Resurfacing Projects. The guide includes a recommended resurfacing project process timeline, methods for including bikeways into projects, and cost and material considerations for adding bikeways into resurfacing projects. The guide is meant to be a resource to better understand how resurfacing projects can include the development of bikeways, like those that are recommended in the Jackson City + County Non-Motorized Plan.

ITEM 10 **OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Jancek asked that JCDOT provide a report the condition of Jackson County-owned bridges, as it would help communities plan for future investments. Ms. Kline said she would provide it to have in the next JACTS meeting packet. She also said that JCDOT is available to meet with township staff to go over their individual bridge information.

ITEM 11 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 12 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Shotwell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 AM.

Tanya DeOliveira
Transportation Planner