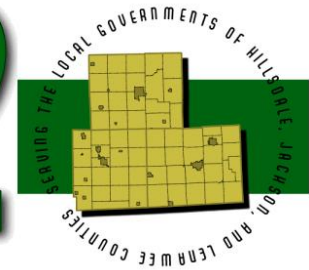


# Region 2 Planning Commission



## Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

### MINUTES

#### JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

Zoom Meeting

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

Members Present: Keith Acker, Sandstone Township  
John Feldvary, Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field  
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  
Laura Schlecte, City of Jackson  
Steve Shotwell, Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners  
Mike Trudell, Summit Township

Members Absent: Dan Gallagher, Napoleon Township  
Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson  
Howard Linnabary, Leoni Township

Others Present: Joe Bentschneider, Jackson County Department of Transportation  
Christopher Bolt, Jackson County Department of Transportation  
Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Mike Davis, MDOT  
Jon Dowling, City of Jackson  
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Jill Liogghio, 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.

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### ITEM 3            **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2021 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2021**

A motion was made by Mr. Trudell, supported by Mr. Purvis, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of January 21, 2021 and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 20, 2021 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 – The Stewart Street project and the Bridge Capital Preventative Maintenance project will be in the May letting. The trees have been cleared and the stumps are being removed along the Elmdale Trail route in Ella Sharp Park.
- Jackson Area Transportation Authority – The Rides to Wellness program is successfully accommodating people who need transportation to medical appointments. The medium duty vans that were recently purchased are in service.
- Jackson County Department of Transportation – An official start date for the summer South Jackson Road project has not yet been determined. The Safety Audits began on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. There have not been any more reports of graffiti on the Michigan Avenue Bridge in Parma since the security cameras were installed earlier this winter.
- Michigan Department of Transportation – The tree removals will be completed by March 31 along the West Avenue and Elm Road project areas. Work on the westbound side of West Avenue will begin once the tree removals are complete. The Jackson Street and Mechanic Street projects in downtown Jackson will not begin until 2022.
- Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field – The electric car charging stations that were installed are working and available for use. The 12 inches of snow that fell at the airport in February impacted operations. Staff worked 14 hours to clear the snow from the area. The restaurant has reopened and is doing well.

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

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

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FY	Job number	Phase	Name	Limits	Length	Description	Funds & Source	Amendment Type
2021	211152	PE	Regionwide	All trunkline routes in Region 2 MPO boundary	2.276	FY 2021 Durable Pavement Marking Application in Region 2 boundary	\$648 - Fed \$72 – HSIP \$5,000 – Total	Phase Abandon
2021	207302	PE	Regionwide	All of Region 2 MPO	2.511	Special pavement marking application on trunklines in University Region	\$2,592 – Fed \$288 – HSIP \$20,000 – Total	Phase Abandon

A motion was made by Mr. Herlein supported by Vice-Chair Jancek, to approve the proposed MDOT amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## ITEM 6      **I-94 CORRIDOR PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

Mr. Wallace gave a presentation reviewing the projects along I-94. The reconstruction of the Cooper Street bridge and the interchanges is complete along with the I-94 bridge over the Grand River. The M-60 bridge is also complete. The projects scheduled to begin in 2021 include the reconstruction of the West Avenue interchange, replacement of the Lansing Avenue bridge over I-94, and the reconstruction of the Elm Road interchange. Project information is available on the project website: [www.michigan.gov/I94Jackson](http://www.michigan.gov/I94Jackson).

## ITEM 7      **FY2021 HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (HIP) FUND ANNOUNCEMENT / HIP COVID RELIEF FUNDS**

Mr. Duke reported that the Jackson MPO received \$85,380 in HIP FY2021 Funds. Local agencies are required to provide a 20% match to use the HIP funds, and the projects must be obligated by 2024. The Jackson MPO also received \$610,385 in COVID Relief Funds. The program does not require any funding match, and the money must be spent by 2024. MDOT is encouraging local agencies not to wait until 2024 to spend the COVID Relief Funds, and to have them spent as soon as possible. The City of Jackson, Jackson County Department of Transportation, and the Jackson Area Transportation Authority are eligible to use the COVID Relief funds.

## ITEM 8      **NACTO URBAN BIKEWAY DESIGN GUIDE**

Ms. DeOliveira gave a brief presentation on the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. The National Alliance for City Transportation Officials (NACTO), is an association of 86 major North American cities and transit agencies. They provide guides and resources to promote the design and construction of nonmotorized and transit facilities for local communities. The NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide provides guidance on how to design and build bike lanes, intersection treatments, bikeway signing and marking, bicycle signals, and bicycle boulevards (shared streets). The guide can be helpful to local agency staff, officials and members of the public as the recommendations of the Jackson City + County Nonmotorized Plan are considered and implemented.

## ITEM 9      **OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Jancek noted that MDOT and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources have provided a notice of Conditional Commitment to Lakelands Trail State Park Phase 3 project. The proposed trail segment

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is a 3.5 mile path beginning at the corner of Parnall Road and Cooper Street and ending at the Hawkins Road Trailhead.

Mr. Duke noted that the legislation that allows for virtual public meetings expires at the end of March. Information will follow on if future JACTS meetings will be held virtually or in-person.

ITEM 10      **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 11      **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Shotwell adjourned the meeting at 9:20 AM.

Tanya DeOliveira  
Transportation Planner