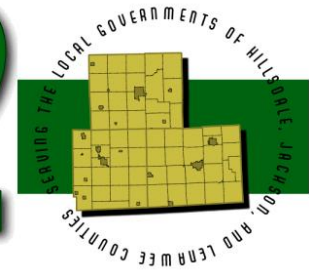


# Region 2 Planning Commission



## Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

### MINUTES

#### JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Members Present: Mike Brown (Alt.), Jackson Area Transportation Authority  
John Feldvary, Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field  
Jeff Franklin, MDOT – Lansing  
David Herlein, Spring Arbor Township  
Pete Jancek, Vice-Chair, Blackman Charter Township  
Angela Kline, JACTS Technical Advisory Committee  
Mike Overton, Jackson County Department of Transportation  
Judy Southworth, Leoni Township  
Mike Trudell, Summit Township

Members Absent: Keith Acker, Sandstone Township  
Dan Gallagher, Napoleon Township  
Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson  
Jae Guetschow, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Laura Schlecte, City of Jackson  
Steve Shotwell, Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Others Present: Joe Bentschneider, Jackson County Department of Transportation  
Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Alex Masten, The Enterprise Group  
Bret Taylor, Jackson County Department of Transportation  
Jason Pittman, MDOT – TSC

#### ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Jancek 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 JUNE 17, 2021 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2021**

A motion was made by Mr. Trudell, supported by Mr. Feldvary, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of June 17, 2021 and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 16, 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4            AGENCY STATUS REPORTS**

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

- Jackson Area Transportation Authority – The project to install fences and gates will be completed in August. The Rides to Wellness program continues to do well.
- Jackson County Department of Transportation – The South Dearing project will be constructed in 2022. The preventative maintenance grade inspection plan review meeting is scheduled for late July. The South Jackson project will begin on July 26.
- Michigan Department of Transportation – The US-127 Ayers to Liberty Road project will be in the July letting. The MDOT railroad bridge replacement project in downtown Jackson will be in the August letting. The project to improve pedestrian facilities near the Henry Ford Allegiance Health hospital on East Michigan Avenue will be let in August.
- Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field – The airport bought the snow removal truck from Houghton, Michigan for \$75,000. Airport employees are determining how the truck will be brought from Houghton to Jackson.
- The Enterprise Group – The public meeting at Northwest High School on June 29 for the County Farm Road project was well received by attendees.

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

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

<b>FY</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Primary Work Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Funds &amp; Source</b>
2021	5307 – CTF Urbanized Formula	Countywide	Operating	Operating Assistance	\$1,315,859 – Federal (5307) \$1,717,224 – State (CTF) \$3,033,083 – Total
2021	5307 – CTF Urbanized Formula	Countywide	Operating	1% safety & security from Section 5307 Federal Operating	\$13,159 – Federal (5307) \$3,290 – State (CTF) \$16,449 – Total

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Mr. Pittman reported that JATA 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	209494	ROW	TSC Wide	Various Locations – Jackson TSC	0	Modernizing signalized intersection to current standards	\$35,000 – Federal (STG) \$0 – State \$35,000 - Total	Budget over 25%
2021	212899	CON	I-94	I-94 from Jackson/Calhoun County Line east to M-60 in Jackson County	12.405	Tree removal and ROW fencing removal / installation	\$1,129,825 – Federal (IM) \$125,536 – State \$1,255,361 – Total	Add

A motion was made by Mr. Feldvary, supported by Mr. Herlein, to approve the amendments from JATA and MDOT as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6**                    **COUNTY FARM – SPRINGPORT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT / JACKSON TECHNOLOGY PARK – NORTH PROJECT OVERVIEW JCDOT**

Mr. Bentschneider gave a presentation on the project. The project is comprised of an EDA grant of \$5,918,000, and a local match from Blackman Township for \$1,479,000. The formal project is on County Farm Road between Dearing Road and Shirley Road. The work on the project is scheduled to begin in calendar year 2022. The corridor will be improved to include new 5’ sidewalks and 4’ paved shoulders. The Technology Park will be built on a new parcel north of County Farm Road, and include the development of a new road named Irish Ayer Road. Ground penetrating radar will be used to confirm the boundaries of the cemetery within the project area, and to identify potential unmarked graves nearby.

**ITEM 7**                    **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. DeOliveira gave a brief update on the JACTS 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. MDOT has asked JACTS to review and approve the employment, population, and household data that will be used in the Travel Demand Model. The Enterprise Group has reviewed the employment data, and provided a few minor updates. Township, Village, and City officials were sent a memo and asked to review the population and household data by July 16, 2021. Mr. Duke stated that the information is used to determine if funds should be used to address deficiencies or preserving and maintaining the existing transportation system.

**ITEM 8**                    **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

**ITEM 9**                    **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Tanya DeOliveira  
 Transportation Planner