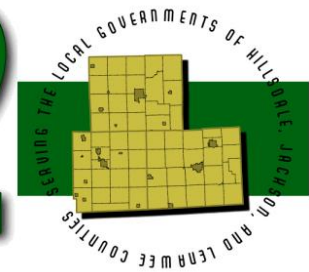


Region 2 Planning Commission



Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

MINUTES

JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Members Present: Keith Acker, Sandstone Township
John Feldvary, Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field
Jeff Franklin, MDOT – Lansing
David Herlein, Spring Arbor Township
Dan Gallagher, Napoleon Township
Pete Jancek, Vice-Chair, Blackman Charter Township
Angela Kline, JACTS Technical Advisory Committee
Mike Overton, Jackson County Department of Transportation
Randy Purvis, Jackson Area Transportation Authority
Laura Schlecte, City of Jackson
Steve Shotwell, Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Judy Southworth, Leoni Township

Members Absent: Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson
Jae Guetschow, Region 2 Planning Commission
Mike Trudell, Summit Township

Others Present: Joe Bentschneider, Jackson County Department of Transportation
Mike Brown, Jackson Area Transportation Authority
Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission
Jason Pittman, MDOT – TSC
Bret Taylor, Jackson County Department of Transportation

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shotwell called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

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ITEM 3 **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 15, 2021 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2021**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Jancek, supported by Mr. Franklin, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of July 15, 2021 and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 14, 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4 **AGENCY STATUS REPORTS**

Project status updates were presented by the Jackson Area Transportation Authority, City of Jackson, Jackson County Department of Transportation, Michigan Department of Transportation, and Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field.

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

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

FY	Name	Limits	Description	Funds & Source	Action
2022	HIP COVID Relief (Urban)	N/A	Debt Service Repayment	\$347,885 STUL \$0 Local \$347,885 Total	ADD
2022	HIP COVID Relief (Rural)	N/A	Debt Service Repayment	\$357,866 RTF \$0 Local \$357,866 Total	ADD

A motion was made by Mr. Purvis, supported by Mr. Overton, to approve the JCDOT amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 **JATA RIDERSHIP DASHBOARD**

Mr. Brown presented data on current ridership data and trends compared to the same timeframe in 2020. Due to the Covid lockdown, ridership decreased significantly beginning in the Spring of 2020. Beginning in 2021, JATA ridership experienced a steady increase; however, ridership has not returned to pre-pandemic levels. Although ridership and the numbers have been increasing during 2021. Ridership is not where it was in 2019, before the COVID-19 Pandemic started.

ITEM 7 **APPROVAL OF JACTS 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA**

In preparation for the upcoming 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan update, the total population and the total household data used in the Travel Demand Model was reviewed and updated since the previous LRTP was prepared over 3 years ago. The data represents the conditions for 2018, the base year for the Travel Demand Model. This data, along with the employment data, are used to predict future deficiencies along major traffic corridors within the transportation system in Jackson County. JACTS staff worked with the

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Enterprise Group to review employment data. A memo was sent to townships, villages, and the City of Jackson to review the population and household data. No significant revisions of the data were requested by the local municipalities.

A motion was made by Mr. Purvis, supported by Vice-Chair Jancek, to approve the JACTS 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Socio-Economic Data – the 2018 total population, 2018 total household, and 2017 employment data - as presented to that JACTS Policy Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8 **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was brought forward.

ITEM 9 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 10 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Tanya DeOliveira
Transportation Planner