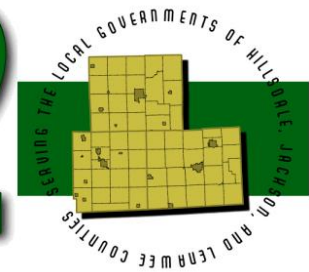


Region 2 Planning Commission



Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

MINUTES

JACTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jackson City Hall
161 W. Michigan Ave. – 10th Floor
Jackson, MI 49201

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Members Present: Mike Brown, Jackson Area Transportation Authority
Mike Davis (Alt.), MDOT University Region
Jon Dowling, Vice-Chair, City of Jackson – Engineering
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission
Jeff Franklin, MDOT - Lansing
Amy Guerriero, The Enterprise Group
Angie Kline, Chair, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation
Mike Rand, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation
Bret Taylor, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation
Troy White, City of Jackson – Engineering

Members Absent: Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson Public Works
Andy Pickard, FHWA (Ex-officio)
Jack Ripstra, Blackman Charter Township
Juan Zapata, Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field

Others Present: Chad Cumberworth, Jackson Area Transportation Authority
Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission
Jason Pittman, MDOT – Jackson TSC

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kline called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

ITEM 3 **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2019 AND RECEIVE THE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2019**

A motion was made by Mr. Rand, supported by Mr. Davis, to approve the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 19, 2019, and receive the Policy Committee meeting minutes of June 20, 2019 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4 **AGENCY STATUS REPORTS**

Project status updates were presented by the City of Jackson, Jackson County Department of Transportation, Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Enterprise Group. The following project details were provided:

- City of Jackson – Both Fourth Street projects were completed this summer. The Morrell Street to Franklin Street project is now complete for the 2019 project. Design work continues on the Francis Street project.
- Jackson County Department of Transportation – The Norvell Road project will be complete before November 15. The Michigan Avenue Bridge project in Parma will start in January 2020.
- Michigan Department of Transportation – The I-94 project will have traffic shifting to the east side by the end of September between Lansing Avenue and Elm Street for the winter. The Cooper Bridge will open for traffic by the end of the year. The Lakelands Trail work is wrapping up, with some work still needed to be completed at the trailhead at Hawkins Road. Work on M124 has begun with sidewalk work in the Village of Brooklyn. The M-60 work in Spring Arbor is nearing completion. Curb work on the south side of the road should be completed by the end of the month, and the entire project being complete in November.
- Enterprise Group – The Enterprise Group will be getting a \$100,000 Michigan Site Readiness Project grant for design engineering to help implement the results of the County Farm Road Feasibility Study from Michigan Economic Development Corporation. They will work with JCDOT and Leoni Township on project implementation.

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

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

FY	Project	Limits	Project Description	Funding	Action
2020	Preventative Maintenance	Various	Preventative Maintenance	Change from \$460,000 STL to \$110,859 State D to \$160,000 STL to \$110,859 State D	Change Project Cost

Chair Kline reported that the Village of Brooklyn was requesting the following amendments to the JACTS FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

FY	Project	Limits	Work Type & Project Description	Funding & Source	Action
2020	Marshall St	N Main St (M-50) to Constitution Ave (west Village Limits at Jefferson Rd)	Reconstruction	STP: \$216,000 \$516,000 Local: \$54,000 \$129,000 Total: \$270,000 \$645,000	-Increase STP (federal) funding & required local match

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

FY	Job no.	Phase	Project Name	Limits	Length	Project Description	Budget	Federal Fund Source	Amendment Type
2021	204744	CON	Norfolk Southern Railway	Jackson St & Mechanic St bridges in Jackson	0.416	Reconstruction of railroad bridges	\$7,247,408 – Fed \$7,247,408 – State \$14,494,816 Total	5337	Year change from 2019 to 2021
2021	208689	CON	I-94BL	Various Trunkline Routes	0.124	HMA Crack Treatment & Overband Crack Fill	\$230,817 – Fed \$51,183 – State \$282,000 Total	ST	Phase Add
2021	129153	CON	I-94E	I-94 at Elm St	1.499	Reconstruct Interchange	\$20,219,063 – Fed \$2,246,562 – State \$22,465,625 Total	IM	Phase Budget over 25%
2023	127621	CON	I-94E	Michigan Ave to M-60	7.583	Reconstruct	\$67,859,916 – Fed \$7,539,991 – State \$75,399,907 Total	IM	Phase Budget over 25%

A motion was made by Ms. Guerriero, supported by Mr. Rand to approve the proposed JCDOT, Village of Brooklyn, and MDOT amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE MDOT STATE TARGETS FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Mr. Davis reported that MDOT has identified the 2019 MDOT Safety Performance Measures. He noted that the baseline fatalities have decreased since MDOT started tracking this data a few years ago. The Jackson MPO, along with all of the other MPOs across the state, have elected to support the statewide safety performance measures for the last several years. Jackson is proposing to continue supporting MDOT's Safety Performance Measures, and will not be coming up with their own, as demonstrated through the resolution that is in front of the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Rand, supported by Vice-Chair Dowling, to approve the Resolution to Support the MDOT State Targets for Safety Performance Measures. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE**

Ms. DeOliveira attended a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) training this summer at the Southeast Michigan Council of Government Offices. The SRTS grant program promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement tools, safety education, and programmatic incentives. Program initiatives improve safety and levels of physical activity for students. Any school with at least one grade in the K-8 grade range, whether public, charter, tribal, or private, may apply.

There are two types of grants available. Mini grants are a great way to ease into the program. The grants allow schools to create programs that educate and encourage students to stay healthy and active, and to reduce traffic around schools. Up to \$5,000 per school is available, and up to \$25,000 per school district. Major grants require an in-depth, collaborative planning process with stakeholders in the local school and across the community. This must be completed before a grant application is submitted. Up to \$200,000 is available per school in infrastructure funds, and up to \$8,000 per school in programming non-infrastructure funds.

JCDOT reported that they will be working on a project at Dibble Elementary School and will be submitting a project application this fall. The City of Jackson Engineering stated that they have submitted a project for Sharp Park Elementary School that has funding approval for 2021.

ITEM 8 **CITY OF JACKSON / JACKSON COUNTY NON-MOTORIZED PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. DeOliveira reported that work continues on the Jackson City + County Non-Motorized Plan. Over the summer, the consultants developed a preliminary draft non-motorized network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities (bike lanes, trails, sidewalk, suggestions, etc.) across the County and within the City. The Project Steering Committee met to review the network before it went out to the public for review to provide input. There are 10 more public meetings to get public input on the draft network that is occurring. The last meeting is later today. There is a project website for those unable to make the meetings. The public comment section of the website will remain open until the end of the month.

ITEM 9 **MDOT – JACKSON TSC TRAFFIC SUMMIT DATES**

Mr. Davis noted that there are three 2019 Traffic Summit meetings, with one occurring in each county within the Region 2 Planning Commission area. The meetings typically last one to two hours. The meeting dates are as follows:

- Jackson County – 10/29/19, Blackman Township Hall, 9:00 AM
- Hillsdale County – 10/30/19, Lewis Emery Park, 9:00 AM
- Lenawee County – 10/31/19, Adrian District Library (Downtown), 10:00 AM

ITEM 10 **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Davis noted that there is an information letter presented on the West Avenue design. Work has continued on this project in case that funding becomes available. Analysis on the project has been worked on for a year. At the last CART meeting this summer, a preferred alternative was selected. There will be more design work that will follow. The letter from MDOT is only informational at this time. A copy of the potential future projects table is listed below.

FY	Job no.	Phase	Project Name	Limits	Length	Project Description	Budget	Federal Fund Source	Amendment Type
2020	208524	PE	I-94W	I-94/US-127 North/West Avenue Interchange	1.845	Freeway Interchange Reconstruction	\$0 – Fed \$175,000 – State \$175,000 – Total	n/a	Phase Add
2020	208524	ROW	I-94W	I-94/US-127 North/West Avenue Interchange	1.845	Freeway Interchange Reconstruction	\$0 – Fed \$150,000 – State \$150,000 – Total	n/a	Phase Add
2020	208524	UTL	I-94W	I-94/US-127 North/West Avenue Interchange	1.845	Freeway Interchange Reconstruction	\$0 – Fed \$75,000 – State \$75,000 – Total	n/a	Phase Add

ITEM 11 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 12 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Davis made a motion to end the meeting, supported by Mr. Rand. The motion carried unanimously. Chair Kline adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.

Tanya DeOliveira
Principal Transportation Planner