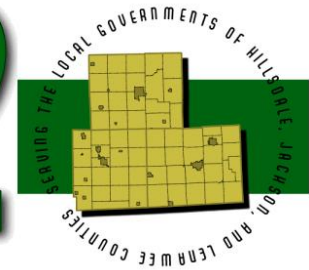


Region 2 Planning Commission



Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

MINUTES

JACTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Members Present: Chad Cumberworth (Alt.), Jackson Area Transportation Authority
Mike Davis (Alt.), MDOT
Jon Dowling, Vice-Chair, City of Jackson – Engineering
Steve Duke, Region 2 Planning Commission
Angie Kline, Chair, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation
Mark Kloha, MDOT – Lansing
Alex Masten, The Enterprise Group
Mike Rand, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation
Jack Ripstra, Blackman Charter Township
Bret Taylor, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation
Troy White, City of Jackson – Engineering
Juan Zapata, Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field

Members Absent: Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson
Andy Pickard, FHWA (Ex-officio)

Others Present: Joe Bentschneider, Jackson County Dept. of Transportation
Tanya DeOliveira, Region 2 Planning Commission
Maria Habba, MDOT-OPT
Kelby Wallace, MDOT – Jackson TSC

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kline called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF 2021 OFFICERS

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, supported by Mr. White, to approve Ms. Angela Kline as Chair. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Chair Kline, supported by Mr. Davis, to approve Mr. Jon Dowling as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Ripstra, supported by Mr. White, to approve the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 16, 2020, and receive the Policy Committee meeting minutes of December 17, 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, Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field, and The Enterprise Group. The following project details were provided:

- City of Jackson – The Elmdale Trail project will not make the February 5 letting. MDOT has asked the City if they would accept a two-week advertisement for the project, however, the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) would not approve a two-week advertisement. MDOT is considering putting the project in a February 12 letting to meet FHWA approval and to still allow the project to move forward in a timely manner.
- Jackson Area Transportation Authority – They are waiting for one of the new van titles to be approved before it can be put into public service. MDOT was awarded the grant for contactless payment, but not JATA. MDOT applied for the grant on behalf of the rural transit agencies across the state.
- Jackson County Department of Transportation – The McCain Road and Robinson Road project should be submitted to MDOT by the end of January. Work continues on the South Dearing Road and McCain Road mini-roundabout project. The roundabout is being designed in-house by JCDOT staff.
- Michigan Department of Transportation – Work continues on the project to install cameras for development of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) along the I-94 and US-127 South corridors. Work on the railroad bridges over Jackson Street and Mechanic Street in downtown Jackson will not begin until late 2021. Most of the work will occur in 2022. A public meeting for the I-94 in Jackson on Lansing Avenue/Elm Road/West Avenue project will be held at the end of March. More information will follow.
- Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field – The old, abandoned runway pavement was removed and will be reused by JCDOT. Activity at the airport is still slow.
- The Enterprise Group – They are awaiting the award of the EDA grant. Alex Masten from The Enterprise Group of Jackson is currently working on amending the Village of Parma Local Development Finance Authority Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Development Plan, which will include road work to Maci Boulevard, if approved.

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

Chair Kline reported that the Jackson County Department of Transportation was requesting the following amendments to the JACTS FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

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 Vice-Chair Dowling, supported by Mr. Duke, to approve the proposed JCDOT and MDOT amendments as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Davis stated that the MDOT State Targets for Bridge Conditions needs updating, and that they are required to be submitted to MDOT by March 31, 2021. Bridge condition is one of the national Federal highway program performance goals that were established by Congress. 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 many of the other state MPOs have done.

A motion was made by Mr. Duke, supported by Mr. Ripstra, 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 and transit projects that received federal funding. The report fulfills a federal requirement that each metropolitan planning organization needs to meet.

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

Ms. DeOliveira provided a brief presentation on Incorporating On-Road Bicycle Networks into Resurfacing Projects FHWA guide. Since the Jackson City + County Non-Motorized Plan has been adopted by Jackson County, the City of Jackson, and numerous townships and villages, reviewing this guide will help bring awareness to current FHWA recommendations, standards, and guidance in how resurfacing road projects can be expanded to include the construction of bikeways. The guide includes recommended resurfacing project process timelines, methods for including bikeways into projects, and cost and material considerations for adding bikeways into resurfacing projects.

ITEM 10 **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was reported.

ITEM 11 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 12 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Kline adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Tanya DeOliveira
Transportation Planner