

MINUTES

JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

Jackson County Tower Building
 120 W. Michigan Ave. – 5th Floor
 Jackson, MI 49201

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Voting Members			
Agency	Name	Member	Alternate
Blackman Township	Pete Jancek (VC)	✓	
City of Jackson	Jonathan Greene	✓	
	Laura Schlecte	✓	
Jackson Co. Airport	John Feldvary	X	
Jackson Co. Commissioners	James Shotwell (C)	✓	
JACTS TAC	Jon Dowling		✓
JATA	Ryan Smith		✓
JCDOT	Mike Overton	✓	
Leoni Township	Howard Linnabary	X	
MDOT	Jeff Franklin	✓	
Napoleon Township	Dan Gallagher	X	
R2PC Full Board	Tony Bair	✓	
Sandstone Township	Keith Acker	X	
Spring Arbor Township	David Herlein	✓	
Summit Township	Mike Trudell	X	
Others Present			
Agency / Member of Public	Name		
MDOT – Jackson TSC	Kelby Wallace		
MDOT – Lansing	Daniela Khavajian		
JCDOT	Charlie Brinner		
JCDOT	Bret Taylor		
JCDOT	Jim Cole		
R2PC	Anton Schauerte		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jancek called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

3. APPROVAL OF 7/21/22 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND RECEIVAL OF 7/20/22 TAC MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bair, supported by Mr. Herlein, to approve the 7/21/22 Policy meeting minutes and to receive the 7/20/22 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting minutes, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4.A. AGENCY STATUS REPORTS

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

5.A. NFC RECLASSIFICATION OF MONROE STREET / MONROE PIKE AND BLACKMAN ROAD

Mr. Schauerte outlined that in December 2021, both the JACTS TAC and Policy Committee approved the update of Monroe Street (between M-124 and Brooklyn Village Limit) and Monroe Pike (between Brooklyn Village Limit and M-50) from a National Functional Classification (NFC) -7 (Local) designation to an NFC-6 (Minor Collector) designation. However, in May 2022, both the Village of Brooklyn and JCDOT indicated that NFC-5 (Major Collector) would be a more appropriate designation than NFC-6. Due to MDOT having already granted preliminary concurrence for the NFC-5 designation, JCDOT, the Village of Brooklyn, and JACTS/R2PC need to take formal action to approve the NFC-5 classification.

Mr. Schauerte also stated that JCDOT requested R2PC review a separate NFC reclassification for Blackman Road (between Springport Road and County Farm Road) from an NFC-7 to an NFC-5. R2PC staff reviewed FHWA NFC guidelines and concurred that an NFC-5 designation would be appropriate.

A motion was made by Ms. Schlecte, supported by Chair Shotwell, to approve the NFC reclassifications of both Monroe Street / Monroe Pike and Blackman Road to an NFC-5. The motion carried unanimously.

5.B. SOCIO-ECONOMIC FORECASTS FOR THE 2050 LRTP TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MODEL (TDM)

Ms. Khavajian gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed forecasts of the number of households, population, and employment by jurisdiction in Jackson County for the years of 2025, 2030, 2040 and 2050.

Mr. Bair asked the reason the City of Jackson had an increasing number of employment but a decreasing number of population. Ms. Khavajian stated this was due to trends that show people are willing to live further from their jobs, due to the ability to work remotely, or only being required to come to the building their job is in fewer days per week than previously. Another reason for this trend is that there is a decrease in the number of people per households. There was a discussion that followed about information included in the PowerPoint presentation.

A motion was made by Mr. Bair, supported by Ms. Schlecte, to approve the socio-economic forecasts as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Schauerte indicated that the JACTS TAC bylaws were discussed during the 9/14/22 TAC meeting. Mr. Schauerte provided a paper copy of the Policy Committee bylaws to the Policy Committee at the 9/15/22 meeting in case not every committee member had a copy.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Jancek adjourned the meeting at 9:23 AM.

Anton Schauerte
Principal Transportation Planner
9/21/22