

# Region 2 PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MEETING MINUTES

**Region 2 Planning Commission – Executive Committee**  
Jackson County Tower Bldg.  
120 W. Michigan Ave.  
Jackson, MI 49201

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Jancek called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. A quorum was present.

Attendance:

✓ Bair	Gaede	✓ Overton	Smith
✓ Beeker	✓ Gould	✓ Penrose	✓ Southworth
✓ Donaldson	Greene	✓ Schlecte	✓ Swartzlander
Duckham	✓ Havican	✓ Shotwell	✓ Tillotson
✓ Elwell	✓ Jancek	✓ Sigers	✓ Witt

**Key: ✓ = present**

Staff Present: Brett Gatz, Jacob Hurt, Jill Liogghio, Zack Smith

Others Present: Jeff Mitchell, Springport Twp.; Pat O'Dowd, JATA; Andrea Strach, MDOT; Bret Taylor, JCDOT

- II. **Approval of the June 8, 2023 Agenda** – Chair Jancek suggested amending the agenda to reflect Andy Penrose being added to the Executive Committee as an at-large representative. The motion was made by Comm. Shotwell, supported by Comm. Swartzlander, to approve the June 8, 2023 agenda with amendment. The motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment** – Chair Jancek requested public comment. There was no public comment.
- IV. **Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2023** – The motion was made by Comm. Overton, supported by Comm. Elwell, to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of April 13, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

- V. Receipt of Treasurer’s Report of June 8, 2023** – A motion was made by Comm. Penrose, and supported by Comm. Elwell, to receive the June 8, 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Approval of June 8, 2023 Submitted Bills** – A motion was made by Comm. Bair, supported by Comm. Tillotson, to approve payment of the June 8, 2023 submitted bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Staff Progress Report for May 2023** – The May 2023 staff progress report was included in the agenda packet and highlights presented by Mr. Hurt.
- VIII. Approval of Amendments to the JACTS FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – The following amendments to the JACTS FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were submitted by the Jackson County Department of Transportation:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Job no.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Action</u>
2023	TBD	Countywide Pavement Markings	Countywide Federal Aid Eligible Rural Roads	Pavement Markings	\$176,107 RTF <b>Total \$176,107</b>	Add Project
2023	TBD	Blackman Road	Leora Lane to County Farm Rd.	Force Account PM Overlay	\$94,000 RTF HIP-CRRSAA <b>Total \$94,000</b>	Add Project
2023	TBD	Dettman Road	Gregory Rd., to Blake Rd.	Force Account PM Overlay	\$94,000 MPO HIP-CRRSAA <b>Total \$94,000</b>	Add Project
2023	TBD	Main St. and Coon Hill Road	Kennedy Rd. to M-106	Force Account PM Overlay	\$94,000 RTF HIP-CRRSAA <b>Total \$94,000</b>	Add Project

The motion was made by Comm. Shotwell, supported by Comm. Schlecte to approve the TIP amendments presented by the Jackson County Department of Transportation. The motion carried unanimously.

The following amendment to the JACTS FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Job no.</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Federal Budget</u>	<u>State Budget</u>	<u>FFS</u>	<u>Total Phase Cost</u>	<u>Amendment Type</u>
2025	209481	CON	US-127 S	US-127 from I-94 to M-50	6.86	Freeway Signing Upgrades	\$2,242,500	\$0	NHG	\$2,242,500	Budget

The motion was made by Comm. Schlecte, supported by Comm. Bair, to approve the TIP amendment presented by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The motion carried 15 – 1, with Comm. Elwell dissenting.

- IX. Approval of FY 2024 Urban Transportation Unified Work Program (UWP)** – The motion was made by Comm. Elwell, supported by Comm. Bair to approve the FY 2024 UWP with changes to the “*Federal Highway Administration / Federal Transit Administration Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)*” discussed at the meeting. The motion carried 14 – 1, with Comm. Schlecte dissenting.

Comm. Bair made a motion that item 1 “*Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy Resilient Future*” under the section Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration PEAs be removed from the document. Comm. Elwell supported the motion.

Comm. Elwell made a motion to eliminate item 2 “*Equity and Justice40 in Transportation Planning*” under the section Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration PEAs. Comm. Tillotson supported the motion.

Two roll call votes were made regarding the removal of items 1 and 2 under the section Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration PEAs from the FY 2024 UWP.

The results of Roll Call #1 included those in favor of removing paragraph 1: Bair, Elwell, Gould, Havican, Jancek, Overton, Penrose, Sigers, Tillotson, and Witt. Those who were NOT in favor of removing paragraph 1 included Beeker, Donaldson, Schlecte, Southworth, and Swartzlander.

The results of Roll Call #2 included those in favor of removing paragraph 2: Bair, Beeker, Donaldson, Elwell, Gould, Havican, Jancek, Overton, Penrose, Sigers, Southworth, Tillotson, and Witt. Those who were NOT in favor of removing paragraph 2 included Schlecte and Swartzlander.

- X. Approval of Staff Travel to Michigan Economic Developers Association Annual Meeting** – The motion was made by Comm. Schlecte, supported by Comm. Bair to approve staff travel to the MEDA Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- XI. IMBA Trail Labs Foundation Workshop Follow Up** – Mr. Hurt provided a memo detailing key takeaways from the IMBA Trail Labs Foundation Workshop he attended April 5-7, 2023.
- XII. Other Business** – None.
- XIII. Public Comment / Commissioners' Comments** – Chair Jancek mentioned I-94/127 project is almost complete. Comm. Penrose would like everyone to wear name tags and would like someone to look at other options for the R2PC offices due to the rent expense at the Jackson County Tower Bldg. Comm. O'Dowd asked for a correction on the FY 2024 UWP to reflect Michael Brown as the voting member on the JACTS Policy Committee.
- XIV. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Chair Jancek adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Alan Beeker  
Secretary