

Region 2 PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

Region 2 Planning Commission – Executive Committee
Hillsdale City Hall
97 N. Broad Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Thursday, August 10, 2023

- I. **Call to Order** – Vice-Chair Witt 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 Franklin, MDOT; Andy Pickard, FHWA; Don Mayle, MDOT; David Saenz, Concord Twp.; Andrea Strach, MDOT; Angie Kline, JCDOT; Bret Taylor, JCDOT

- II. **Approval of the August 10, 2023 Agenda** – The motion was made by Comm. Smith, supported by Comm. Duckham, to approve the August 10, 2023 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment** – Vice-Chair Witt requested public comment. There was no public comment. Comm. Penrose clarified the correct wording of the Pledge of Allegiance. Comm. Bair stated that the flag placement was incorrect and should be to the right of the Vice-Chair instead of on the left side.
- IV. **Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2023** – The motion was made by Comm. Shotwell, supported by Comm. Smith, to approve the Executive

Committee meeting minutes of June 8, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

- V. Receipt of Treasurer’s Report of August 10, 2023** – A motion was made by Comm. Smith, and supported by Comm. Swartzlander, to receive the August 10, 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Approval of August 10, 2023 Submitted Bills** – A motion was made by Comm. Duckham supported by Comm. Smith, to approve payment of the August 10, 2023 submitted bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Staff Progress Report for July 2023** – The July 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 Area Transportation Authority:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Job No.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Primary Work Type</u>	<u>Proj. Description</u>	<u>Federal Cost</u>	<u>Federal Funding Source</u>	<u>State Cost</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
2023	216554	E. High Street	3000 Operating Assistance	FY – 2023 Operating	\$1,590,096	5307	\$1,590,096	\$3,298,665
2023	216555	E. High Street	SP 1809-Safety	FY -2023 Safety	\$17,258	5307	\$4,315	\$21,573
2023	213005	Transit Capital	SP 1203-Facility Improvements	FY – 5339 CTF Bus & Bus Facilities	\$110,675	5339	\$27,669	\$138,344

The motion was made by Comm. Duckham, supported by Comm. Smith to approve the TIP amendments presented by the Jackson Area Transportation Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

- IX. Approval of FY 2024 Urban Transportation Unified Work Program (UWP)** – The motion was made by Comm. Smith, supported by Comm. Greene to approve the FY 2024 UWP.

Discussion ensued regarding the insertion of a paragraph describing the R2PC Executive Committee action taken at its June 8, 2023 meeting regarding the FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas, “Tackling Climate Change” and “Equity and Justice 40.” Representatives of MDOT and FHWA addressed the Executive Committee describing potential outcomes should the UWP not be approved as presented.

Roll call vote was made and those in FAVOR of approving the FY 2024 UWP included Beeker, Greene, Overton, Shotwell, Smith, Swartzlander, and Witt.

Those NOT IN FAVOR of approving the FY 2024 UWP included Bair, Duckham, Elwell, Penrose, and Tillotson.

Motion carried 7 – 5.

- X. Other Business** – None.
- XI. Public Comment / Commissioners’ Comments** – No public comment.
- XII. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Vice-Chair Witt adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Alan Beeker
Secretary