

Region 2 PLANNING COMMISSION

Serving Hillsdale, Jackson & Lenawee Counties

MEETING MINUTES - Revised

Region 2 Planning Commission - Full Commission
Jackson County Tower Bldg.
120 W. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, MI 49201

Thursday, March 9, 2023

I. **Call to Order** – Chair Jancek called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. A quorum was present.

Attendance:

Acker	Dillon	Johnson	Shaw
Adams	Donaldson (E)	Kastel	Shotwell (E)
Andrews	Duckham (E)	Keener	✓ Sigers (E)
✓ Bair (E)	✓ Elwell (E)	Keller	✓ Smith (E)
Beach	Everidge	Koehn	✓ Snell
Beecher	Gaede (E)	Lammers	✓ Southworth (E)
✓ Beeker (E)	Gallagher	Lance	Sutherland
Blythe	Gentner	Linnabary	Swartzlander (E)
Boggs	Gould, J.	Miller	Teriaco
Bolton	✓ Gould, L. (E)	Minnick, Jr.	✓ Tillotson (E)
Bush	Greene (E)	Mitchell	Todd
✓ Bussell	Greenleaf	Montrief	✓ VanDoren
✓ Calendar	Griffin	Navarro	Votzke
Camacho	Gross	Nickel	Webb
Chamberlain	✓ Havican (E)	✓ Overton (E)	Weir
Collins	Hawkins	✓ Penrose	Williams
Cornish	✓ Hawley	✓ Peters	Willis
Cousino	Heath	Pixley	Wilson
Cure	Herlein	Root	Witt (E)
Cure	✓ Jancek (E)	Saenz	Wittenbach (E)
David	Jennings	✓ Schlecte (E)	

Key: ✓ = present (E) = Executive Committee member

Staff Present: Jacob Hurt, Jill Liogghio, Zack Smith

Others Present: Jeff Franklin, MDOT; Alex Masten, Enterprise Group; Andrea Strach, MDOT

II. **Approval of the March 9, 2023 Agenda** – The motion was made by Comm. Tillotson, supported by Comm. Snell, to approve the March 9, 2023 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- III. **Public Comment** – Chair Jancek requested public comment. There was no public comment.
- IV. **Approval of the Full Commission Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2023** – Comm. Bussell stated he was in attendance at the January 12, 2023 R2PC meeting. The motion was made by Comm. Bair, supported by Comm. Snell, to approve the Full Commission meeting minutes of January 12, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Action Taken at the February 9, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting** – The motion was made by Comm. Bair, supported by Comm. Snell, to approve the action taken at the February 9, 2023 Executive Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Receipt of Treasurer’s Report of February 28, 2023** – A motion was made by Comm. Snell, and supported by Comm. Schlecte, to receive the February 28, 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. **Approval of March 9, 2023 Submitted Bills** – A motion was made by Comm. Bair, supported by Comm. Snell, to approve payment of the March 9, 2023 submitted bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Staff Progress Report for February 2023** – The February 2023 staff progress report was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Hurt presented highlights from the staff progress report for the month of February.
- IX. **Targets for 2023 Safety Performances Measures Resolution Adoption** – Four resolutions were discussed for calendar year 2023. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) continues to require that States, MPOs, and operators of public transportation establish targets in specific national performance areas. MPOs may support the state targets for the performance measures and/or establish specific numeric targets on their own. MPOs will not be penalized if MDOT does not meet any of their performance measure targets. Region 2 Planning Commission staff recommends that the Region 2 Planning Commission, acting as the MPO, agrees to support MDOT’s Bridge Condition Performance Measure Targets; Pavement Conditions Performance Measure Targets; Safety Performance Measure Targets; and System Reliability Performance Measure Targets for Calendar Year 2023 by passing the attached resolutions.

MDOT State Targets for Bridge Condition Performance Measures: 1) Percent National Highway System (NHS) Deck area in Good Condition (15.2%); 2) Percent NHS Deck Area in Poor Condition (6.8%).

MDOT State Targets for Pavement Conditions Performance Measures: 1) Percent of Interstate Pavement in Good Condition (59.2%); 2) Percent of Interstate Pavement in Poor Condition (5.0%); 3) Percent of Non-Interstate NHS Pavement in Good Condition (33.1%); 4) Percent of Non-Interstate NHS Pavement in Poor Condition (10.0%).

MDOT State Targets for Safety Performance Measures: 1) Number of Fatalities (1,105.6); 2) Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) (1.136); 3) Number of Serious Injuries (5,909.2); 4) Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT (6.058); 5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries (743.4).

MDOT State Targets for System Reliability Performance Measures: 1) Level of Travel Time Reliability of the Interstate (80%); 2) Level of Travel Time Reliability of the Non-Interstate NHS (75%); 3) Freight Reliability Measure on the Interstate (1.60).

Questions were raised by Comm. Penrose, asking if these performance measures involved railroads. Comm. Gould asked if the measures pertained only to trunkline roads. Motion was made by Comm. Schlecte, supported by Comm. Snell to adopt all four resolutions. The motion carried unanimously.

- X. Appointment of the 2023 R2PC Personnel and Finance Committee** – Mr. Hurt reported that at the March R2PC Full Commission meeting, that the Personnel and Finance Committee is annually appointed. No nominations were made, therefore, it was decided to retain the current Personnel and Finance Committee. The 2023 Personnel and Finance Committee members include Tony Bair, Roger Gaede, Pete Jancek, Mike Overton, and Ralph Tillotson. Motion was made by Comm. Snell, supported by Comm. Bair. The motion carried unanimously.
- XI. Approval of Lease Renewal with Jackson County** – Motion was made by Comm. Elwell, supported by Comm. Bair to approve renewal of the office space lease with Jackson County for five years with an automatic five-year extension. The motion carried unanimously.
- XII. Other Business** – Mr. Hurt explained that included in the packet was information regarding R2PC sponsorship of the Jackson Hot Air Jubilee. Concern was raised regarding establishing a precedent with future sponsorship requests.
- XIII. Public Comment / Commissioners' Comments** – Comm. Elwell discussed a signing project in Blackman Township where sign posts were being replaced. Andrea Strach, MDOT, explained that the steel posts and wood posts degrade more quickly underground that appear from the surface, especially with salt from the roadway. MDOT does not want to wait until they may fail. Some warning signs and other signs may need to be moved due to standards that have changed since installation. It is more cost effective to replace both the sign and posts at the same time versus paying to install new signs on existing posts, and then within 5-10 years, pay to take the signs down again, replace the posts and reinstall the signs again.
- XIV. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Chair Jancek adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Alan Beeker
Secretary