



Regional Planning, Research & Advisory Services

## MINUTES

### JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

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

**Thursday, August 15, 2024**

**Members Present:** Heather Bowden, MDOT – Statewide Planning  
Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson  
David Herlein, Spring Arbor Township  
Pete Jancek, Blackman Charter Township (Vice-Chair)  
Mike Jester, Leoni Township  
Angela Kline, JACTS TAC  
Patrick O’Dowd, JATA (Alt.)  
Mike Overton, JCDOT  
Tim Pickett, City of Jackson  
Margie Walz, R2PC Executive Committee

**Members Absent:** Michael Brown, JATA  
Cameron Carr, Jackson County Airport Board  
Dan Gallagher, Napoleon Township  
James Shotwell, Jackson County Board of Commissioners (Chair)  
Mike Trudell, Summit Township

**Others Present:** Charlie Briner, JCDOT  
Brett Gatz, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Jill Liogghio, Region 2 Planning Commission  
Andrea Strach, MDOT – University Region  
Kelby Wallace, MDOT – Jackson TSC  
Troy White, City of Jackson

**ITEM 1**            **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Jancek called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

**ITEM 2**            **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

**ITEM 3**            **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 18, 2024 AND  
RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2024**

A motion was made by Mr. Herlein, supported by Ms. Walz, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of July 18, 2024, and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 17, 2024, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4**            **AGENCY STATUS REPORTS**

Project status updates were presented by the City of Jackson (Mr. White), Jackson Area Transportation Authority (Mr. O'Dowd), Jackson County Department of Transportation (Mr. Briner), and Michigan Department of Transportation (Mr. Wallace).

**ITEM 5**            **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 presented to the committee:

- Jackson Area Transportation Authority
  - Funding adjustment for a county wide Transit Operating project for FY25, estimated at \$86,216.
  - Addition of an area wide Van Replacement project for FY24, estimated at \$125,000.
- Jackson County Department of Transportation
  - Funding adjustment for a Traffic Safety project on Horton Rd for FY26, estimated at \$295,465.
  - Deletion of a countywide Road Safety Audit project for FY24, estimated at \$20,000.
- Michigan Department of Transportation
  - Funding adjustment for a region wide Traffic Safety project for FY25, estimated at \$2,880.

A motion was made by Mr. Overton, supported by Mr. Jester, to approve the amendments to the JACTS FY 2023-2026 TIP as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7**            **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Ms. Strach talked about the MDOT – University Region Active Transportation Plan and how a public meeting for Jackson is planned for October.
- Vice-Chair Jancek talked about business professionals in town for the NASCAR race who will be looking at the new Jackson Business Park.

**ITEM 8**            **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

**ITEM 9**            **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Jancek adjourned the meeting at 8:23 a.m.

Brett Gatz, Recording Secretary  
Region 2 Planning Commission