



Regional Planning, Research & Advisory Services

MINUTES

REGION 2 RURAL TASK FORCE

Jackson County Tower Building
120 W. Michigan Ave. – 17th Floor
Jackson, MI 49201

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Members Present:

Hillsdale County

Heather Boyd, HCRC*
Kym Blythe, City of Reading

Jackson County

Angela Kline, JCDOT (Vice-Chair)
Patrick O’Dowd, JATA*
Matt Swartzlander, Village of Brooklyn

Lenawee County

Scott Merillat, LCRC (Chair)
Kate Daisher, LPTA

Others Present:

Brian Stark, MDOT – RTF Program Manager*
Charlie Briner, JCDOT
Robert Caldwell, JCDOT
Jim Cole, JCDOT
Brett Gatz, Region 2 Planning Commission
Jill Liogghio, Region 2 Planning Commission

*Attended the meeting virtually

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Merillat called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Introductions were done by the committee.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 2024 FULL REGION 2 RURAL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Swartzlander, supported by Ms. Kline, to approve the Full Region 2 Rural Task Force meeting minutes of January 17, 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4 **RURAL TASK FORCE UPDATE FROM MDOT**

An update about the statewide Rural Task Force Program was given by Mr. Stark.

ITEM 5 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FY 2024-2026 AMENDMENTS**

The following amendments were submitted by the Jackson County Department of Transportation:

- Addition of a Chip Seal project on E. Michigan Ave for FY24, estimated at \$93,999.
- Addition of a Spot Paving and Chip Seal project on Lansing Ave for FY24, estimated at \$93,999.
- Addition of a Chip Seal project on Pulaski Rd for FY24, estimated at \$93,999.

A motion was made by Ms. Daisher, supported by Ms. Blythe, to approve the amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The following amendment was submitted by the Lenawee Public Transportation Authority:

- Addition of a project to replace windows within the facility for FY24.

A motion was made by Ms. Daisher, supported by Ms. Kline, to approve the amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 **REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF BALANCE SHEET AND FY 2024-2026 PROJECTS**

The balance sheet and current projects were reviewed by each agency.

- Hillsdale County
 - HCRC adjusted the funds on JN 212353 for FY24. Local funds were increased from \$71,465.87 to \$193,816.87.
- Jackson County
 - JCDOT adjusted the funds on JN 216522 for FY24. STP funds were increased from \$749,550 to \$925,657, TEDF-D funds were decreased from \$379,565.83 to \$350,939.14, and Local funds were decreased from \$139,100 to \$0.
 - JCDOT removed all funds from JN 211703 and moved it to FY26.
- No changes were made to Lenawee County projects.

A motion was made by Ms. Kline, seconded by Ms. Daisher, to approve the project and budget changes for FY 2024-2026. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 **CHANGES TO ALL-SEASON NETWORK**

HCRC requested to make Camden Road from M-99 to US-127 an all-season road.

ITEM 8 **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was received.

ITEM 9 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 10

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Merillat entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. A motion was made by Ms. Kline, seconded by Mr. Swartzlander, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Brett Gatz, Recording Secretary
Region 2 Planning Commission