

MINUTES

JACTS POLICY COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Members Present: Heather Bowden, MDOT – Statewide Planning
Hunter Causie, JATA (Alt.)
Pete Jancek, Blackman Charter Township (Vice-Chair)
David Herlein, Spring Arbor Township
Mike Jester, Leoni Township
Mike Overton, JCDOT
James Shotwell, Jackson County Board of Commissioners (Chair)
Margie Walz, R2PC Executive Committee
Troy White, JACTS TAC

Members Absent: Michael Brown, JATA
Cameron Carr, Jackson County Airport Board
Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson
Angela Kline, JACTS TAC
Tim Pickett, City of Jackson
Mike Trudell, Summit Township
Dan Wymer, Napoleon Township

Others Present: Tina Beagle, Public
Charlie Briner, JCDOT
Brett Gatz, Region 2 Planning Commission
Keith Gillenwater, Accelerate Jackson County
Jacob Hurt, Region 2 Planning Commission
Kelby Wallace, MDOT – Jackson TSC

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 APRIL 17, 2025 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2025**

A motion was made by Mr. Jancek, supported by Mr. Herlein, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of April 17, 2025, and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 9, 2025, 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. Causie), Jackson County Department of Transportation (Mr. Briner), Michigan Department of Transportation (Mr. Wallace), and Accelerate Jackson County (Mr. Gillenwater).

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:

FY	Job #/ Phase	Agency	Project Name	Work Type	Federal Amount	State Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount	Amendment Type
2025	216493 NI	JATA	Transit Capital	Van Replacement	\$52,000	\$13,000	\$0	\$65,000	Phase Suspended
2026	216525 CON	JCDOT	Shirley Dr., E. Ganson St., and S. Portage Rd.	Mill, Wedge and Overlay	\$782,600	\$0	\$242,400	\$1,025,000	Phase Budget equal or over 24%
2026	216636 CON	JCDOT	Page/Watts and Page/ Falahee	Signal Modernization	\$382,000	\$0	\$68,000	\$450,000	Funding Adjustment
2025	224574 CON	MDOT	I-94 W	Bridge Rehabilitation	\$0	\$2,237,836	\$0	\$2,237,836	Phase Abandoned

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

ITEM 6 **APPROVAL OF THE JACTS FY 2026 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Mr. Jancek, supported by Mr. Shotwell, to approve the JACTS FY 2026 Unified Work Program. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 **REVIEW OF JACTS FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PUBLIC COMMENT DRAFT**

A memo about public comment opportunity for the FY 2026-2029 TIP document was in the packet. Mr. Gatz asked for feedback on the document from committee members or members of the public if present. Ms. Beagle requested that R2PC finds more ways to spread the word about public comment opportunity. Mr. Jancek said that forwarding the memo to school superintendents is a good way to help inform the community.

ITEM 8 **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Bowden informed the committee about public comment opportunity for the MDOT Draft FY 2026-2029 STIP. A memo was provided in the packet. Mr. Shotwell asked about how people can propose projects for the STIP. Ms. Bowden stated that they can do so at the JACTS or RTF meetings.

ITEM 9

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Beagle said that a distracted driver awareness billboard has been put up on US-127. She requested that more signs be put up around the area by local agencies. She also informed the committee that Carefree Rd and Blackman Rd are both in poor condition.

ITEM 10

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Jancek adjourned the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

Brett Gatz, Recording Secretary
Region 2 Planning Commission