Region 2 PLANNING COMMISSION
Serving Hillsdale, Jackson & Lenawee Counties

JACKSON AREA COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JACTS)
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 2026 / 8:00 AM
Jackson County Tower Building / 5th Floor / 120 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201

AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Introductions

2. Public Comment

3. Approve Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 17, 2026, and Receive the Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of September 9, 2026 (see enclosures) – **ACTION**

4. Agency Status Reports – **DISCUSSION**
   - City of Jackson (enclosed)
   - Jackson Area Transportation Authority (enclosed)
   - Jackson County Department of Transportation (enclosed)
   - Michigan Department of Transportation (enclosed)
   - Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field (enclosed)
   - Accelerate Jackson County (https://acceleratejacksoncounty.org)

5. Approval of Amendments to the JACTS FY 2026–2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (see enclosure) – **ACTION**
   - City of Jackson (1)
   - Michigan Department of Transportation (2)

6. Other Business

7. Public Comment

8. Adjournment

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MINUTES

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

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Members Present: Hunter Causie, JATA (Alt.)
David Herlein, Spring Arbor Township
Pete Jancek, Blackman Charter Township (Vice-Chair)
Mike Overton, JCDOT
Tim Pickett, City of Jackson
James Shotwell, Jackson Co. Board of Commissioners (Chair)
Mike Trudell, Summit Township
Margie Walz, R2PC Executive Committee
Troy White, JACTS TAC (Alt.)

Members Absent: Michael Brown, JATA
Cameron Carr, Jackson County Airport Board
Jonathan Greene, City of Jackson
Mike Jester, Leoni Township
Angela Kline, JACTS TAC
Lane Masoud, MDOT – Statewide Planning
Dan Wymer, Napoleon Township

Others Present: Charlie Briner, JCDOT
Brett Gatz, Region 2 Planning Commission
Andrea Strach, MDOT – University Region

ITEM 1 **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Jancek called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 AUGUST 20, 2026 AND RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2026**

A motion was made by Mr. Herlein, supported by Ms. Walz, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes of August 20, 2026, and receive the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of August 12, 2026, 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), and Michigan Department of Transportation (Ms. Strach).

ITEM 5 **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE JACTS FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

The following amendments to the JACTS FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were presented to the committee:

FY	Job #/ Phase	Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Federal Budget	State Budget	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	Amendment Type
2027	224332	City of Jackson	Morrell Street	Reconstruction	$879,200	$0	$1,041,800	$1,921,000	Phase Budget
2028	224336	City of Jackson	Morrell Street	Reconstruction	$532,000	$0	$630,000	$1,162,000	Phase Budget
2028	227447	Jackson County	Countywide	Horizontal curve signing	$315,990	$0	$35,110	$351,100	Phase Add
2028	227466	Jackson County	Countywide	Tree removals, signing and pavement markings	$664,595	$0	$73,844	$923,049	Phase Add
2028	227468	Jackson County	Dixon Rd and Howard Rd	Tree removals, signing and pavement markings	$366,630	$0	$40,737	$407,367	Phase Add
2028	227473	Jackson County	Carter Rd	Tree removals, signing and pavement markings	$131,370	$0	$14,597	$145,967	Phase Add
2027	217614	MDOT	M-106	HMA cold milling with single course HMA overlay w/ ADA ramp upgrades	$656,438	$145,564	$0	$802,000	Construction Length
2027	227495	MDOT	M-50	Intersection improvement including new signal and sidewalk	$327,400	$72,600	$0	$400,000	Phase Add
2028	227495	MDOT	M-50	Intersection improvement including new signal and sidewalk	$122,775	$27,225	$0	$150,000	Phase Add
2028	227495	MDOT	M-50	Intersection improvement including new signal and	$8,185	$1,815	$0	$10,000	Phase Add

				sidewalk					
2029	227495	MDOT	M-50	Intersection improvement including new signal and sidewalk	$1,418,859	$314,628	$0	$1,733,487	Phase Add

A motion was made by Mr. Shotwell, supported by Ms. Walz, to approve the amendments to the JACTS FY 2026-2029 TIP as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA**

Mr. Gatz said that no corrections or comments were made on the socio-economic data that was distributed to the local governments. A motion was made by Ms. Walz, supported by Mr. Herlein, to approve the travel demand model socio-economic data. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was presented.

ITEM 8 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 9 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Jancek adjourned the meeting at 8:18 a.m.

Brett Gatz, Recording Secretary
Region 2 Planning Commission

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MINUTES

JACTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Jackson City Hall
161 W. Michigan Ave. – 10th Floor
Jackson, MI 49201

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Members Present: Charlie Briner, JCDOT
Robert Caldwell, JCDOT
Hunter Causie, JATA
Jeff Crow, City of Jackson
Brett Gatz, Region 2 Planning Commission
Mark Kloha, MDOT – Statewide Planning
Jack Ripstra, Local Government Representative
Andrea Strach, MDOT – University Region
Kelby Wallace, MDOT – Jackson TSC
Troy White, City of Jackson (Vice-Chair)

Members Absent: Angela Kline, JCDOT (Chair)
Tim Pickett, City of Jackson
Juan Zapata, Jackson County Airport

Others Present: Daniela Khavajian, MDOT – Urban Travel Analysis

ITEM 1 **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair White called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

ITEM 2 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 3 **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2026 AND RECEIVE THE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2026**

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A motion was made by Mr. Briner, supported by Mr. Ripstra, to approve the amendments to the JACTS FY 2026-2029 TIP. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA**

Ms. Khavajian said that no corrections or comments were made on the socio-economic data that was presented to the TAC last month. A motion was made by Mr. Briner, supported by Mr. Wallace, to approve the travel demand model socio-economic data. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was presented.

ITEM 8 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 9 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice-Chair White adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Brett Gatz, Recording Secretary
Region 2 Planning Commission

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To: JACTS Technical Advisory and Policy Committees
Date: September 24, 2026
From: Troy R. White, P.E.
Subject: TIP Project Status

2025

220138 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.: South St to Morrell (MLK Corridor RAISE Grant): Reconstruct roadway with reduction from three lanes to two lanes with parking on both sides and multi-use path on west side. Consulting engineering by Hubble, Roth & Clark (HRC). Contractor is Bailey Excavating. Phase 1 (High to Morrell) is substantially complete. Phase 2 (South to High) construction commenced March 2026. **Underground utility work is substantially complete with last time-ins being finished. Concrete curb and gutter is substantially complete. Current focus is concrete driveways, ramps and sidewalks.**

2027

224332 Morrell Street, Brown to Bowen: Full-depth pavement reconstruction with ramp upgrades and sidewalk and curb repairs as needed. Bundled with 224335 below. Consulting engineering by Hubble, Roth & Clark (HRC). 01-07-27 letting is the goal. **Temporary grading permits for ADA sidewalk upgrades at a couple of drives will be pursued once NEPA is approved.**

224335 Morrell Street Signal at Fourth: traffic signal modernization. Bundled with 224332 above.

224847 Eastside Commerce Corridor: Project includes: 1) street reconstruction on Washington (Cooper to Elm), 2) traffic signal modernization at Elm and Page and 3) pavement milling and resurfacing on Elm (Washington to Page) and on Page Ave (Elm to City Limits). Consulting engineering by Hubble, Roth & Clark (HRC). Grade Inspection held 07-23-26. The project is currently scheduled for December 2026 letting. FHWA/MDOT LAP three-party agreement review by BUILD Program Office is ongoing. **No progress to report.**

225627 Ganson Street Corridor Safety Enhancements: Traffic signal modernization at Ganson-Waterloo and signing and pavement markings. Consulting engineering by Hubble, Roth & Clark (HRC). NEPA and Section 106 documents have been submitted. Construction: April 17, 2027 - September 15, 2027 (open to traffic July 14). Grade inspection held on 09-01-26. **Proposal preparation is ongoing.**

2028

224336 Morrell Street, Bowen to West Avenue: Full-depth pavement reconstruction with ramp upgrades and sidewalk and curb repairs as needed. Engineering contract has been awarded to Hubble, Roth & Clark (HRC). Design is in progress.

2029

226955 Blackstone Street & Lansing Avenue, VanBuren to north City Limits: Mill and resurface pavement with ramp upgrades and sidewalk and curb repairs as needed.

226956 Wisner Street, Ganson to North: Mill and resurface pavement with ramp upgrades and sidewalk and curb repairs as needed.

Jackson Area Transportation Authority

JACTS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PROJECT REPORT

October 2026

- Project(s) Status
  a. **Job #216539 (MI-2026-001-00/)**
  Bus Shelter(s) Rehab/Replacement
  - Selected Brasco for 15 replacement Shelters across the City; Expected Late January

  b. **Job #216538 (MI-2026-001-00/)**
  Transfer Center Rehabilitation Project
  - Selected Armstrong Building Services (Anticipated to be complete by end of 2026)

  c. **Job #220815 (MI-2026-001-00/)**
  FY23 & FY24 *CRP Funds Minivan Replacements*
  Anticipated Early November 2026 RFQ(s)

  d. **Job #212963 (MI-2022-046-01-P3 / 25-2022-046-P3-1)**
  Parking Lot Lights, Drive On Lift Rehab
  Anticipated March 2027 RFQ(s)

  e. **Job #213005 (MI-2022-046-01-P3 / 25-2022-046-P3-2)**
  Bus Storage Flooring Rehab
  Anticipated April 2027 RFQ.

  f. **Job #216492 (MI-2026-001-00/)**
  FY24 STBG/RTF Van Purchase
  Anticipated November 2026 RFQ.

g. **Job #226968 ()**
FY25 FTA-No-Low 2 Hybrid Buses
Awaiting FTA Award from MDOT to begin Cooperative Agreement with the State of Washington Contract

h. Projects surrounding camera upgrades, more shelter replacements, and upgrading phone system to be apportioned in November 2026

Transportation Type (Fixed Route/On-Demand)	Previous Month Ridership (July)	Current Month Ridership (August)	Monthly Change %
Fixed-Route Buses	22,968	21,933	-4.51%
Reserve-A-Ride	1,867	1,687	-9.64%
Rides-To-Wellness	526	535	+1.71%

Department of Transportation
JACKSON COUNTY, MI
Keeping Our Community Safely in Motion…

Memorandum

Date: September 30, 2026

To: Mr. Brett Gatz
Region 2 Planning Commission

From: Angela N. Kline, PE, CPM
Managing Director

Charles W. Briner, PE
Director of Engineering

RE: October JACTS Update

We would like to provide the following update regarding our projects that are on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Fiscal Year 2025

JN 220301 Airport Road
Project Limits: Airport Road from Argyle Street to Springport Road
Project Descriptions: 1.10 mi of hot mix asphalt cold milling, resurfacing and widening, concrete pathway and sidewalk ramps, traffic signal upgrades at Argyle and Boardman and pavement markings.
Michigan Paving is the primary contractor; Contractor is currently working on installing pavement marking symbols and slope restoration.

MDOT Local Bridge Program

JN 218257 Trist Road Bridge
Beams have been installed, and the deck pour is scheduled for early October.

Fiscal Year 2026

Two Springport Road Bridges (Near Minard Park)
Bridge design complete and waiting for EGLE permit, coordination with EGLE dam safety is resulting in additional review.

MDOT Local Bridge Program

JN 220686 Albion Road Bridge
Bridge and roadwork is complete. Guardrail is the only remaining item to complete before opening to traffic.

STUL (Urban) Federal Aid Projects

JN 21655 Urban Paving (Mill, Wedge and Overlay)
Shirley Drive – Parnall Road to Lansing Avenue
East Ganson Street – City Limits to East Michigan Avenue
South Portage Road – Lee Road to East Michigan Avenue
Wildwood Avenue – Ganson Street to City Limits
Project was awarded to Michigan Paving. Paving has begun on South Portage Road with concrete repairs to the existing curb line is being done on the remaining three roads before paving begins in October.

JN 216636 Signal Modernization Project at Page/Watts and at Page/Falahee
Final package submitted to MDOT and scheduled for an October letting.

STL (Rural) Federal Aid Projects

JN 216545 and 226529 - 2026 Preventative Maintenance Project (Wedge and Chip Seal)
East Avenue - Austin Road to Cady Road (226529)
East Michigan Avenue - Portage Road to Wolf Lake Road
Maple Grove Road - Lansing Avenue to Cooper Road
Minard Road - Springport Road to M-50
Wooster Road - Seymour Road to Coon Hill Road
Watkins Road - Wellwood Road to Cash Road
Wellwood Road - M-124 to Watkins Road
Antcliff Road - M-124 to Case Road
Project was awarded to Michigan Paving. All wedging is completed. Chip seal will be completed in 2027.

JN 225047, 225048, 225049 & 225050 Force Account Projects (Wedge and Chip Seal)
Francisco Road - Michigan Avenue to Reiman Road
Clear Lake Road - Reiman Road to I-94
Main Street - Waterloo-Munith Road to M-106
Mill Road – Austin Road to Case Road
Landon Road – County Line to Springport Limits
Phal Road – Wolf Lake road to Norvell Road
Sargent /Brills Lake Road – I-94 to Seymour Road
MDOT contracts were taken to the July Board Meeting. All paving is completed this year. Chip seal scheduled for 2027 for Mill, Landon, Phal, Sargent and Brills Lake Road.

HRRR & HSIP Funding – MDOT Safety Grant Projects

JN 221982 Austin Rd, Crawford Rd, Erie Rd, Rives Eaton Rd and Vicary Rd Tree Removal
Final package submitted to MDOT and currently scheduled for an October letting.

MDOT Safe Routes To School Program

JN 221527 Safe Routes to School (SRTS): Brooklyn and Columbia Schools
Final plans and bid documents submitted to MDOT for a December Letting.

Fiscal Year 2027

STUL (Urban) Federal Aid Projects

JN 224378 Francis Street (Preventative Maintenance)
Francis St – East McDevitt to South Street
Working on preliminary design and NEPA submittal.

STL (Rural) Federal Aid Projects

JN 23501 - 2027 Preventative Maintenance Project (Wedge and Overlay)
Cooper Road - Bunkerhill Road (M-106) to East Berry Road
Territorial Road - Rives Eaton Road to Lansing Avenue
Grass Lake Road - Norvell Road to Rank Road (Jackson County Line)
Working on preliminary design and NEPA submittal.

HRRR & HSIP Funding – MDOT Safety Grant Projects

JN 225433/225687 Safety Improvement Project
Pulaski Road Tree Removal from Goose Lake Road to Concord Village Limits
County Farm Road Tree Removal from North Parma Road to Blackman Road
Mt Hope Road Tree Removal from Cedar Knoll Road to Seymour Road
Working on preliminary design and NEPA submittal.

JN 225359 Horizontal Curve and Intersection Signage
Curve signs in Leoni, Liberty and Summit Township
Intersection signage throughout Jackson County
Working on preliminary design and NEPA submittal.

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
JACKSON TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CENTER

BRADLEY C. WIEFERICH,P.E
DIRECTOR

October 1, 2026

Construction:

Cooper Street (M-106) bridge replacement in downtown Jackson south of train station and Louis Glick (I-94BL) deck replacement near Mechanic Street – Sidewalk and road approaches are being poured. Curb and railing will be constructed next. The open to traffic date is mid-October.

M-99 in the Village of Springport – Road rehabilitation and drainage improvements. Asphalt paving is underway on the west end of the project. Sewer and watermain installation are underway. Due to utility delays, major work will be moved into 2027.

US-127 (Henry to near Ingham Co Line) – Maintenance resurfacing and bridge repairs at Grand River and Territorial Road bridges. Resurfacing and shoulder work remains to be completed.

US-127 Southbound ramp at Springport Road – Safety project. Signal replacement. Late 2026 construction.

All trunkline routes in Jackson County – Longitudinal pavement markings.

Various trunkline routes in Jackson County – HMA crack treatment on I-94BL and US-127. Work is substantially complete.

WB I-94 at SB US-127 – Install new cantilever sign. Work will begin in late 2026.

Design:

M-60 from I-94 to the Calhoun County Line – Preventative maintenance chip seal with fog. Also includes shoulder paving. 2027 construction.

West Ave (US-127BR/M-50) from North Street to Boardman Road – Preventative maintenance resurfacing. 2027 construction.

M-99 from Calhoun Co Line to South St. – Preventative maintenance chip seal with fog. 2027 construction.

M-124 from M-50 to US-12 – Preventative maintenance chip seal with fog. 2027 construction.

Cooper Street (M-106) from Michigan Ave to Ganson Street and from 3rd St. to Chanter Road. – Preventative maintenance resurfacing and sidewalk ramps. 2027 construction.

I-94 BL/E. Michigan Ave (Dwight to US-127) – Full reconstruction of the roadway. 2028 Construction.

M-106 culvert replacement at Plum Orchard Creek, near Mt. Hope Hwy. – Culvert replacement. 2028 Construction.

Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field

Flying Jackson Forward!

Juan C. Zapata, Airport Manager

JACTS Airport Update
October 2026

- Starting design of auxiliary apron rehabilitation and redesign of runway 32 and taxiway D entrance to auxiliary apron.
- Working on federal land release of airport property north of I-94.
- Work on Aviation maintenance school is ongoing. Awaiting for FAA certification inspection date. Planned start date for classes September 2027.

Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study

FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

October 2026 Amendments

Fiscal Year	Job Number	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Federal Fund Source	Federal Budget	State Budget	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	Total Job Cost	Amendment Type
2027	224847	City of Jackson	Page Ave-Elm Ave-Washington Ave Corridor	Cooper Street to East City Limits	1.366	Reconstruction	Pavement improvements, lane and intersection reconfiguration, traffic signal modernization, sidewalk and ramp upgrades, bicycle lane improvements, railroad crossing improvements amd tree plantings	CON	BUILD	$3,995,275	$0	$3,372,114	$7,367,389	$7,367,389	Local Funding Change
2027	225273	MDOT	I-94BL	Various trunkline routes in Jackson TSC area	0.124	Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	HMA crack treatment and overband crack fill	CON	ST	$341,315	$75,686	$0	$417,000	$437,000	Phase Budget
2029	227435	MDOT	I-94 E	Jackson Area	5.113	Traffic Safety	Overhead Sign Structures Replacement - TSC Wide - Brighton TSC/Jackson TSC	PE	IMG	$40,000	$0	$0	$625,000	$5,225,000	Phase Add