Region 2 PLANNING COMMISSION
Serving Hillsdale, Jackson & Lenawee Counties

MINUTES

US-12 PURE MICHIGAN BYWAY COMMITTEE
McCourtie Park
10426 South Jackson Rd.
Cement City, MI 49233

Monday, October 26, 2026

Members Present: Aaron Dimick, Village of Brooklyn (Vice-Chair)
Jeff Gray, City of Jonesville
Jim Hassett, Woodstock Township
Cindy Hubbell, Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce
Shaina Kulczycki, Somerset Township
Annette Sands, Hillsdale EDP
Mike Trudeau, Trudeau-Associates (Chair)

Others Present: Brett Gatz, Region 2 Planning Commission
Clayton Sigmann, MDOT Pure Michigan Byways Program

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Trudeau called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Introductions were done by the committee.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Dimick, supported by Mr. Gray, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4 APPROVAL OF AUGUST 24, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Sigmann, supported by Mr. Dimick, to approve the meeting minutes of August 24, 2026 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5 EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Gatz said R2PC successfully received the byway grant funding from MDOT for FY 2027.

ITEM 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- Mr. Gray said that the Grosvenor House and Sauk Theatre are in need of restoration. He also said US-12 in Jonesville has been safer since the road diet was done.
- Ms. Sands said the Hillsdale EDP met with Somerset Township and the Village of Allen to inform them about this committee and to try and get them involved with it.
- Mr. Dimick said the Village of Brooklyn is having new pavement markings and sidewalks

improvements done. They are also looking to replace the gazebo in the center of town.

ITEM 7a **DEVELOPMENT OF NEW US-12 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Sigmann said he and Mr. Gatz will work on developing the introduction of the plan over the next three months and present it at the next meeting.

ITEM 7b **US-12 RESOURCE INVENTORY**

Mr. Gatz said the Resource Inventory survey for US-12 has been published and distributed to the committee. He said for committee members to start entering in resources and to use the previous CMP as a reference. Responses will be presented at the next meeting.

ITEM 7c **MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS**

Mr. Gatz said that he reached out to the communities along US-12 that aren't currently attending meetings to try and get them to.

ITEM 8a **US-12 GARAGE SALE ENHANCEMENTS**

Mr. Sigmann asked the committee about ways to improve the annual US-12 Garage Sale. Members of the committee said the top priority should be to make it safer.

ITEM 8b **US-12 HERITAGE TRAIL LOGO**

Mr. Sigmann proposed the idea of making a custom logo for the US-12 Heritage Trail. The committee decided it would be better to wait on doing this until more progress has been made on the CMP.

ITEM 8c **PURE MICHIGAN BYWAY ANNUAL EVALUATION**

Mr. Gatz presented a draft of the Pure Michigan Byway Annual Evaluation that needs to be submitted to MDOT. He said that this will need to be approved by the committee before the end of the year, which can be done through email vote.

ITEM 9 **OTHER BUSINESS / NEXT STEPS**

Mr. Gatz said the next US-12 Byway Committee meeting will be Monday, January 25, 2027, most likely in-person.

ITEM 10 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 11 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Dimick, supported by Mr. Sigmann, to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Brett Gatz, Recording Secretary
Region 2 Planning Commission