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Capital Area Regional Transportation Study (CARTS) Technical Committee

DATE: September 1, 2009 (Tuesday)
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: **INGHAM COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BLDG**
Conference Room D/E
5303 S. Cedar Street
Lansing, MI 48910

Attendance: See attached attendance sheet.

Staff Present: Paul Hamilton, Chief Transportation Planner
Steve Skinker, Transportation Planner

The meeting was called to order by Ch/Cypher at approximately 9:30 a.m. Ch/Cypher announced that two TIP amendments were received after the agenda was mailed. These amendments will be added to the agenda under Item II. Staff distributed copies of the proposed amendments.

I. **Minutes**

It was **MOVED** and **SUPPORTED**, to approve the August 4, 2009 minutes as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

II. **Regional 2035 Transportation Plan**

Hamilton said transit components of the Regional 2035 Transportation Plan for each of the three transit agencies were enclosed in packets. Staff is requesting preliminary approval of these elements to be included in the Plan. Hamilton reported that the Commission granted preliminary approval of the improve and expand projects at their regular August meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Armentrout and **SUPPORTED**, to recommend preliminary approval of all three transit elements to be included in the Draft Regional 2035 Transportation Plan.

III. **Rural Task Force Report**

Conklin reported on the Rural Task Force meeting which met just prior to this meeting at 9:00 a.m. He briefed the Committee on the Task Force recommendations as noted below.

(Over)

Members of the Rural Task Force considered potential stimulus project additions to the TIP based on bid savings from the ARRA projects as follows.

Eaton County's ARRA Rural TIP amendments were distributed and reviewed. Eaton County is requesting to complete proposed chip seal projects in place of the Five Point Highway, Marshall to Maurer project. The Task Force recommends approval.

It was MOVED by Conklin and SUPPORTED, to recommend Eaton County's rural project adjustments. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Conklin noted that Eaton County agreed to provide any needed local funds beyond the available \$491.6 in federal ARRA funds, if necessary.

Conklin reported that the Task Force also recommends approval of Ingham County adding 24 miles of countywide chip seal for its positive balance in 2014 (exact amount to be determined); that Clinton County add STP rural funds for their 2014 Airport Road project in the amount of \$500,000; and that Eaton County add the rest of their chip seals for its positive balance in 2010 with the rest shifting down.

It was MOVED by Albertson, SUPPORTED by Armentrout, to recommend approval of the Rural Task Force recommendations listed above. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Armentrout said the Task Force also discussed Clinton County's request to use their left over Rural STP ARRA funds by adding Howe Road from Grange to Wacousta as a seal coat project to be constructed in 2010 with 2009 funds. The Task Force recommends approval.

It was MOVED by Peterson, SUPPORTED by Hannahs, to recommend approval of Clinton County's new ARRA project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Armentrout said the Task Force also recommends that a typo be corrected on the balance sheet for Clinton Transit in 2011. The total should read \$62,000 with \$50,000 being removed from the Wright Road project and shifted to Clinton Transit.

It was MOVED by Albertson and SUPPORTED, to recommend approval of shifting these Clinton County funds. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hamilton explained that we're building a program for 2014 in advance of the call for projects for the 2011-2014 TIP. He said there will be an opportunity to change these lists as the TIP is being developed. The LRP Task Force met yesterday to work through most of the program categories and has subsequently made additional changes. Hamilton said the 2014 program will be reviewed by the LRP Task Force who will make recommendations before it is presented to the Commission for action.

Staff distributed a copy of Clinton County's High Risk Rural Road TIP amendment request. Armentrout said they applied for HRRR funds and MDOT selected their 2011 North County Line Road project from Eddy Highway to the east (1/4 mile).

It was MOVED by Peterson and SUPPORTED, to recommend approval of Clinton County's HRRR project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. **National Functional Classification (NFC) Map Amendment**

A request from Eaton County was enclosed to amend the NFC map to include the Michigan Avenue Extension. Hamilton said this corridor is scheduled for construction in 2010.

It was MOVED and SUPPORTED by Albertson, to recommend adding the Michigan Avenue extension to the NFC map. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. **Status of Projects**

Skinker said staff has been tracking ARRA projects through MDOT's website. Skinker distributed an updated version of the August, 2009 CARTS status of projects showing the current assessment of ARRA urban balance and the savings amount based on what was approved in the TIP. Staff has added a 10% assumption of overruns of previously programmed projects. He noted that the Holmes Road project has now been added to this list in the amount of \$475,000.

Conklin reviewed the ARRA STP stimulus list. Lenze said projects should be GI ready by December 30 in order to use remaining ARRA funds.

Skinker asked for an update on the following stimulus projects.

- Ingham County, Waverly, Willow to Grand River – GI is scheduled for next week.
- Lansing, Edgewood Blvd. (Washington to Cedar) – Plans have been submitted for GI. Project may be let by the first of the year.
- Eaton County, Creyts Road (M-43 to north .50 mile) – Project will be let in September.

Skinker asked for status reports on conventional STP and CMAQ projects. Skinker said projects in bold are either complete or construction will begin soon.

2009 Urban STP Projects (in 2008-2010 TIP)

- **CCRC, State Road (DeWitt Road to US 127 BR) – This project is complete (ACC in 2009)**
- **CCRC, Marsh Road (South county line to I-69 BL) – GI complete – This project has been obligated and construction will begin soon.**

- **Dimondale, Creyts Road (East Road to north village limit) – Job is complete.**
- ECRC, Creyts Road (I-496 bridge to M-43) – This project has been obligated – they’re waiting for a bid letting.
- **Grand Ledge, Edwards Street (Jenne to M-100) – Complete (ACC 2009).**
- **Grand Ledge, West Jefferson Street (Perry to Adams) – This project has been obligated. Construction underway in mid July. Bids came in 20% under.**
- **East Lansing, Abbot Road (Lake Lansing to county line) – Complete (ACC 2009).**
- **ICRC, Waverly Road (St. Joe to Michigan and Michigan to Barton Streets) – Both projects have been obligated. Construction started last week – bids were right on.**
- ICRC, Waverly Road (Grand River bridge to Lansing Road) – GI is scheduled on September 3. ICRC will be requesting obligation at the GI. Hamilton noted that FHWA locks the books on September 15.
- **Lansing, Moores River Drive (Mt. Hope to west entrance of Francis Park) – Complete (ACC).**
- **Lansing, Edgewood Blvd. (MLK Boulevard to Washington) – Under construction.**
- **Lansing, Grand Avenue (Ottawa to Shiawassee) – Under construction.**
- **Lansing, Aurelius Road (bridge over Red Cedar River) – Under construction.**
- **Lansing, Dunkel Road (US 127 to Collins) – Under construction.**

CMAQ Projects

- ECRC Non-motorized pathway from intersection of M-43 and Creyts, proceeding northwest along Webster to Delta Mills Park – Submitted for obligation.
- ECRC, Traffic operations improvements at St. Joe at Nixon – Submitted for obligation.
- Grand Ledge, non-motorized pathway on M-43 (M-100 to Jenne) – Project has been bid.
- CATA, Clean Commute – Ongoing.
- CATA, Public Education, Ozone Action – Ongoing.
- CATA, Hybrid bus – Flex completed.

Skinker said this completes the status of projects. Hamilton said if we have obligation authority, the books close September 15, 2009. There will be no obligations after this date. Staff continues to report on the status of projects at each Commission meeting.

VI. **Status Reports/Other**

- A) **Urban STP Stimulus Amendment** – Hamilton covered this status report under Item V. He said there was some criticality in terms of keeping projects moving forward (towards the December date). Commitments needed to be in place in order to spend the funds for the Urban STP stimulus projects. In the event commitments weren't in place, our partners assured us that we could use funds left on the table. If additional funds become available statewide, other projects in the state would be looked at to advance. As of the last meeting, staff knew on paper that we had enough funds to fund the Lansing Holmes Road project. Commitments needed to be in place before moving additional projects up. After consultation with MDOT and our staff, it was determined that TCRPC has the authority to advance projects using ARRA funds. Therefore, staff has requested appropriate documentation from the City of Lansing in order to expedite moving this project forward.

Hamilton clarified that relative to the ARRA list, which shows a deficit of \$23,222 pending MDOT's final balance sheet, staff will make an effort to not leave any ARRA funds on the table. The options are to allow the City of Lansing to use the remaining funds, pass remaining funds on to the City of East Lansing or advance a Grand Ledge project with the funds.

- B) **September 30, 2009 SAFETEA-LU Rescission (added item)** – Hamilton informed the Committee of the upcoming rescission which will go into effect when SAFETEA-LU lapses on September 30th in the amount of approximately \$8 billion dollars. Unless Congress addresses this rescission it will automatically occur. Hamilton said Congress is aware that action must be taken before the program lapses. Hamilton urged the Committee to encourage their Congressional delegation to take immediate action on this issue. Hamilton said he received correspondence last week that included a table of the amounts to be rescinded on September 30, 2009 by program category. He said Michigan will lose approximately \$262,675,000 through its unobligated fund balances to Washington. This rescission also includes a loss of approximately \$21 million dollars in Urban STP funds for the four TMA areas. In addition, approximately \$2 million dollars in planning funds will be lost. Hamilton explained that staff programmed projects with the SAFETEA-LU rescission in mind; however, this will significantly impact the region's program.

Hamilton will forward a press release dated August 27, 2009 where the State Transportation Commission was asking the Legislature through a unanimous resolution to address the projected state shortfall by implementing the TF2 Task Force recommendations. Hamilton will continue to keep the Committee informed.

- C) **Other Long Range Plan Status** – Hamilton said the LRP Task Force met yesterday. They've circulated the final LRP improve-expand list for any technical corrections. The consultant team prematurely ran the model with the original list,

which now has been updated (meaning the model was rerun). The task force reviewed each chapter of the Plan. Staff is on schedule – technical work is on target. Skinker distributed the project list for any final corrections. Staff continues to discuss public participation options with the Executive Committee. Hamilton’s inclination is to hold informational meetings in conjunction with the Committee and Commission meetings, with one or two additional public informational meetings. These will most likely be held in November, with action on the Plan to occur in December.

- D) Non-Motorized Plan Update** – The August task force meeting was cancelled but will be rescheduled.
- E) Freight Survey** – We’ve received approximately 50 surveys. Staff will meet later this week to discuss summarizing the results. Results will be added to the intermodal section of the Plan.
- F) Michigan Avenue/Grand River Corridor Study** – Hamilton said the “New Starts” Handbook was distributed via email. This study is underway; Hamilton expects to have some presentations in the future on this process. Consultants are working on an OD study. Eventually, this study will have to be folded back into our model. Hamilton anticipates doing a Plan amendment once this study is complete. CATA has included modeling for the New Starts analysis in their scope of services, but funding has not been identified for the Plan update which may be required. Staff will keep the Committee informed.
- G) Updated TIP Schedule** – Enclosed in packets was a generic TIP schedule for the 2011-2014 TIP. This schedule has been acted on by the Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA) and the MPO Transportation Directors. Skinker is working on TCRPC’s schedule. Staff anticipates action on the new TIP in June, 2010.

Hamilton explained that the Regional 2035 Transportation Plan will be acted on and adopted before the 2011-2014 TIP is approved. Staff is conforming the 2008-2011 and 2011-2014 TIP’s to the new Plan. Hamilton said the 2008-2011 TIP will stay in effect until the new TIP is approved by FHWA, which may occur by October, 2010. Hamilton briefed the Committee on discussions occurring between colleagues around the state, MDOT and FHWA to change the Michigan standard to only allow TIP amendments once every three months. Hamilton has protested every time this topic was raised. Hamilton encouraged members to address their concerns about this potential change to their colleagues.

- H) Greening Mid-Michigan** – Phase II work is complete and reports are available on the website at www.greenmidmichigan.org. Work is beginning on Phase III, which has been funded by a PAL grant through LEAP. Focus groups will be held in each of the three counties. Invitations will be publicized separately.

- I) **Power of We Transit Needs Survey** – Data has been summarized and provided to all three transit agencies in electronic form. It's also been provided to the PWC for evaluation. Cross tabs need to be evaluated. Hamilton has requested feedback on cross tabulation from the agencies involved.
- J) **Other/Adjourn** – Hamilton noted that MDOT County Transportation Summits are being planned and listed the schedule as follows.

Clinton County – October 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the CCRC.

Eaton County – October 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the ECRC.

Ingham County – October 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the ICRC.

Lott said this is an opportunity for all agencies, including transit and school transportation agencies, to come together to discuss the upcoming transportation schedule. He encouraged all agencies to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:53 a.m.

COMPOSITE ATTENDANCE RECORD: 2009 CARTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

D = Delegate
A = Alternate
A-1 = 1st Alt.

A-2 = 2nd Alt.
A-3 = 3rd Alt.
C = Cancelled

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT/AGENCY & DELEGATE	MONTH/DAY												
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<u>Bath Township</u> - J Foulds - D - T. Feltman - A	C												
<u>Clinton County Rd Comm</u> - J Pulver - D - D Armentrout - A1 - A Gove - A2	C	D	A1	D	A1	D	A1	A1	D				
Bd Comm - L Martin - D - Vacant - A	C	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D				
<u>Eaton County Rd Comm</u> - B Ballou - D - M Hannahs - A	C	A	A	A	A		A	A	A				
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<u>Ingham County Rd Comm</u> - W Conklin - D - B Peterson - A	C	D	D	D	D	D	A	D	D				
Bd Comm - J Cypher - D - D Holman - A	C	D	D		D	D	D	D	D				
<u>E Lansing Community Dev</u> - R Springer - D - T Schmitt - A	C	D	D	A	A	D	D	A	D				
Public Works - T Sneathen - D - R Lacasse - A	C	A	D	D	D	D	A	A	A				
<u>Lansing Transportation Office</u> - A Kilpatrick - D - M Whisler - A	C	D			D		D		D				
Planning Office - B Johnson - D - B Rieske - A	C				A			A	A				
Public Service - C Gamble - D - S. House - A	C				D		D						
City Engineer - D Johnson - D - V Rose - A	C	D	D					A					

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<u>Delhi Ch Twp</u> Pub Serv - Vacant - D - J Elsinga - A	C	A	D	D									
<u>Delta Ch Twp</u> Engr Dept - D Williams - D - D Nimphie - A	C		D	D			D	D					
<u>DeWitt Ch Twp</u> - R Trent - D - R Taylor - A	C							D					
<u>Lansing Ch Twp</u> - J Daher - D - M Brinkley- A	C	A		D		D		D	A				
<u>Meridian Ch Twp</u> Planning Dept - M Kieselbach - D - G Oranchak - A	C	D	D	D	D		D	D	D				
Public Works - R Severy - D - Y Ishraidi - A	C	D			D				D				
<u>DeWitt City</u> - Vacant - D - R Miller - Acting D (Jan 09)	C	D		D		D							
<u>Dimondale</u> - J Albertson - D - A = None	C	D	D	D	D		D	D					
<u>Grand Ledge</u> - L LaHaie - D - A = None	C	D	D	D	D		D		D				
<u>Mason</u> - R. Olney - D - D. Heck - A1 - M Colburn - A2	C	A1	D				D						
<u>Capital Reg Airport Authority</u> - D Otto - D - M Lynn - A	C		D	D					D				
<u>Capital Area Transit Authority</u> - D Alexander -D1 - J Manzella - D2 - N Wilson - A1 - C Edgerly - A2	C	A2	D2 A1	D2 A1	D2 A1	D2 A1	D2 A1	D2 A1	D2 A1				

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Others Present

<p><u>February 3, 2009</u> – Wanda Darrow, City of Potterville; Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Dan Vreibel, City of St. Johns; Alan Gove, Clinton County Road Commission; Bob Peterson, Ingham County Road Commission; Dave Feher, City of Eaton Rapids; Tracy Miller, Delhi Charter Township; Amy Schoonover, City of Charlotte.</p>	<p><u>March 3, 2009</u> – Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Scott Poyer, City of Eaton Rapids; Ron Lacasse, City of East Lansing.</p>	<p><u>April 7, 2009</u> – Dave Feher, City of Eaton Rapids; Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Alan M. Dolley, City of Williamston; Bob Peterson, Ingham County Road Commission; Dan Armentrout, Clinton County Road Commission; Dan Vreibel, City of St. Johns; Wanda Darrow, City of Potterville; Chris Olsen, City of DeWitt.</p>
<p><u>May 4, 2009</u> – Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Ronald Lillywhite, Village of Webberville; Ron Lacasse, City of East Lansing; Dan Vreibel, City of St. Johns; Amy Schoonover, City of Charlotte; Dave Feher, City of Eaton Rapids; Martha Owen, City of Leslie.</p>	<p><u>June 2, 2009</u> – Larry Doyle, MDOT; Spencer Stevens, FHWA HQ; Ed Christopher, FHWA, Chicago; Kurt Zachary, FHWA; Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Dan Armentrout, Clinton County Road Commission; Brian Reed, City of Leslie; Stephanie Fox, MSU; Ron Lacasse, City of East Lansing; Dan Vreibel, City of St. Johns; Amy Schoonover, City of Charlotte; Dave Feher, City of Eaton Rapids.</p>	<p><u>July 7, 2009</u> – Dave Feher, City of Eaton Rapids; Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Amy Schoonover, City of Charlotte; Stephanie Fox, MSU.</p>
<p><u>August 4, 2009</u> – Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Bob Peterson, Ingham County Road Commission; Amy Schoonover, City of Charlotte; Stephanie Fox, MSU.</p>	<p><u>September 1, 2009</u> – Dave Feher, City of Eaton Rapids; Dan Vreibel, City of St. Johns; Dan Armentrout, Clinton County Road Commission; Bob Peterson, Ingham County Road Commission; Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Dal McBurrows, MDOT;</p>	