



50 Years of Service
1956 - 2006

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

913 West Holmes-Suite 201
Lansing, Michigan 48910
Telephone (517) 393-0342
Web Page: www.mitrpc.org
Email: tcrpc@acd.net
Fax (517) 393-4424

OFFICERS

CHAIRPERSON
Carol Wood

VICE-CHAIRPERSON
Dianne Holman

TREASURER
Larry Martin

SECRETARY
Howard Pizzo

COMMISSIONERS
Russel Bauerle

Kevin Beard
James Dravenstatt-Moceri
Glenn Freeman, III
Eric Hewitt
Tim Kaltenbach
Art Luna
Brian McGrain
Ralph Monsma
David Pohl
Shirley M. Rodgers
Marsha Small
Carol Strachan
Darrell Tennis
John Veenstra

EX-OFFICIO

LANSING MAYOR
Virgil Bernero

**COUNTY BOARD
CHAIRPERSONS**
Joseph Brehler
Debbie DeLeon
Larry Martin

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Jon W. Coleman

MINUTES

Capital Area Regional Transportation Study (CARTS) Technical Committee

DATE: August 4, 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
Maria Habba, Executive Assistant

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. The amendments will be added to the agenda, Item II. Staff distributed copies of the proposed amendments.

I. **Minutes**

It was **MOVED** Rieske, and **SUPPORTED** by Armentrout, to approve the July 7, 2009 minutes as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

II. **TIP Amendments**

Skinker noted that the first page of the distributed handout is not for action.

A. **MDOT Trunkline Project List**

Skinker explained the MDOT TIP amendment requests for trunkline projects, which are not currently listed in the TIP. It was **MOVED** by Lenze, **SUPPORTED** by Armentrout, to recommend approval of MDOT TIP amendments as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. **MDOT 2010 General Program Account (GPA)**

Skinker said GPAs are designed to be a catch all. It was **MOVED** by Lenze, **SUPPORTED** by Williams, to recommend approval of MDOT's 2010 GPA projects. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(Over)

Skinker described the Enhancement request that was included in the handout. The Willow Highway to Grand River Stormwater Treatment Enhancement job has been approved by MDOT. Lenze explained that this project was selected by the Enhancement group back in 2007 and the community wishes to move forward with this project. Therefore, it must to be listed in the TIP.

It was MOVED by Armentrout, SUPPORTED by Williams, to recommend approval of adding this Enhancement project to the TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Note: Staff later determined that this project already is listed in the TIP, as a 2008 project. No further action is necessary.

III. **Regional 2035 Transportation Plan**

Skinker distributed a copy of the Long Range Plan project list that was developed through the Long Range Plan Task Force. He noted that these projects are financially constrained by conformity period. The list remains a work in progress. Skinker requested that the Committee scrutinize the list in detail and note corrections and additions as appropriate. CATA and Clinton Transit projects were enclosed in packets. EATRAN provided copies of their projects for distribution. Action will not be taken on the transit projects until September.

Rieske, Chair of the Long Range Plan (LRP) Task Force, reported on the recent meetings. He said the task force worked to financially constrain the listed projects. He reported that the LRP Task Force recommends approval of the list subject to editing corrections.

It was MOVED by Rieske, SUPPORTED by Williams, to recommend preliminary approval of the LRP project list subject to editing and corrections.

Skinker asked for comments on the list prior to action. Conklin asked if all the listed projects match the TIP. Skinker said there are a few new projects not yet listed in the 2009-2011 TIP. Conklin recommended that staff review all projects listed to make sure the 2009-2011 projects are consistent with the TIP. As far as the out year projects, it was noted that action was never taken on a 2010-2013 TIP. Lenze explained the delay in developing the 2011-2014 TIP. As a result of the ARRA program, it was determined statewide that the existing TIP would continue being used until development of the new TIP in October, 2009. It was noted that changes were made to the existing TIP to reflect changes through 2011.

Skinker noted one change that occurred since the task force meeting. MDOT has submitted a construction project on 127 in Clinton County. MDOT is directing all available revenues for this project in 2035.

Skinker requested feedback on the Charlotte jobs on page 4. Schoonover said they're not asking for federal funds for the Charlotte, Parkland Drive, Lipsey to Packard project and the proposed year is 2011 for this project. The Charlotte, Reynolds Road; Kalamo

Highway project was targeted for 2012 and this will be all local funding, not Small Urban.

Lacasse commented on their 2013 Harrison project that should be added to the project list. He said East Lansing would like to restripe 3 lanes. He noted that this was approved by Council a number of years ago; however, funding has never been committed to the project.

Skinker offered to take a meticulous look at the 2009-2011 projects to make sure all descriptions match what is in the current TIP.

Conklin encouraged locals to pursue other funding to help preserve STP dollars. Dykema noted that all projects marked “earmark” will only be funded if funding is available. Conklin requested that staff add the word “possible” in front of all Ingham County roundabout projects.

Skinker distributed a copy of the beginnings of an illustrative list of unfunded projects. He noted that this list is not prioritized and we don’t have costs. Lenze said MDOT will not be supportive of having projects listed in the Plan that are not actually part of the five year plan. Discussion on this matter will continue offline.

Conklin commented on their Cedar Street, Holt to Aurelius project. He said Delhi Township is currently discussing this project. He asked what would happen if a community decides to leave their project as a 4 lane rather than converting to a 3 lane? Skinker said the Interagency Work Group still has to meet to discuss these projects. Lenze said if this project is deemed regionally significant and it’s modeled as a reduction from 4 to 3 and the project does not go, the air quality model will have to be re-run. It was noted that the out-year projects would have time to be shifted. The critical projects are those programmed in the first three years.

There were a few comments from members of the task force noting they were under the impression that they were modeling up to 2018 (eight year conformity period). Lenze clarified that everything will be modeled in the Long Range Plan (LRP). The LRP will be done every four years, which allows for revisions for projects after the first four years. There was further discussion on the listed projects.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ingham County verbally expressed an interest in requesting committee action on a TIP amendment. Ch/Cypher addressed ICRC’s proposed TIP amendment at this time.

Conklin explained ICRC’s proposed TIP amendments as follows.

Currently in the 2009 TIP – Waverly Road (STP funding) Grand River Bridge to Lansing Road – they currently have 200K federal, 50K local = 250K;

2011 Okemos Road, Sandhill – 400 federal, 100 local=500K. They're requesting to move money from Okemos to Waverly – Waverly total project cost of \$435 (federal \$348, local \$87)

ICRC will provide a written request after the meeting – Waverly will move forward as an advance construct project with conversion in 2011.

It was MOVED by Dykema, SUPPORTED by Armentrout, to recommend approval of the Ingham County Road Commission's TIP request conditional upon receiving additional information. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. Status of Projects

Skinker distributed an enhanced version of the July CARTS status of projects showing the current assessment of ARRA urban balance. He noted that most project bids are coming in under. Staff has compared the amount in the TIP as programmed to the advertised bid, which shows a savings in most cases. Skinker said based upon the current recorded returns there is \$6, 324, 673 programmed. Skinker noted the assumption that if we assume all remaining projects come in at programmed amounts, and conservatively assume 10% costs over currently advertised bids, it sums to \$6,324,673, leaving an available balance of \$501,357. The assumption at this time is that the Lansing, Holmes Road project being next on the unfunded list could be programmed for \$475,000 in ARRA funds towards this project, as previously approved through the committee process.

Dykema asked about obligation amounts. Lenze said ARRA projects came with their own obligations. TCRPC projects are based on pro-rata, which is the engineer's estimate. **Lenze said these projects need to be GI ready by December 30th and have to be obligated by March 2nd.**

Staff will monitor results of August lettings for Urban STP and Rural jobs. Armentrout suggested that a Rural Task Force meeting be held prior to the September CARTS meeting.

Skinker said this completes the ARRA status of projects. He asked for status reports on conventional STP projects.

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) – Engineering is complete – Construction underway in mid July.

- 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) – This is the project Ingham County is requesting to modify in the TIP. The project will be obligated shortly.
- **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, Dunckel 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 – Plans have been submitted.
- ECRC, Traffic operations improvements at St. Joe at Nixon – Finalizing design.
- Grand Ledge, non motorized pathway on M-43 (M-100 to Jenne) – Trying for August bid letting – The right of way issue has been resolved.
- CATA, Clean Commute – Ongoing.
- CATA, Public Education, Ozone Action – Ongoing.
- CATA, Hybrid bus – Flex completed – Grant was executed last month – it’s ready to go.

V. **Status Reports/Other**

- A) **Non-Motorized Plan Update** – Skinker said the Committee met once last month and will meet again on August 11th at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms D/E at the Human Services Building at 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing. Chapter 10 of the Plan will be updated at this meeting.
- B) **Freight Survey** – We’ve received some responses.
- C) **Michigan Avenue/Grand River Alternatives Analysis** – Manzella said a website for this study is anticipated to be available in early September. Further information will be available at the next meeting.
- D) **Updated TIP Schedule** – Skinker said there will be a 2011-2014 TIP. Anticipate project selection at the end of January. Skinker noted that applications were already received for many 2012-2013 projects. Action on the 2011-2014 TIP is anticipated in June, 2010.
- E) **Greening Mid-Michigan** – Skinker noted that Phase I and Phase II are complete and reports are available on the website at www.greenmidmichigan.org. Work is beginning on Phase III.
- F) **Power of We Transit Needs Survey** –Staff has received and completed data entry for approximately 550 surveys. These surveys will be used to identify transit needs and issues of clients and providers.
- G) **Other/Adjourn** – Dykema introduced Victor Rose, City of Lansing Operations and Maintenance Assistant Superintendent. Rose is Dean Johnson’s Alternate.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

COMPOSITE ATTENDANCE RECORD: 2009 CARTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT/AGENCY & DELEGATE	MONTH/DAY												
	1/6	2/3	3/3	4/7	5/5	6/2	7/7	8/4	9/1	10/6	11/3	12/1	Total
Asst City Engineer - J Dykema - D - A Parry - A	C	D	D	D	D	D	D						
Delhi Ch Twp Pub Serv - Vacant - D - J Elsinga - A	C	A	D	D									
Delta Ch Twp Engr Dept - D Williams - D - D Nimphie - A	C		D	D			D						
DeWitt Ch Twp - R Trent - D - R Taylor - A	C												
Lansing Ch Twp - J Daher - D - M Brinkley- A	C	A		D		D							
Meridian Ch Twp Planning Dept - M Kieselbach - D - G Oranchak - A	C	D	D	D	D		D						
Public Works - R Severy - D - Y Ishraidi - A	C	D			D								
DeWitt City - Vacant - D - R Miller - Acting D (Jan 09)	C	D		D		D							
Dimondale - J Albertson - D - A = None	C	D	D	D	D		D						
Grand Ledge - L LaHaie - D - A = None	C	D	D	D	D		D						
Mason - R. Olney - D - D. Heck - A1 - M Colburn - A2	C	A1	D				D						
Capital Reg Airport Authority - D Otto - D - M Lynn - A	C		D	D									
Capital Area Transit Authority - D Alexander -D1 - J Manzella - D2 - N Wilson - A1 - C Edgerly - A2	C	A2	D2 A1	D2 A1	D2 A1	D2 A1	D2 A1						

COMPOSITE ATTENDANCE RECORD: 2009 CARTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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>