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Capital Area Regional Transportation Study (CARTS) Technical Committee

DATE: February 2, 2010 (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 9:35 a.m.

I. Minutes

It was **MOVED** by Williams, and **SUPPORTED** by Severy, to approve the January 5, 2010 minutes as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

II. Federal Certification Review Results

Rachael Tupica, Federal Highway Administration, presented TCRPC's Federal Certification Review findings. She explained that the review was conducted by FHWA and FTA to evaluate the MPO transportation planning process. Federal Certification Reviews are usually conducted every four years. Tupica reviewed the two commendations TCRPC received and also noted the twenty-four recommendations and two corrective actions.

III. STP Subcommittee Report

Results of the January 29 STP Subcommittee meeting was distributed. Dykema reported on the STP Subcommittee recommendations for priorities for the draft 2011-2014 TIP and for a potential second round of economic stimulus projects for amendment into the 2008-2011 TIP. Peterson reported on recommendations from the earlier caucus of the Rural Task Force.

The Subcommittee recommends prioritizing the 2011-2014 projects as shown and prioritized through the Task Force/Subcommittee process.

(Over)

A. Category D/Rural STP Projects and Potential Stimulus Projects

Peterson, Rural Task Force Chair, noted that funding is typically combined for the Rural Transportation Economic Development Funds (TEDF) and the Rural STP program categories. Peterson listed priorities as shown for these two program categories.

It was MOVED by Peterson, SUPPORTED by Armentrout, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission that the 2011-2014 TEDF Category D/Rural STP projects be given preliminary approval to be included in the Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and that potential stimulus projects be added to the illustrative list of the 2008-2011 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TEDF Category F

It was noted that the Clinton County, Townsend Street project is also applying for Small Urban funds. It was MOVED by Peterson, SUPPORTED by Armentrout, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission that the 2011-2014 TEDF Category F project be given preliminary approval to be included in the Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as the number one priority. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Rural STP

Rural STP category was combined with the motion above.

C. Small Urban

Dykema, STP Subcommittee Chair, noted that Small Urban projects were prioritized by area and year and listed priorities as shown for the following program categories.

It was MOVED by Peterson, SUPPORTED by Albertson, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission that the 2011-2014 Small Urban projects be given preliminary approval to be included in the illustrative list or Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as appropriate and that potential stimulus projects be added to the 2008-2011 illustrative list.

Hamilton said there are more priorities than funding available in this category. These projects will stay on the illustrative list. There was discussion on the Small Urban rotation and how projects are selected. There was consensus to sort by priority only, rather than showing the year to simplify reading the worksheet.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Safety/High Risk Rural Roads

It was MOVED by C/Armentrout, SUPPORTED by C/Williams, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission that the Safety/High Risk Rural Roads projects be given preliminary approval to be included in the Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Transit

It was MOVED by Hannahs, SUPPORTED by Wilson, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission that the transit elements for CATA, EATRAN and Clinton Transit be given preliminary approval to be included in the Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and that transit stimulus projects be added to the 2008-2011 illustrative list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Enhancements

Hamilton noted that Meridian Township expressed an interest in applying for a sidewalk Enhancement project. A cost correction to the Lansing project was noted.

It was MOVED by Peterson, SUPPORTED by Williams, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission approval of potential stimulus Enhancement projects for the 2008-2011 illustrative list and that the 2011-2014 stimulus projects be given preliminary approval to be included in the Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) illustrative list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. 2011-2014 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality

It was MOVED by Peterson, SUPPORTED by Williams, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission that the CMAQ projects be given preliminary approval to be included in the illustrative list for the Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. Urban STP

Hamilton said the Urban Stimulus list was prioritized by “A” and “B” lists, with the “B” list to receive consideration after the “A” list has been drawn down.

Peterson MOVED to recommend approval of the stimulus “A” as shown with the stimulus “B” list to receive consideration after the “A” list has been drawn, Sneathen SUPPORTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was MOVED by Johnson, SUPPORTED by Hannahs, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission that the regular Urban STP projects be given preliminary approval to be included in the Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was MOVED by Peterson, SUPPORTED by Sneathen, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission that Potential Stimulus Urban STP projects be amended into the 2008-2011 illustrative list, respectively. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. Bridges

Bridges were erroneously listed on the agenda. The Committee recommended approval of selected 2012 bridge projects last month and TCRPC approved all submitted bridge projects. These will go in the illustrative list.

J. MDOT Projects

Lenze distributed MDOT's proposed project amendments. He explained that the State Transportation Commission approved a five year plan and many projects previously listed in the plan are now being delayed. The projects before the Committee is what has been included in the five year plan for the tri-county area.

It was MOVED by Lenze, SUPPORTED by Albertson, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission to give preliminary approval to add the two 2011 projects and the 2014 project in Eaton County to the 2011-2014 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was MOVED by Lenze, SUPPORTED by Williams, to recommend to the TRC and the Commission to amend the listed MDOT projects (one in Eaton County and three in Clinton County) to fiscal year 2010 in the current 2008-2011 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

K. Other

There were no other items.

IV. Other Transit Components

Other transit components were discussed above.

V. Status of Projects

Skinker requested updates on local status of projects. Dykema requested that staff confirm that 2011 projects in the current TIP coincide with the 2011-2014 TIP. Peterson concurred with this request. It was noted that MDOT projects are moving forward. It was also noted that an administrative amendment was made to advance the MDOT Michi-Van program.

2010 Urban STP Projects

- East Lansing, Harrison Avenue (Trowbridge to Kalamazoo) – Had G.I., waiting for obligation.
- ICRC, Mt. Hope Road (Farm Lane to Hagadorn) – In design.
- Lansing, Kalamazoo Street (Larch to Pennsylvania) – Under design.
- Grand Ledge, Spring Street/West Lincoln (Pleasant to Jenne) – Design complete, waiting for G.I.
- ECRC, Michigan Avenue (Canal to Creyts) – Under design.
- ICRC, Waverly Road (St. Joseph to Michigan) – Already constructed and converted.

- ECRC, Nixon Road (St. Joe to Rockbridge – AC job) – Under design.
- CCRC, State Road (US 127 BR to Wood) – Under design.
- Lansing, Executive Drive (Keystone to Miller) – Under design.
- Lansing, Keystone Avenue (Pennsylvania to Enterprise) – Under design.
- Lansing, Moores River Drive (Mount Hope to Frances Park – ACC job) – Not yet converted.

2010 CMAQ Projects

- St. Johns, Townsend – Under design.
- Eaton County, St. Joe Highway at Nixon – Design is complete – Submitted with Nixon project.
- Lansing, Citywide Roadway Sensors and Adaptive Signal Timing Plans – No update.
- CATA, Areawide Public Education – Once an eligibility determination is made and the TIP amendment goes through they'll start the flexing process.
- CATA Areawide Commute Alternatives – Once an eligibility determination is made and the TIP amendment goes through they'll start the flexing process.

VI. Status Reports/Other

Michigan Avenue/Grand River Alternatives Analysis – There will be an upcoming corridor tour. The next technical committee meeting will be held on February 16th from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

New Air Quality Standards/MOVES Model – Material was enclosed on new Air Quality Standards/MOVES Model, which included a fact sheet. Hamilton explained that TCRPC will likely be redesignated as a non-attainment area and discussed how TCRPC will need to convert to the new MOVES model. The preliminary Urban STP list includes funds to implement the new model which will require changes to the existing model.

Asset Management – There will be an Internet Reporting Tool Training (IRT) at Delta Township Hall on March 1 from 1-3:30 p.m. In addition, there will be a required PASER training for the roadway monitoring activity on March 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at LCC West. Skinker noted that individuals that haven't previously rated, or who haven't rated in the past two years, will also be required to participate in a webinar on either February 15 or 18, in order to be eligible for reimbursement. Information is being forwarded to members.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:56 a.m.

COMPOSITE ATTENDANCE RECORD: 2010 CARTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT/AGENCY & DELEGATE	MONTH/DAY												
	1/5	2/2	3/2	4/6	5/4	6/1	7/6	8/3	8/31	10/5	11/2	11/30	Total
Total Membership Present	24	25											

Others Present

<p><u>January 5, 2010</u> – Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Gerrad Godley, Williamston/Eaton Rapids; John Hanieski, Delta Charter Township EDA; Dan Vreibel, City of St. Johns; Donna Hobart, Tri-County Office on Aging; Amy Schoonover, City of Charlotte; Michael Atayan, Eaton County Drain Commissioner; Stephanie Fox, MSU.</p>	<p><u>February 2, 2010</u> – Jeffrey Stephens, City of St. Johns; Scott Poyer, City of Eaton Rapids; Wanda Darrow, City of Potterville; Amy Schoonover, City of Charlotte; Ron LaCasse, City of East Lansing, Dan Armentrout, CCRC; Tom Oliver, Village of Webberville; Bob Peterson, ICRC; Dawn Benson, Clinton Transit; Gerrad Godley, Williamston/Eaton Rapids;</p>	<p><u>March 2, 2010</u>–</p>
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