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SPECIAL MEETING TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: January 21, 2010 (Thursday)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: **HANNAH COMMUNITY CENTER**
Executive Conference Room
819 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

CALL TO ORDER: Ch/Wood called the meeting to order at approximately 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Ch/Wood led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Present: See attached sheet.
Absent: See attached sheet.

Staff Present: See attached sheet.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA It was **MOVED** by C/Bauerle, **SUPPORTED** by C/Freeman, to approve the agenda as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was **MOVED** by C/Veenstra, **SUPPORTED** by C/Pohl to approve the December 17, 2009 minutes with typos corrected as noted. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS Coleman explained handouts presented at each Commissioner's seat. Coleman said staff facilitated public information meetings on the Regional 2035 Transportation Plan prior to each committee meeting this month. Two additional public meetings were also held. All comments have been received and recorded and will be included in the final Plan with responses as appropriate.

(Over)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (AKA: Stimulus Package)

In an effort to keep the Commission informed on the status of stimulus and other funded projects, staff has distributed an excerpt of the January 5, 2010 Capital Area Regional Transportation Study (CARTS) Technical Committee minutes that provides an update on status of projects.

Staff has asked local jurisdictions to submit project applications for a possible second stimulus bill in preparation for Project Selection Day, which is scheduled to be held on January 29, 2010. These projects must be ready to go to contract within 90 days after the signing of the bill. Staff will present a draft prioritized list of the 2011-2014 TIP projects and potential stimulus projects to the Commission in February for preliminary approval.

LiDAR ARRA Grant Proposal

Coleman announced that TCRPC's LiDAR proposal submitted to the National Map: Imagery and Elevation Maps under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has been awarded the full funding amount of \$165,628. Funding will be used to collect LiDAR data for the tri-county region. This data will be a significant asset for the existing Orthophoto project. Coleman thanked our partner agencies for the letters of support received.

FY 2009 Annual Listing of Regional Transportation Projects

Staff compiles an annual listing of federally funded transportation projects which were obligated in the preceding fiscal year in accordance with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and implementing metropolitan planning regulations (23 CFR 450.322).

TCRPC Annual Dinner Meeting

Coleman reminded members of the TCRPC Annual Dinner Meeting scheduled to be held on January 27, 2010 at the East Lansing Marriott beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive/Personnel
Committee

No meeting.

Program & Grant Review
Committee

C/Pizzo reported on the January 13, 2010 Program & Grant Review Committee meeting.

C/Pizzo said meeting minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting were distributed along with attachments as noted. C/Pizzo noted that no action is required of the Commission. He highlighted agenda items as discussed and summarized in the meeting minutes as follows.

C/Yorko arrived.

- Information was provided on the Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant proposal (Mid-Michigan Automotive Communities Regional Planning Grant – MSU). Action will be required at the next Committee meeting to amend the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document.
- The Committee authorized the Executive Director to submit a letter of support for the Land Policy Institute (LPI) proposal to EDA in support of Michigan's regions CEDS documents and process.
- Grant coordinators for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Grants Division presented an overview of the two funding mechanisms for local and county park and recreation improvement and/or acquisition activities: the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program (MNRTF), and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).
- Coleman briefed the Committee on proposed revisions to the statewide grant review process. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Association of Regions (MAR) are reviewing possible changes that would potentially change how the Committee would review grant proposals under the current Presidential Executive Order.

Ch/Wood introduced C/Yorko as the new 4th Ward Councilmember representing the City of Lansing on the TCRPC.

Regional Growth Steering
Committee

C/Martin said the Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, January 22, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center.

Transportation Review
Committee

C/Bauerle reported on the January 13, 2010 Transportation Review Committee meeting.

1) Regional 2035 Transportation Plan

C/Bauerle said copies of the proposed resolution adopting the Regional 2035 Transportation Plan was enclosed in packets and an updated errata sheet showing corrections that will be addressed in the final document was distributed.

It was MOVED by C/Bauerle, SUPPORTED by C/Monsma, to adopt the proposed resolution adopting the Regional 2035 Transportation Plan for Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties.

There was discussion on C/Veenstra's comment *that regarding the accuracy of the population projections in the Plan may be too high*. Coleman noted that the projections were adopted by the Commission over a year ago.

C/Yorko inquired about how staff plans to handle comments made on the Plan. As noted earlier, all comments will be incorporated into the final Plan with responses as appropriate.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ch/Wood thanked staff for their efforts in developing the Regional 2035 Transportation Plan.

2) TIP Amendment – Regional 2035 Transportation Plan

C/Bauerle said a summary of projects listed in the 2010-2011 Plan years cross checked with the 2008-2011 TIP was enclosed as TIP amendments. He noted that when the Plan is approved the conformity determinations made on the Plan also apply to the TIP, and therefore both documents need to be in alignment.

It was MOVED by C/Bauerle, SUPPORTED by C/Freeman, to approve the proposed TIP amendments.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3) TIP Amendment – Bridge Projects

C/Bauerle said the enclosed list of bridge projects are 2012 jobs that need to be added to the illustrative list.

It was MOVED by C/Bauerle, SUPPORTED by C/Monsma, to approve adding the proposed bridge projects to the illustrative list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4) TIP Amendment – Additional Transit Stimulus Projects

C/Bauerle said the enclosed transit projects are “semi-committed” jobs. Transit agencies were notified of extra stimulus funds that could be awarded if their projects are listed in the TIP. Staff will handle this administratively in order to expedite the process of receiving ARRA funds for the projects.

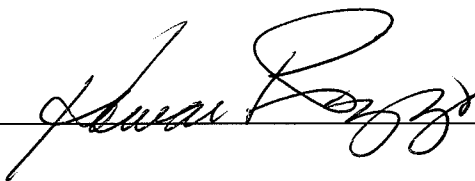
It was MOVED by C/Bauerle, SUPPORTED by C/Veenstra, to approve staff handling the transit stimulus project amendments administratively. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance Committee

No meeting.

OTHER

There being no further business, it was MOVED by C/Monsma, SUPPORTED by C/Freeman, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Date: 2/24/10

2010 Commission Attendance Record

Commissioner		MEETING DATE													Total	
		1/21	1/27	2/24	3/24	4/28	5/26	6/23	7/28	8/25	9/22	10/27	11/18	12/16		
Clinton County	Russel Bauerle	X														
	Larry Martin	X														
	David Pohl	X														
Eaton County	Howard Pizzo	X														
	Glenn Freeman	X														
	Carol Strachan	X														
	Art Luna	X														
	Darrell Tennis	X														
Ingham County	Dianne Holman	X														
	John Veenstra	X														
	Kevin Beard															
	James Dravenstatt-Moceri	X														
	Brian McGrain	X														
City of Lansing	Eric Hewitt	X														
	Ralph Monsma	X														
	Jessica Yorko	X														
	Shirley Rodgers															
	Carol Wood	X														
MDOT	Marsha Small	X														
TOTAL	19	17														

X = Present Quorum = 10
C = Cancelled

ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE

Staff Present:	Others Present:
January 21, 2010 Special Meeting	
Jon W. Coleman, TCRPC Executive Director Maria Habba, Paul Hamilton, Steve Skinker	Rich Trent, DeWitt Charter Township; Kevin Lavery, WKAR (MSU); Leonard Provencher, Meridian Township citizen.