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COMMITTEE REPORT

TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: February 10, 2010 (Wednesday)
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Southwind Conference Room
(Down the hall from TCRPC offices)
913 W. Holmes Road, Suite 201
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Attendance: See attached attendance sheet.

Staff Present: Paul Hamilton, Steve Skinker, Maria Habba

Ch/Monsma called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

I. Minutes

It was **MOVED** by C/McGrain, **SUPPORTED** by C/Hewitt, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2010 as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

II. Preliminary Approval of Draft 2011-2014 TIP Projects/Potential Jobs for Main Street Stimulus Projects and Other TIP Amendments

Hamilton suggested that separate action be taken on each of the program categories. Hamilton suggested in light of the House passing a second stimulus bill, that priorities be established for "stimulus" projects which have been added to the illustrative list. Hamilton noted that the current bill in the House allows only 90 days to get 50% of projects under contract. Projects would need to be under contract by May 28th. CARTS and the STP Subcommittee recommended approval of all project priorities as established, including stimulus projects.

Hamilton requested action on adding stimulus projects to the current 2008-2011 illustrative list in order for staff to move projects administratively as they are funded.

C/McGrain inquired about the history of the three transit systems in the region. Hamilton said transit has typically been county based in Michigan. He explained that enabling legislation which established CATA allowed their

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service area to be the “three county area,” which did not preclude Clinton and Eaton from creating their own systems. Hamilton said the precursor for Clinton Transit (Community Resource Volunteers) was a volunteer oriented service for elderly and persons with disabilities and did not initially provide general public transportation. Their services began to expand as the needs of their community expanded. Clinton County passed an operating millage and created an authority (Clinton Transit) several years ago. Hamilton offered to further research the history of the general way Michigan established county based services, but noted that CATA was somewhat unique in that it had its own enabling legislation which allowed three county services.

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

It was MOVED by C/Pohl, C/Tennis SUPPORTED, to recommend to the Commission that the 2011-2014 Rural TEDF Category D/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.

B. TEDF Category F

It was noted that the Clinton County, Townsend Street project is also applying for Small Urban funds. It was MOVED by C/McGrain, SUPPORTED by C/Pohl, to recommend to 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). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Small Urban 2011-2014 and Potential Stimulus

Hamilton said each Small Urban area typically receives at least one project every couple of years. Small Urban areas based on the population formula include: Charlotte/Potterville, Eaton Rapids, St. Johns, and Williamston/Webberville. The Small Urban areas have identified their priorities as shown. MDOT typically selects projects by area. Hamilton noted that each community has agreed to provide match as needed to fund stimulus projects.

It was MOVED by C/Tennis, SUPPORTED by C/Pohl, to recommend to the Commission that the 2011-2014 Small Urban projects and 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. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Safety/High Risk Rural Roads

Hamilton said no Safety funds were available with the last stimulus bill. These projects will be kept on the illustrative list until funded. Clark Road and Wright Road have both been funded. Skinker said the 2010 Zimmer Road project (at M-43 Grand River at \$160,000 federal) will be moved to 2011 per ICRC and MDOT agreement. This funded project will be new to the 2011 project list.

It was MOVED by C/Hewitt, SUPPORTED by C/Dravenstatt-Moceri, to recommend to 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 Elements and Potential Stimulus Projects for CATA, EATRAN and Clinton Transit

C/Veenstra inquired about the inflation of CATA's planning expenses. Hamilton noted that planning expenses include the Michigan Avenue/Grand River Corridor study. Manzella explained CATA's process for payments.

It was MOVED by Hewitt, SUPPORTED by C/Pohl, to recommend to 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 and Potential Stimulus Enhancement Projects

Hamilton said Enhancement projects remain on the illustrative list until they're selected by MDOT. He explained that the lists are essentially the same as last year with the exception of a couple of projects. All stimulus projects listed are ready to go in 90 days.

It was MOVED by C/McGrain, SUPPORTED by C/Hewitt, to recommend to 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 (CMAQ)

Hamilton said enclosed was the regular CMAQ program. Some adjustments were made to the 2011-2013 lists and all 2014 projects are new. Hamilton explained the process for submitting CMAQ projects. Hamilton noted state projects are over programmed, but that state projects will be competing for funding statewide.

It was MOVED by C/Dravenstatt-Moceri, SUPPORTED by C/McGrain, to recommend to 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. MDOT 2010 Amendments and 2011-2014 Projects

Hamilton said MDOT is requesting 2010 amendments to the existing 2008-2011 TIP, and that three additional projects will be listed in the 2011-2014 program.

It was MOVED by C/Pohl, SUPPORTED by C/Hewitt, to recommend to the Commission that MDOT's 2010 projects be added to the current 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and that their 2011-2014 projects be given preliminary approval to be included in the Draft 2011-2014 TIP.

C/Veenstra questioned the validity of spending over 4 million dollars to rebuild the Okemos Rest Area. It was explained that Rest Area funds can only be used for these purposes, and if the funds are not used they will be given to other regions or states.

MOTION CARRIED – (1 Opposed – C/Veenstra).

I. Urban STP and Potential Stimulus Urban STP Projects

Hamilton explained the "A" and "B" stimulus lists. The "A" list will be bought down if additional stimulus funds are given to the region. C/McGrain inquired about lane additions in the project lists and noted his desire to focus on maintaining existing lanes. Hamilton explained that there are operational considerations in determining whether or not additional lanes are needed. Hamilton explained that typically adding center left turn lanes are generally to deal with safety issues.

It was MOVED by C/Tennis, SUPPORTED by C/Hewitt, to recommend to the Commission that the Urban STP and Potential Stimulus Urban STP projects be given preliminary approval to be included in the Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amended into the 2008-2011 illustrative list, respectively. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Status of Projects

Skinker reported that the 2010 program is moving forward. Members of CARTS reported that projects are either beginning design, or design is already underway. Those 2010 CMAQ projects that have been approved will be added to the TIP. There was discussion on reauthorization.

C/Veenstra announced that a workshop is scheduled to be held with Dan Burden on Friday, February 12 from 9-3 at 208 N. Capitol Avenue. Please contact the Michigan Municipal League to register.

IV. Status Reports/Other

- Federal Certification Review Report/Presentation – Hamilton said FHWA will present TCRPC's federal certification review at the February Commission meeting. Hamilton noted corrective actions, recommendations and commendations staff received from the review. Staff has met with MDOT to initiate discussion on addressing corrective actions and recommendations.
- 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.

- Michigan Avenue/Grand River Corridor Alternatives Analysis – Manzella said the project is narrowing down to deciding the “preferred four.” The Technical Committee will be voting next week to make recommendations to the Steering Committee.
- 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 federal reimbursement. Information is being forwarded to members.
- Other/Adjourn – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

COMPOSITE ATTENDANCE RECORD
TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE 2010

C=Cancelled
A=Alternate
A1=1st Alternate
A2=2nd Alternate
A3=3rd Alternate

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT/AGENCY	MONTH/DAY												TOTAL
	1/13	2/10	3/10	4/14	5/12	6/9	7/21	8/25	9/8	10/13	11/10	12/8	
Clinton County: Clinton County Road Commission Clinton County Board of Commissioners	Bauerle X	X											
Eaton County: Eaton County Road Commission EATRAN	Pizzo X	X											
Ingham County: Ingham County Road Commission	Beard X McGrain X Veenstra X Dravenstatt-Moceri X	X X X X											
Lansing City: CATA	Hewitt Yorko X Monsma X	X											
MDOT:	McBurrows X	X											
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS		10	9										
NON VOTING MEMBERS: CATA: D Alexander J Manzella N Wilson (A-1)		X	X										
EATRAN:	Webb												
CRAA:	Otto	X	X										
FHWA:	Tupica												
MDNR:	Rusch												
TOTAL		12	11										