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Regional 2035 Transportation Plan Public Information Meeting

DATE: January 13, 2010 (Wednesday)
TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: **FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER**
Room 209
200 N. Foster
Lansing, MI 48912

Attendance: Candace (Lee) Kokinakis, Safe Routes to Schools
Dal McBurrows, MDOT
Dave Pohl, Clinton County Board of Commissioners/TCRPC
John Daher, Lansing Charter Township
Ralph Monsma, CATA/TCRPC
Russel Bauerle, Clinton County Road Commission/TCRPC
Darrell Tennis, Eaton County Road Commission/TCRPC
Brad Strader, LSL Planning, Inc.
Daniel Otto, Capital Region Airport Authority
Carol Strachan, Eaton County Board of Commissioners/TCRPC
Kevin Beard, East Lansing City Council

Staff Present: Jon W. Coleman, Executive Director
Paul Hamilton, Chief Transportation Planner
Steve Skinker, Transportation Planner
Harmony Gmazel, Land Use Planner
Hary Prawiranata, Transportation Analyst
Maria Habba, Executive Assistant

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jon Coleman called the meeting to order at approximately 3:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He said the presentation this afternoon will be a high level overview of the Plan and will allow for public comments on the Plan. Coleman noted that comments will be collected up until action at the January 21st special TCRPC meeting. Coleman announced that TCRPC now also has a Facebook page. Comments will be monitored on Facebook and on TCRPC's website. An errata sheet was made available.

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II. **Regional 2035 Transportation Plan**

A. Staff Presentation: Hamilton explained that this process is to address federal requirements and Plan updates occur every four years under the current law. Hamilton provided an overview of the transportation process (Page 1-5) and explained each chapter of the Plan. Hamilton also explained the Plan Supplement which deals with other federal mandates. The Supplement contains approximately 300 maps in the environmental mitigation section. Hamilton mentioned the federal requirement to identify system level mitigation issues, not project level environmental analysis.

B. Questions and Answers:

Brad Strader asked about the 250 foot buffer shown for some of the routes.

Hamilton said 250 feet are used for bridges or preserve projects where there is no new right of way. Hamilton said larger buffers are used where there is more potential for impact in general.

Brad Strader commented on the City of Lansing being 85% complete on their non-motorized plan and noted that Waverly is listed as a non-motorized priority corridor. He said Norm Cox, Greenways Collaborative, has recommended that the City of Lansing use parallel routes for Pennsylvania and Cedar due to right of way constraints.

Hamilton confirmed that Waverly and Aurelius are on our maps; however, a determination was not made on where to put a facility there either. Hamilton said these types of issues can be amended at anytime.

John Daher referred to Chapter 9, Table 9-1 and commented on his observation of the numbers being presented in relation to population/households and vehicles. He said the numbers show a decrease from 2005 to 2010 and an increase from 2010 to 2035. Households show a slight decrease from 2005 to 2010.

Hamilton said household size continues to drop in a 30 year period (they are not dwelling units). Hamilton referred to Chapter 2, Table 2-8 to show additional figures. Hamilton said this is a function of a number of different things. Hamilton noted that households are estimated by applying the persons per household relationship to the population, which starts with Census figures. Daher also mentioned the figures listed for vehicles. He commented that these figures do not speak well to improved public transportation during this 35 time period. Hamilton said vehicles are also estimated based on vehicles per household from the Census data. Hamilton said generally speaking, vehicles per household continue to rise.

C. Public Comments: No public comments were made for the record.

Brad Strader commented on his involvement with other communities and MPO's and commended TCRPC staff for their efforts in developing the Regional 2035 Transportation Plan.

He also mentioned CATA's workshop this afternoon on the Michigan Avenue/Grand River project that will be held in the Foster Center facility in Room 212 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

D. Discussion: There was no further discussion.

III. **Other**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m.