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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Funding Committee Meeting – May 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM  
Madison Heights Fire Department  
31313 Brush Street, Madison Heights, MI**

### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson David Evancoe called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Mr. Evancoe thanked the City of Madison Heights for hosting the meeting. Attendees then introduced themselves.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Evancoe asked if anyone present would like to make a public comment on any items not already on the agenda. No attendees requested to make a comment and Mr. Evancoe closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2-7-2017 FUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr. Evancoe referred the committee to the minutes from the 2-7-2017 FAC Funding Committee meeting (included in the agenda packet) and asked if anyone had any additions, changes or deletions. No changes were requested.

**Motion** by Jim Schafer, supported by William Houtari, to approve the minutes of the 2-7-2017 Federal Aid Funding Committee meeting. **Motion Carried.**

### **IV. REPORT FROM SEMCOG**

Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG, reported that a bill was passed to provide the remainder of the obligation authority to MDOT until the end of the fiscal year. Currently, the funding has not been passed down to MDOT, but will soon.

Mr. Brudzinski also announced that CMAQ award letters will be distributed soon.

### **V. REPORT FROM MDOT**

Mark Harbison, reported that MDOT is currently out of obligation authority. He reiterated SEMCOG's report that a bill has been passed in the house, but funding has not been passed down to MDOT yet. Currently projects are being advanced constructed. However, they anticipate all projects will receive their funding once the obligation authority reaches MDOT.

Mr. Harbison also mentioned that there will be new RRR guidelines that will reflect FHWA guidance for design exceptions.

## VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Evancoe thanked all of the communities that have met with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) for the strategic planning meetings. The RCOC believes the meetings have been productive and beneficial. RCOC staff will have a report available for distribution shortly after all meetings have concluded.

## VII. 2017 PROJECT STATUS UPDATES

Mr. Evancoe requested each community with a 2017 federal-aid project to provide an update on the status of each project. The following table lists those updates:

2017 PROJECT	LIMITS		AGENCY	STATUS AS OF February 2017	STATUS AS OF May 2017
	FROM	TO			
<b>PAVE GRAVEL</b>					
<b>Napier Road</b>	9 Mile	10 Mile	RCOC	Late Spring Let	June Let
<b>URBAN TO RURAL TRANSFER</b>					
<b>Rochester Rd</b>	Gerst	Boardman	RCOC	ACC Completed in 2016	Completed
<b>RRR/4R</b>					
<b>Maple Rd</b>	Haggerty	Drake	RCOC	Spring Let	June Let
<b>11 Mile Rd</b>	Orchard Lake	Middlebelt	Farmington Hills	On Schedule	Under Construction
<b>Beck Rd</b>	8 Mile	9 Mile	Novi	March Bid Let	June Construction
<b>Pinecrest Road</b>	9 Mile	Oakridge	Ferndale	May Let, June Construction	June Construction
<b>Meadowbrook Rd</b>	I-96	12 Mile	Novi	March Bid Let	June Construction
<b>Pontiac Road</b>	Commonwealth	University	Auburn Hills	Winter Bid, April/May Let	July/August Let
<b>Evergreen Rd - AC</b>	9 Mile	M-10	Southfield	April Bid	May Construction
<b>SB Northwestern Service Drive</b>	Berg	Evergreen	Southfield	Completed	Completed
<b>NB Northwestern Service Drive</b>	W of Southfield	Lahser	City of Southfield	May Let	Not AC. FY2018 Construction
<b>Franklin Road</b>	W of 11 Mile	Telegraph	City of Southfield	May Let	June Construction
<b>Nine Mile Road</b>	E of Telegraph	Lahser	City of Southfield		Late Summer Bid
<b>NEXT-PHASE</b>					
<b>Orchard Lake Rd - ROW</b>	13 Mile	14 Mile	Farmington Hills	FHWA reviewing Environmental Assessment	FHWA reviewing Environmental Assessment
<b>CAT C</b>					
<b>Dequindre</b>	Long Lake	Burningbush	RCOC		August Let
<b>Baldwin</b>	Morgan	Gregory	RCOC		June Let
<b>NHPP</b>					
<b>13 Mile Rd</b>	John R	Dequindre	Madison Heights	March Bid	July Let
<b>12 Mile Rd</b>	Haggerty	Farmington	RCOC	Spring Let	July Let
<b>Joslyn Rd</b>	Perry	Beverly	City of Pontiac	Late Summer, Early Fall Let	Aug/Sept Let, Limits will change (Perry to Walton)

## VIII. RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF WIXOM

Tim Sikma, City of Wixom, gave an overview of the City's request to reclassify Charms Road from Wixom Road (minor arterial) west to Delphine Drive (local) from a *local* road to a *major collector* on the National Functional Classification (NFC) system.

Brian Mohr, SEMCOG mentioned his conversations with MDOT about this request. The segment of Charms Road included in the request does not provide the connectivity to the NFC system that would warrant the reclassification of the road as a *major* collector. Wixom Road is a *minor* arterial and Delphine Drive is a *local* road. Mohr suggested that Wixom may want to amend their request. The first option for the City of Wixom would be to partner with RCOC to reclassify the City's portion from Wixom Road to Delphine Drive and include RCOC's portion from Delphine Drive to Wixom Road in the request. The second option would be to amend the request to reclassify the City's portion of the road as a *minor* collector.

Mr. Sikma agreed the city would amend their request to reclassify their segment as a *minor* collector.

**Motion** by Mr. Houtari, supported by Mr. Schafer, to recommend approval of Wixom's request to reclassify Charms Road from a local road to a *Minor* Collector on the National Functional Classification system. **Motion Carried.**

## IX. UPDATE TO 2018 – 2020 PROJECT LISTS

Mr. Evancoe explained that three requests to move projects have been submitted.

Paul O'Meara, City of Birmingham explained the city would like to postpone their Maple Road project from Bates Street to Woodward Avenue from FY2019 to FY2020.

Karen Mondora, City of Farmington Hills explained that more time is needed for the review of the Environmental Assessment on Orchard Lake Road from 13 Mile to 14 Mile. The City is requesting the committee to approve the postponement of the first phase of right-of-way funding from FY2018 to FY2019 and postpone the second phase of right-of-way funding from FY2019 to FY2020.

Mr. Evancoe explained the City of Farmington's request to move funding for Freedom Road from Gill to 9 Mile and from M-5 to Hillview Court from FY2019 to FY2020.

Mr. Evancoe opened the discussion for the committee to make adjustments to the project list.

With the consent of each jurisdiction below, the committee moved projects as follows:

The following projects were moved into **FY2018** by the committee:

Giddings Rd	City Limit to Brown	Auburn Hills	CON	\$736,433	\$184,108	Moved from 2019
13 Mile Rd	Middlebelt to Inkster	Farmington Hills	CON	\$1,410,235	\$352,559	Moved from 2019
Nine Mile Rd	E of Telegraph to Lahser	Southfield	ACC	\$599,933	\$257,114	AC in 2017
North Main St	11 Mile Rd to Gardenia Ave	Royal Oak	CON	\$769,321	\$329,709	Fed\$ capped 30% Local Match

The following projects were moved into **FY2019** by the committee:

Orchard Lake Rd	13 Mile to 14 Mile	Farmington Hills	ROW	\$3,560,000	\$890,000	Moved from 2018
University Drive	MLK Jr. Blvd to East City Limits	Pontiac	CON	\$1,711,382	\$427,845	Moved from 2020
South Blvd	Woodward Ave to MLK Jr. Blvd.	Pontiac	CON	\$723,104	\$180,776	Moved from 2020
Stephenson Hwy NB	12 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road	Madison Heights	CON	\$831,126	\$207,782	Moved from 2020
Stephenson Hwy SB	Girard Road to 14 Mile Road	Madison Heights	CON	\$578,380	\$144,595	Moved from 2020
9 Mile Road	City Limits to Middlebelt	Farmington Hills	CON	\$742,190	\$185,548	Moved from 2020

The following projects were moved into **FY 2020** by the committee:

Orchard Lake Rd	13 Mile to 14 Mile	Farmington Hills	ROW	\$4,080,000	\$816,000	Moved from 2019
Freedom Rd	Gill to 9 Mile, M-5 to Hillview	Farmington	CON	\$987,871	\$246,968	Moved from 2018
Maple Road	Bates and Woodward	Birmingham	CON	\$351,834	\$87,959	Moved from 2017

**Motion** by Mr. Schafer, supported by Gary Piotrowicz to approve the adjustments made to the 2018 - 2020 project lists. **Motion Carried.** (New Project Lists included as attachment A to the minutes.)

**X. PRESENTATION FROM RCOC ON CHANGING THE PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS**

Mr. Piotrowicz presented to the committee the RCOC's request to change the project selection process. He explained that the Road Commission currently has jurisdiction of 70% of the federal aid eligible (FAE) roads in the county, yet is only receiving an average of 37% of the funding over the past ten years. He also pointed out that in recent years, many roads that have been awarded federal funding have had low volumes, are not on the NHS, and are mostly collectors and minor arterials.

Mr. Piotrowicz made the recommendation for the Technical Committee to make major revisions to the 3R and 4R forms to place an emphasis on high volumes, higher classifications, multi-lanes and continuity.

Discussion ensued. The committee discussed that one problem is there is simply not enough funding. Another problem is the forms may provide more points for cost effectiveness, which does not help roads that carry high volumes, are multi-lane and higher functional classification to score higher.

The committee agreed that another issue with the forms is the inconsistencies of unit costs. Project cost estimates can vary widely by community. In addition to Mr. Piotrowicz recommendation, the Funding Committee agreed to include the standardization of unit costs in the 3R form applications in their request to the Technical Committee.

Ron Agacinski, from the Wayne County FAC explained that their project application forms include points for PASER, NFC and traffic counts.

**Motion** by Mr. Piotrowicz, supported by Mr. Chris Barnett to direct the technical committee to review and revise the 3R and 4R forms with the goal of funding roads that serve higher volumes, have higher functional classifications, have multiple lanes, provide continuity and to find a way to standardize unit cost prices. **Roll Call Vote (12-0) Motion Passed.**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Evancoe asked if there was any other business to be brought before the committee. There was no other business. The next FAC Task Force meeting will be on October 3, 2017 with a location still to be determined.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Evancoe thanked those in attendance for participating and adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

## ATTENDEES

### Present

Dan Brisson  
Derrick Schueller  
Paul O'Meara  
Harry Drinkwine  
Karen Mondora  
Mark Saksewski  
Jim Schafer  
George Melistas  
Gerrajh Surles  
Kevin Yee  
Gerry McCallum  
John Balint  
Matt Callahan  
Holly Donoghue  
Leigh Schultz  
Bill Houtari  
Steve Brown  
Tim Sikma  
Rich Davis  
Kathy Thurman  
Robert DePalma  
Mike Bailey  
Dale Stuart  
Chris Barnett  
James Creech  
Michael Smith  
Chuck Hart  
Beata Lamparski  
Steve Dearing  
Rhett Gronewelt  
Cheryl Gregory  
Mark Harbison  
Sandy Montes  
Brent Shriner  
Steve Brudzinski  
Brian Mohr  
Dustin Hagfors  
Ron Agacinski  
Laith Aziz  
Summer Saleh  
Lawrence Young  
Greg Jamian  
Gary Piotrowicz  
David Evancoe  
Tom Blust  
Tom Noechel  
Sarah Plumer

### Affiliation

City of Auburn Hills  
City of Berkley  
City of Birmingham  
City of Clawson  
City of Farmington Hills  
City of Farmington Hills  
City of Madison Heights  
City of Novi  
City of Oak Park  
City of Oak Park  
City of Orchard Lake Village  
City of Pontiac  
City of Royal Oak  
City of Royal Oak  
City of Southfield  
City of Troy  
City of Wixom  
City of Wixom  
Bloomfield Township  
Brandon Township  
Groveland Township  
Oakland Township  
Oakland Township  
Orion Township  
Village of Franklin  
AEW  
HRC  
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OHM Advisors  
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