



Oakland County
Federal Aid Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM
City of Novi – DPW Facility Gun Range
26300 Lee BeGole
Novi, MI 48375

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman, Mr. Brad Knight, RCOC, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Knight thanked the City of Novi for hosting the meeting and then asked all those in attendance to introduce themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Knight asked if anyone present would like to make a public comment. No attendees requested to make a comment and Mr. knight closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – BRAD KNIGHT

Mr. Knight reminded the committee to make sure any changes to projects in the TIP are submitted to the RCOC before the amendment due dates noted on SEMCOG's TIP amendment schedule.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8, 2019 MEETING

Mr. Knight referred the committee to the minutes from the October 8, 2019 meeting and asked if anyone had any additions, changes or deletions. No changes were requested.

Motion by Mr. William Huotari, supported by Mr. Harry Drinkwine, to approve October 8, 2019 meeting minutes. **Motion Carried.**

V. REPORT FROM Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

Mr. Stephen Brudzinski, SEMCOG, explained that Governor Whitmer's Bond Program will be worth approximately \$3 Billion. MDOT is working on a complete list of improvements using this funding. Approximately \$500 Million will be spent in Oakland County.

Mr. Brudzinski announced that every CMAQ application sent in has been awarded.

Mr. Brudzinski reminded the committee that we are already halfway through the fiscal year, and there is a lot of pressure to obligate early before the obligation authority runs out.

Ms. Christina Ignasiak, SEMCOG, announced that the pavement condition map on their website has been updated with 2019 date. She also mentioned that they just finished a guide to transportation planning tool. It is available on the website, but if anyone would like a copy, feel free to reach out to her.

VI. REPORT FROM Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Mr. Brent Schriener, MDOT, filling in for Mr. Ryan Doyle provided the committee with an update on various items from MDOT. The full report is included in Attachment A to these minutes.

VII. 2020 PROJECT STATUS

Mr. Knight asked members to provide the status on upcoming FY 2020 projects. The results are listed in the following table:

2020 PROJECTS	LIMITS		AGENCY	STATUS as of February 2020
	FROM	TO		
PAVE GRAVEL				
Currie Road	9 Mile Road	10 Mile Road	RCOC	June Bid Let
NEXT-PHASE				
Orchard Lake Road	13 Mile Road	14 Mile Road	RCOC/Farmington Hills	Moved to 2021
RRR				
9 Mile Road	Inkster Road	Beech Road	Southfield	Jan Bid Let
Civic Center Drive	Northwestern Hwy	Lahser Road	Southfield	Jan Bid Let
Crooks Road	13 Mile Road	14 Mile Road	Royal Oak	May Bid Let
Auburn Road	Opdyke Road	Churchill Road	Auburn Hills	June Bid Let
13 Mile Road	Evergreen Road	Southfield Road	Beverly Hills	April Bid Let
N Squirrel Road	South of M59	South of Featherstone Road	Auburn Hills	March Bid Let
Franklin Road	Northwestern Hwy	North City Limits	Southfield	March Bid Let
Freedom Road	Gill Road to 9 Mile	M-5 to Hillview Ct	Farmington	Feb Bid Let
Maple Road	Southfield Road	Woodward Avenue	Birmingham	Feb Bid Let
NHPP				
13 Mile Road	John R Road	Hales Street	Madison Heights	March Bid Let
12 Mile Road	West of Greenfield	Coolidge Hwy	RCOC	April Bid Let
CATEGORY C				
Dequindre Road	Utica Road	Auburn Road	RCOC	April Bid Let
Rochester Road	Barclay Drive	Trinway Road	Troy	Moved to 2021

VIII. PROJECT LIST MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Knight explained there were updates to the 2020 targets and are reflected on the project list sheets. There was a small decrease in NHPP and Federal Category C, but an increase in STBG Urban and the State portion of Category C.

Mr. Knight further explained that in addition to an increase in the STP target, there have been requests for project list adjustments. Referring to the letters in agenda Attachment E, the following requests were made:

NEXT PHASE AND STBG (STPU)

1. City of Farmington Hills: Orchard Lake Road from 13 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road. Move construction from 2020 to 2021. Mr. Tom Noechel, RCOC, explained if the committee approved this request, the RCOC could move forward their Maple and Walton jobs in 2021.

Motion by Mr. Huotari, supported by Mr. Kevin Yee to move Orchard Lake Road project from 2020 to 2021 and to move Walton and Maple Road from 2021 into 2020. **Motion Carried.**

2. Ms. Sarah Plumer, RCOC, mentioned that there was still a balance available in 2020. The committee discussed potential options such as moving forward any ACC projects and the Auburn Road project in 2021. Mr. Gary Piotrowicz, RCOC, suggested that RCOC could utilize this funding for the Maple Road project if no other options are available.

Motion by Mr. Paul Schumejko, supported by Mr. Huotari to move forward ACC of Livernois and the Auburn Road project from 2020 to 2021. **Motion Carried.**

Changes to the STBG (STPU) project lists as approved by the committee include the following:

- **Orchard Lake Road from 13 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road. CON Moved from 2020 to 2021.**
- **Livernois Road from Avon Road to Walton Road. ACC moved from 2021 to 2020.**
- **Maple Road from Inkster Road to Franklin Road. CON moved from 2021 to 2020. (With cost adjustment-decrease.)**
- **Walton Road from Dixie Hwy to Sashabaw Road CON moved from 2021 to 2020. (With cost adjustment – increase.)**
- **Auburn Road from E of Cherryland Road to Adams Road. Moved from 2021 to 2020.**

CATEGORY C

3. Road Commission for Oakland County: Baldwin Road from Morgan Road to Gregory Road. Increase in the right-of-way phase of \$960,000 Category C and \$240,000 Local.
4. City of Troy: Rochester Road from Barclay to Trinway. Move the Right-of-Way phase from 2020 to 2021 and move construction phase from 2022 to 2023.

Motion by Mr. Pat Kittle, supported by Ms. Kathy Thurman, to approve the requested changes to the above listed Category C projects. **Motion Carried.**

5. Mr. Knight reminded the committee that there are still Federal Category C funds in fiscal year 2021 available. He referred to the communities to decide how to utilize this funding. Ms. Holly Donoghue, City of Royal Oak mentioned that their Crooks Road project from 13 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road is currently programmed in FY2020 and had previously used category C funds on the Clawson bordering segment (Normandy Road to 14 Mile Road). Ms. Donoghue, requested the available category C funding in 2021 go to this project. The Crooks Road project is capped, and it would require the committee to decide if any additional federal aid could be allocated. Mr. Huotari mentioned that discussions with the other member communities did not lead to any other options. Mr. Knight reminded the bylaws state no additional federal funds can be allocated to projects that are capped. The committee discussed if this was applicable and considered this situation a special circumstance in which they decided to utilize the available funds on this project.

Motion by Mr. Houtari, supported by Mr. Piotrowicz to allocate the remaining \$494,880 Federal Category C funds to the Crooks Road project. **Motion Carried.**

Changes to the Category C project lists as approved by the committee include the following:

- **Baldwin Road from Morgan to Gregory. ROW phase increase of \$1.2 Million.**
- **Rochester Road from Barclay to Trinway. ROW phase moved from 2020 to 2021. CON phase moved from 2022 to 2023.**
- **\$494,880 of available 2021 Federal Category C will be spent on Crooks Road from 13 Mile to 14 Mile.**

An updated TIP project list can be found in Attachment B to these minutes.

IX. FY 2023 PROJECT SELECTION

Mr. Knight introduced the item and referred the committee to agenda Attachment F, the list of City and Village project applications. He explained that there is a total of \$5.75 million available for the Cities and Villages.

Motion by Mr. Yee, supported by Mr. Huotari to select the first 5 highest ranking projects and then the 7th (as it fits into the fiscal targets) for funding in 2023. **Motion Carried.**

Mr. Knight referred to agenda Attachment G, the RCOC List of Projects. Mr. Knight explained the projects highlighted in yellow were selected for funding in 2023, and projects in 2023 are in grey. Mr. Piotrowicz explained to the committee that the RCOC selects projects in 2-year periods to better coordinate projects. We show the second year as an informational item, but RCOC is asking approval for 2023 projects right now.

Motion by Mr. Piotrowicz, supported by Mr. Kittle to approve the RCOC list of projects for fiscal year 2023 funding. **Motion Carried.**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Knight explained that future FAC meeting dates will need to be shifted to account for the SEMCOG TIP amendment due dates. It is important to have FAC meetings before the due date, so that any changes to the projects lists as voted on during the meeting can be incorporated into the current amendment. This will help keep projects on schedule and prevent delays.

As the committee had no discussion, the next meeting dates will tentatively be April 21st and August 18th.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knight asked the community members if there were any offers to host the next meeting. As there were no offers made at the meeting, RCOC will schedule the next meeting at Oakland County offices. Mr. Knight thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

ATTENDEES

PRESENT

Bradd Maki
Kathy Thurman
Ron Melchert
Mark Michling
Derrick Schueller
Austin Fletcher
Harry Drinkwine
Karen Mondora
Mark Saksewski
Justin Lyons
Tom Jones
Corey Almas
Jeff Herczeg
Kevin Yee
Seth Bucholz
Jenny McGuckin
Paul Shumejko
Matt Callahan
Holly Donoghue
Leigh Schultz
Bill Huotari
John Owsinek
Chelsea Pesta
Dennis Whitt
Tim Sikma
Justin Wellman
Robert DePalma
George Kullis
Pat Kittle
Don Green
Chuck Hart
Colleen Hill-Stramsak
Brent Schriner
Lori Swanson
Don Green
Jim Schafer
Mike Woods
Mike Bailing
Adam Kline
Kirk Cox
Rhett Gronevelt
Tim Juidici
Jeff Stout
Steve Brudzinski
Christina Ignasiak
Andy Thorner
Brad Knight
Tom Noechel
Gary Piotrowicz
Sarah Plumer
Mike Smith
Rob Merinsky
Rik Kowall

AFFILIATION

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City of Auburn Hills
City of Auburn Hills
City of Berkley
City of Birmingham
City of Clawson
City of Farmington Hills
City of Farmington Hills
City of Ferndale
City of Hazel Park
City of Madison Heights
City of Novi
City of Oak Park
City of Rochester Hills
City of Rochester Hills
City of Rochester Hills
City of Royal Oak
City of Royal Oak
City of Southfield
City of Troy
City of Walled Lake
City of Walled Lake
City of Walled Lake
City of Wixom
Giffels Webster Engineers
Groveland Township
Holly Township
Independence Township
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