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Regional 2035 Transportation Plan Public Information Meeting

DATE: January 21, 2010 (Wednesday)
TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: **HANNAH COMMUNITY CENTER**
Executive Conference Room
819 Abbot Road
Lansing, MI 48823

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Attendance: Darrell Tennis, Eaton County Road Commission/TCRPC
Carol Wood, City of Lansing/TCRPC
Howard Pizzo, Delta Charter Township/TCRPC
Dianne Holman, Ingham County Board of Commissioners/TCRPC
Larry Martin, Clinton County Board of Commissioners/TCRPC
Ralph Monsma, CATA/TCRPC
Rich Trent, DeWitt Charter Township
Eileen Heideman, Clinton County
Steve Troost, Michigan State University
Leonard Provencher, Non-Motorized Advocate
Rory Neuner, TCATC – Non-Motorized Advocate
Participating Citizens: Melissa Lott, Maggie Striz,
Tim Woiwode, Mike Jacobs, and Cathy Clifford

Staff Present: Jon W. Coleman, Executive Director
Paul Hamilton, Chief Transportation Planner
Steve Skinker, Transportation Planner
Maria Habba, Executive Assistant

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jon Coleman called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He said the presentation tonight will be a high level overview of the Plan and will allow for public comments on the Plan. Coleman announced that TCRPC now 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 said this is a federal requirement. The Plan is updated every four years. Hamilton provided an overview of the transportation process (Page 1-5) and explained each chapter of the Plan. Hamilton also explained portions of the Plan supplement and requirements of the federal law. Hamilton also explained the Supplement which deals with other federal mandates. The Supplement contains approximately 300 maps in the environmental mitigation section. Hamilton said it's a federal requirement to identify system level mitigation issues, not project level environmental analysis.

B. Questions and Answers:

C/Dianne Holman asked for clarification on how staff develops inventories such as parks in coordination with local park agencies and counties.

Hamilton said when staff completes an inventory it is sent back to the local agency for review. Some inventories have been completed based on archival data (parks and recreation plans, soils maps, land use plans, etc.), which are then made available to the counties and respective Agriculture Preservation Boards. Sidewalk inventories are done with aerial imagery and will later be sent to local agencies to update. Hamilton said all maps are available on TCRPC's website. Coleman noted that staff has begun to look at master plans and recreation plans relative to the principles of the Regional Growth project.

Leonard Provencher asked how construction work is prioritized (what is the sequence of events?) He referenced the project scheduled 21 years out into the future that Hamilton explained in his presentation. Leonard said he noticed several projects in the Plan that have already been constructed in the region.

Hamilton said the responsible road agency has to look at the deficiency data TCRPC provides and submit their projects for future years based on their local judgment about needs, deficiencies, budgets and priorities. Staff issues a "call for projects" and proceeds to review and prioritize projects through the MPO committee process. Prioritization is primarily based on assessments of the responsible road agencies in relation to other priorities; public input is also considered.

C/Dianne Holman asked how projects might be moved up or back over the course of the Plan.

Hamilton said we need to have a much better idea of the "in" years, rather than the "out" years. Projects need to be re-assessed continuously. Projects are re-evaluated through the planning process every four years.

Tim Woiwode asked if there were expense and revenue projections in the Plan that shows corresponding revenues that includes funding sources.

Hamilton said there is a table in Chapter 12 in the Plan by funding source. He said if you look at the PASER ratings, we're looking at a system that is in condition collapse due to lack of funds. Hamilton said we have to have an agreed upon method with MDOT on revenue forecasting. Once revenue growth rates and project cost inflation factors are decided statewide, that's what TCRPC applies to the formulas.

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

D. Discussions: There was no further discussion.

III. Other

Closing Remarks: Coleman said this is the last public session prior to action on the Plan. All public comments will be incorporated into the final Plan with responses. Comments received in writing will be distributed to the Commission.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.