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COMMITTEE REPORT

TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: January 13, 2010 (Wednesday)
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Foster Community Center
Room 209
200 North Foster
Lansing, MI 48910

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Jon W. Coleman

Attendance: See attached attendance sheet.

Staff Present: Jon W. Coleman, Paul Hamilton, Steve Skinker, Maria Habba

Ch/Bauerle called the meeting to order at approximately 4:10 p.m.

I. Minutes

It was **MOVED** by C/Beard, **SUPPORTED** by C/Hewitt, to approve the minutes of October 14, 2009 as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

II. Regional 2035 Transportation Plan

Hamilton said revised copies of the proposed resolution in Appendix C of the Plan were distributed. Hamilton also distributed an errata sheet showing corrections that will be addressed in the final document. Hamilton explained that the errata sheet is how we're processing corrections. Hamilton said the errata sheet includes suggestions and an error based on public comments. Hamilton said one of those comments led to shifting the definition of "bike paths" to "shared use paths." C/Pohl commented that "shared use" is a broad term.

It was **MOVED** by C/Tennis, **SUPPORTED** by C/Pizzo, to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution adopting the Regional 2035 Transportation Plan for Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. TIP Amendment – Regional 2035 Transportation Plan

A summary of projects listed in the 2010-2011 Plan cross years checked with the 2008-2011 TIP was distributed as TIP amendments. Hamilton noted that when the Plan is adopted the conformity determinations made on the Plan

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also apply to the TIP, and therefore both documents need to be in alignment. These amendments were not provided to CARTS; however, road agencies should be aware of what they've changed. Hamilton said these amendments will be submitted as TIP amendments. Skinker mentioned a financial constraint issue with the Canal Road project. Hamilton said this issue will be resolved. He noted that this project is currently listed in the model.

It was MOVED by C/Pohl, SUPPORTED by C/Monsma, to recommend the proposed TIP amendments with the acknowledgement of the Canal Road financial constraint issue will be resolved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hamilton said assuming there are no changes between what we've just acted on in the Plan and the 2011-2014 TIP which will be acted on in June, that the conformity determination made on the current Plan as well as the 2008-2011 TIP could also apply to the 2011-2014 TIP if all projects are in alignment. If there is a change or if different outcomes of the Michigan Avenue/Grand River study are presented, the modeling may have to be re-run.

IV. TIP Amendments

A. Bridge Projects

Hamilton noted that the enclosed list of bridge projects are 2012 jobs and will therefore be added to the illustrative list.

It was MOVED by C/Monsma, SUPPORTED by C/Hewitt, to recommend approval of adding the proposed bridge projects into the illustrative list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Additional Transit Stimulus Projects

Hamilton said the enclosed transit projects are "semi-committed" jobs. He explained that the transit agencies were notified of extra stimulus funds that could be awarded to them if they are in the TIP. Hamilton said only one project was not listed in the current illustrative list (Clinton County's truck "project"). Hamilton explained his intention of handling this administratively in order to expedite this process of receiving ARRA funds for the projects. Hamilton said MDOT's website contains technical definitions, specs for bidding, etc., if members are interested.

It was MOVED by C/Dravenstatt-Moceri, SUPPORTED by C/Monsma, to recommend approval of staff handling the transit stimulus project amendments administratively. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. TIP Schedule

Hamilton reviewed the 2011-2014 TIP schedule. Project Selection Day is Friday, January 29, 2010. Project applications are due on Friday, January 15, 2010. Action on the TIP is scheduled to take place in June, 2010.

Hamilton briefed the Committee on a possible second stimulus bill that has been passed by the House that includes approximately \$27 billion for additional highway improvements and approximately \$8 billion for transit nationwide. The Senate has not acted yet on this bill. Hamilton has advised members to also submit project applications for those projects that could be advanced in 90 days from apportionment. These projects could include resurfacing, reconstructions, transit projects, etc. Hamilton's desire is to have a program ready in the event "stimulus #2" is awarded. Hamilton noted that in addition to the transportation program, there are additional programs to receive additional stimulus funds on the table. More information can be obtained on the House Appropriations Committee's website.

VI. Status of Projects

An update on the status of current projects was distributed. Hamilton noted that current stimulus projects were submitted prior to MDOT's deadline. Hamilton's has been contacted on the two Lansing projects with regard to 120% being available. Based on the Committee's *procedures* Hamilton advised ~~that~~ MDOT *the project's were eligible to take 120%*. Hamilton noted that *he* hasn't specifically seen or heard if the chunk of Waverly for Ingham County project has been submitted and obligated. With regard to the CMAQ projects, once FHWA has made their eligibility determination, those projects can be amended into the TIP. He also noted that the flexing issues with the CATA projects have still not been resolved. Manzella noted that this is an internal FHWA/FTA staff decision on whether or not their projects are flexed.

C/Veenstra questioned what "flex" means. Hamilton answered that under SAFTEA-LU, the flexing process is the ability to shift funding from a roadway project to a transit project, and visa versa. He said flexing is essentially the transfer of the funds.

VII. Status Reports/Other

- Michigan Avenue/Grand River Corridor Study – Hamilton encouraged members to attend the corridor study meeting that is being held in Room 212 at the Foster Center between 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. An additional meeting is also being held at the Meridian Township Hall on January 14, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
- Certification Review Report – Hamilton said copies of the Federal Certification Review report will be disseminated as part of the TCRPC Annual Dinner Meeting packet. Rachael Tupica, FHWA, will make a presentation on the report at the February CARTS and Commission meetings.
- Asset Management – Skinker provided dates and schedules on upcoming Asset Management training opportunities as follows. Training on the Internet Reporting Tool will be held on Monday, March 1st at 1:00 p.m. at Delta Township Hall. The PASER training will be held on March 4th at LCC West. Hamilton explained that all Act 51 agencies should attend the reporting tool training. Staff will disseminate an email to members with further information.

- Other/Adjourn – Hamilton distributed information on “stricter smog standards to impact municipalities/industry” that he received from AMPO. Hamilton explained that EPA is proposing to lower their ozone standards and also adding a secondary standard. He said this is expected to be published in the federal register and implementation will be phased in. Typically, regions have two years to bring everything up to the new standards after they’ve been published. Hamilton said it is still unknown whether or not TCRPC will be designated as attainment or non-attainment under the new standard.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:55 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 |
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| | 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 Pohl | X X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eaton County: Eaton County Road Commission EATRAN | Pizzo Tennis Luna | X X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ingham County: Ingham County Road Commission | Beard McGrain Veenstra Dravenstatt-Moceri | X X X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lansing City: CATA | Hewitt Monsma | X X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MDOT: | McBurrows | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS | | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NON VOTING MEMBERS: CATA: D Alexander J Manzella N Wilson (A-1) | | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EATRAN: | Webb | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CRAA: | Otto | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FHWA: | Tupica | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MDNR: | Rusch | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |