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## WASHTENAW AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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### MINUTES OF MEETING

#### POLICY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 17, 2011

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: WATS Meeting Space, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Members Present: Village of Dexter – Jim Carson, Chair  
Dexter Township– Pat Kelly, Vice-Chair  
WCRC – Doug Fuller  
WCBOC – Yousef Rabhi  
Ann Arbor Township – Mike Moran  
City of Ann Arbor DDA – John Mouat  
AATA – Jesse Bernstein  
Pittsfield Township – Mandy Grewal  
Superior Township – Bill McFarlane  
University of Michigan – Hank Baier  
City of Ypsilanti – Peter Murdock  
City of Chelsea – Ann Feeney (for Jason Lindauer)  
MDOT Statewide Planning – Kari Martin (for Pam Boyd)  
City of Saline – Gretchen Driskell  
Scio Township – Nancy Hedberg  
EMU – Leigh Greden

Members Absent: City of Milan – Mike Armitage, Secretary-Treasurer  
SWWCOG – Ron Mann  
City of Ann Arbor – Tony Derezinski  
Northfield Township – Deb Mozurkewich  
Ypsilanti Township – Brenda Stumbo

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#### POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- CITY OF ANN ARBOR • ANN ARBOR DDA • ANN ARBOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY • ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP •  
• CITY OF CHELSEA • VILLAGE OF DEXTER • DEXTER TOWNSHIP • EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY •
- MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION • CITY OF MILAN • NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP • PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP • CITY OF SALINE •
- SCIO TOWNSHIP • SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS • SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP • UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN •
- WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS • WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION • CITY OF YPSILANTI •
- YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP • EX OFFICIO: FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION • SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS •

AN INTERMUNICIPALITY COMMITTEE ORGANIZED UNDER ACT 200 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN (1957)  
REPRESENTING WASHTENAW COUNTY

Others Present: WATS – Terri Blackmore, Ryan Buck, Eric Bombery, Nick Sapkiewicz, Mark Ferrall  
AATA – Michael Benham  
VPSI – Michelle Romano Rockwood  
WCRC – Steve Puuri  
SEMCOG – Carmine Palombo

1. Call to Order

Chair Carson called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. He asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Greden made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Kelly supported and the Committee approved the agenda.

3. Public Participation

Chair Carson asked if any members of the public wished to address the Committee. No one wished to address the Committee so Chair Carson closed public participation time.

4. Approval of the June 15, 2011 Policy Committee Minutes and June 17, 2011 Special Legislative Policy Committee Minutes

Ms. Driskell made a motion to approve the June 15, 2011 Policy Committee Minutes and June 17, 2011 Special Legislative Policy Committee Minutes. Ms. Hedberg supported and the Committee approved the minutes.

5. Communications and Announcements

Ms. Blackmore reported WATS submitted a letter of support for S. 1056 or H.R. 1780 introduced by Senator Harkin and Representatives Matsui and LaTourette for Safe and Complete Streets Act of 2011.

Ms. Blackmore indicated the House and Senate leadership announced members of the new Joint Special Committee. They include: Senator Patty Murray, Senator Max Baucus, Senator John Kerry, Senator Jon Kyl Senator Pat Toomey, Senator Rob Portman, Rep. Jeb Hensarling, Rep. David Camp, Rep. Fred Upton, Rep. Chris Van Hollen, Rep. Jim Clyburn, Rep. Xavier Becerra.

6. Approval of Bills over \$500

Payment of Bills over \$500

1. \$18,061.00 – Dunning Toyota – Purchase vehicle
2. \$1,947.25 – Dell Marketing LP – Desktop computer and computer backpack
3. \$2,328.08 – Dell Marketing LP – Laptop computer

4. \$1,147.77 – Terri Blackmore - 1 month travel, video camera, GPS, accessories
5. \$1,182.00 – MMRMA – Owned Auto Insurance

Ms. Feeny made a motion to approve the bills over \$500. Mr. Mouat supported and the motion passed.

7. Old Business

A. Countywide Transit Master Plan – Presentation - Action

Mr. Benham, Mr. Bernstein, and Ms. Blackmore presented information on the AATA Countywide Transit Master Plan and the proposed governance structure for a countywide board.

Mr. Moran asked for clarification on what the Committee was being asked to support. Ms. Blackmore clarified that a vote would be only to endorse the vision of the Countywide Transit Master Plan.

Ms. Grewal stated that there is not a pre-determined outcome to countywide funding and that today was just a vote to support the vision.

Ms. Grewal made a motion to support the vision of the AATA's Countywide Transit Master Plan. Ms. Kelly supported and the motion passed.

B. Toyota Crash Data Collection Process – Information

Mr. Ferrall presented information on the Toyota crash data collection process. Mr. Ferrall presented sample video footage from inside the new Toyota Corolla. Mr. Ferrall presented an updated list of data WATS will be collecting as well as an anticipated workflow process and schedule.

Mr. Ferrall stated that if requested by a local community, it would be possible to collect additional data in the field.

Ms. Grewal asked Mr. Ferrall to provide sample information WATS will collect.

8. New Business

A. 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments- Action

Mr. Bombery reported the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, City of Saline, Washtenaw County Road Commission, and City of Ypsilanti each submitted amendments as part of the first FY 2011 call for amendments. Of the eight amendments, seven were new projects and one was a project change.

Mr. Bombery indicated that staff evaluated the amendments for their Environmental Justice impacts as well as possible environmental impacts.

Mr. Bombery reported the 2035 Long Range Plan remains fiscally constrained following the eight amendments.

Ms. Driskell made a motion to approve the 2035 Long Range Plan amendments. Mr. Rabhi supported and the motion passed.

B. FY 2013 Safety Applications - Action

Mr. Sapkiewicz reported WATS received one FY 2013 Safety application from the City of Ann Arbor for rectangular rapid flashing beacons on Geddes, Fuller, and S. University. Mr. Sapkiewicz reported the \$35,000 project has a benefit cost ratio of 8:1.

Mr. Palombo indicated that, for the first time, MDOT requested Safety applications be sent to them directly from the applicant. Mr. Palombo stated that SEMCOG is in discussions with MDOT because it is important that the Region prioritize the projects.

Mr. Rabhi made a motion to approve the FY 2013 Safety application and forward to SEMCOG for inclusion in the Region's Safety application submission. Mr. Mouat supported and the motion passed.

9. Agency Reports

A. City of Ann Arbor

A representative was not present.

B. City of Ann Arbor DDA

Mr. Mouat had nothing to report.

C. AATA

Mr. Bernstein had nothing to report.

D. Ann Arbor Township

Mr. Moran reported that complaints are down as the result of adding fog seal to select road commission chip seal improvements.

E. City of Chelsea

Ms. Feeney thanked the road commission for repaving a portion of Old US-12.

F. Dexter Village

Mr. Carson had nothing to report.

G. Dexter Township

Ms. Kelly reported that the last part of the N. Territorial pavement improvement in Dexter Township is complete. She added that the CAPT/DART group is nearing completion of an Access Plan.

H. Eastern Michigan University

Mr. Greden reported that the CMAQ project at Oakwood and Washtenaw is complete.

I. FHWA

A representative was not present.

J. City of Milan

Mr. Armitage was not present.

K. Northfield Township

Ms. Mozurkewich was not present.

L. Pittsfield Township

Ms. Grewal reported that the Township approved the 2010 Master Plan. She thanked the Road Commission for using the fog seal treatment on select chip seal improvements in Pittsfield Township. She added the Lohr-Textile Greenway project has commenced and there will be a meeting with consultants on September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the State St. Environmental Assessment.

M. MDOT Planning

Ms. Martin reported that as part of a number of organization changes and staff changes, Mark Geib will be leaving the Brighton TSC. Mr. Martin reported the HAWK signal on US-12 would be functional next week, the I-94 project in Jackson County will be completed in approximately one month, ITS infrastructure is going up in multiple locations in and around Washtenaw County, work on M-52 continues.

N. MDOT Region/TSC

A representative was not present.

O. City of Saline

Ms. Driskell had nothing to report.

P. SWWCOG

Mr. Mann reported that Manchester Township is examining using SAD's for subdivision road improvements.

Q. SEMCOG

Mr. Palombo reported the rail cars for Ann Arbor-Detroit service have passed FRA inspections. Mr. Palombo stated that road and transit funds are likely to be cut.

R. Scio Township

Ms. Hedberg reported that a project on Maple road is on hold because of some issues with a multi-township agreement.

S. Superior Township

Mr. McFarlane had nothing to report.

T. University of Michigan

Mr. Baier reported that work has begun on relocating a sewer near the site of the future Fuller Road Station. He indicated that work on the transit center would occur after the sewer work.

U. County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Rabhi reported that the BOC continues countywide transit plan discussions.

V. WCRC

Mr. Fuller provided a written report at each place.

Mr. Puuri reported that work on Huron River Drive in Ypsilanti Township has not started. He added that local bridge projects are scheduled to begin soon. Mr. Puuri reported that as part of the annual preventive maintenance program, the WCRC was using a fog seal on some of the roads to reduce the amount of loose stones.

Mr. Puuri indicated that the road commission is considering using a law from 1909 that allows the County Highway Engineer to present a plan to the County Board of Commissioners each year with a list of proposed improvements.

W. Ypsilanti Township

Ms. Stumbo was not present.

X. City of Ypsilanti

Mr. Murdock reported that the City tabled a vote on a Complete Streets ordinance.

10. Adjournment

Chair Carson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.