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WASHTENAW AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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MINUTES OF MEETING

POLICY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 18, 2012

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

Members Present: City of Milan – Mike Armitage, Secretary-Treasurer
Dexter Township– Pat Kelly, Vice-Chair
WCBOC – Yousef Rabhi
Scio Township – Nancy Hedberg
Pittsfield Township – Mandy Grewal
City of Ann Arbor – Tony Derezinski
Superior Township – Bill McFarlane
SWWCOG – Ron Mann
WCRC – Doug Fuller
Northfield Township – Deb Mozurkewich
City of Saline – Gretchen Driskell
City of Ypsilanti – Peter Murdock
EMU – Leigh Greden

Members Absent: Village of Dexter – Jim Carson, Chair
MDOT Planning – Pam Boyd
Ann Arbor Township – Mike Moran
City of Ann Arbor DDA – John Mouat
AATA – Jesse Bernstein
Ypsilanti Township – Brenda Stumbo
City of Chelsea - Jason Lindauer
University of Michigan - Hank Baier

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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REPRESENTING WASHTENAW COUNTY

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Others Present: WATS – Terri Blackmore, Nick Sapkiewicz, Ryan Buck, Eric Bombery
MDOT Region/TSC –Mark Sweeney
WCRC – Roy Townsend
City of Saline – Linda Terhaar
SEMCOG – Carmine Palombo
FHWA – Andy Pickard
VPSI – Michelle Romano

1. Call to Order

Secretary-Treasurer Armitage called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. He asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Mozurkewich made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Hedberg supported and the Committee approved the agenda.

3. Public Participation

Secretary-Treasurer Armitage asked if any members of the public wished to address the Committee. No member of the public wished to address the Committee.

4. Approval of the June 20, 2012 Policy Committee Minutes

Mr. Derezinski made a motion to approve the June 20, 2012 Policy Committee Minutes. Ms. Kelly supported the motion.

Ms. Kelly stated that the previous Dexter Township report should clarify that subdivisions on public roads are looking to fund their own road maintenance. Mr. Murdock stated that West Forest should be West Cross in the City of Ypsilanti report.

The Committee approved the minutes as amended.

5. Communications and Announcements

Ms. Blackmore reported that President Obama signed a new Transportation Authorization bill, MAP-21 into law. Ms. Blackmore indicated that the authorization runs through the end of federal fiscal year 2014. Ms. Blackmore reported that the County Commissioners will likely vote on the four-party transit agreement on August 1. Ms. Blackmore reported the AATA and the u196 Board members have rescheduled the District meetings to allow more time to address the comments received at the last district meetings and to test the physical feasibility of providing the service as proposed.

6. Approval of Bills over \$500

Ms. Blackmore reported there were four bills over \$500.

1. \$2,117.00 – Dell Marketing, LP – Asset Management Computer
2. \$1,250.10 – Brian Rakovitis – Intern for Toyota and WATS
3. \$728.50 – Kris Kleinsmith – Intern for Toyota
4. \$558.26 – Terri Blackmore - travel, email, equipment and supplies

Ms. Driskell made a motion to approve the bills over \$500. Ms. Mozurkewich supported and the motion passed.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

A. FY 2011 and FY 2012 Audit Consultation - Action

Ms. Blackmore reported that WATS previously sent out RFP's to five audit consulting firms and did not receive three bids. WATS issued a second RFP to sixteen firms and received three bids. Ms. Blackmore reviewed the three submissions and recommended the Policy Committee engage Stefforia, Petik and Associates for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Fuller made a motion to engage the firm of Stefforia, Petik & Associates for the FY 2011 and FY 2012 Audit for a fee not to exceed \$5,000. Ms. Mozurkewich supported and the motion passed.

B. 2011 Traffic Crash Report – Action

Mr. Bombery reported the Traffic Crash Report compiles and analyzes the crashes that occurred in Washtenaw County as reported by law enforcement. WATS requested Policy Committee comments on the 2011 Traffic Crash report by July 6. Mr. Bombery stated that he made no additional changes.

Ms. Kelly made a motion to accept the 2011 Traffic Crash Report. Mr. Fuller supported and the motion passed.

C. Preliminary Community Values Survey results - Information

Mr. Sapkiewicz reported that WATS has received over 350 completed Community Values Surveys to date. Mr. Sapkiewicz provided a handout highlighting the home location of respondents as well as a summary of the land use questions. Mr. Sapkiewicz reported that the survey would be available through August 4 and encouraged communities to link to the WATS website from their website to encourage more responses.

9. Agency Reports

A. City of Ann Arbor

Mr. Derezhinski reported the City approved the new Blake Transit Center construction. Mr. Derezhinski reported that the CIA law has passed and that he was hoping to have copies of the signed law later in the day to present to the communities.

B. City of Ann Arbor DDA

A representative was not present.

C. AATA

A representative was not present.

D. Ann Arbor Township

A representative was not present.

E. City of Chelsea

A representative was not present.

F. Dexter Village

A representative was not present.

G. Dexter Township

Ms. Kelly reported that the township approved the purchase of an outdoor warning signal.

H. Eastern Michigan University

Mr. Greden had nothing to report.

I. FHWA

Mr. Pickard reported that FHWA is working to interpret the new transportation legislation.

J. City of Milan

Mr. Armitage reported that there was a multi-family structure fire the previous day in the City and thanked other local fire departments for providing assistance.

K. Northfield Township

Ms. Mozurkewich reported that the Township Board adopted the new Master Plan and that Phase II of the Barker Road path would start soon. Ms. Mozurkewich added that developers are proposing new development for Northfield Township.

L. Pittsfield Township

Ms. Grewal reported that the township recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony “to officially open” additional greenways. She added that the Township is updating its zoning ordinances based on the recently adopted Master Plan.

M. MDOT Planning

A representative was not present.

N. MDOT Region/TSC

Mr. Sweeney reported that work continues on M-52 in Manchester and is almost complete on M-52 in Chelsea. Mr. Sweeney reported the split merge on M-14 is transitioning to the westbound direction. He noted that work on the I-94 cable barrier project would commence in August and sign upgrades on I-94 are underway. Mr. Sweeney added that a mill and resurface on US-23 is almost complete.

O. City of Saline

Ms. Driskell reported that work continues on Woodland.

P. SWWCOG

Mr. Mann reported work on M-52 is moving along. The Manchester Chicken Broil starts at 4:00 pm Thursday. Mr. Mann reported that he received some complaints about the removal of merge lanes at the interchange of M-52 and I-94.

Q. SEMCOG

Mr. Palombo reported that the SEMCOG Executive Committee meets next Thursday. Mr. Palombo reported SEMCOG would perform the alternatives analysis for the Woodward light rail. Mr. Palombo reported that the new transportation legislation, MAP 21 offers challenges including less money for locals.

R. Scio Township

Ms. Hedberg reported that the Zeeb road path is on hold.

S. Superior Township

Mr. McFarlane reported that the State might consolidate the Willow Run and Ypsilanti schools.

T. University of Michigan

A representative was not present.

U. County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Rabhi reported the Board will likely vote on the four-party transit agreement in August. Mr. Rabhi reported that the Board heard a report on the space plan for the county.

V. WCRC

Mr. Fuller reported that the Road Commission is reporting the success of Ypsilanti Township to other townships. Mr. Fuller reported that the Road Commission maintenance vehicle fleet is aging forcing the road commission to contract out more maintenance such as mowing.

W. Ypsilanti Township

A representative was not present.

X. City of Ypsilanti

Mr. Murdock reported that the City is considering the possibility of road diets on some MDOT roads.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Grewal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rabhi supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.