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## MINUTES OF MEETING

### POLICY COMMITTEE

DATE: November 16, 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  
AATA – Jesse Bernstein  
WCBOC – Yousef Rabhi  
Northfield Township – Deb Mozurkewich  
City of Chelsea - Jason Lindauer  
City of Saline – Gretchen Driskell  
EMU – Leigh Greden  
City of Ann Arbor – Tony Derezinski  
City of Ann Arbor DDA – John Mouat  
Pittsfield Township – Mandy Grewal  
Superior Township – Bill McFarlane  
City of Ypsilanti – Peter Murdock  
MDOT Statewide Planning – Kari Martin (for Pam Boyd)  
Scio Township – Nancy Hedberg

Members Absent: City of Milan – Mike Armitage, Secretary-Treasurer  
Ann Arbor Township – Mike Moran  
University of Michigan – Hank Baier  
SWWCOG – Ron Mann  
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 •  
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• 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  
                             MDOT Brighton TSC – Mark Sweeney  
                             VPSI – Michelle Romano Rockwood  
                             WCRC – Steve Puuri  
                             SEMCOG – Carmine Palombo  
                             AnnArbor.com – Lisa Allmendinger

1. Call to Order

Chair Carson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Grewal made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Rabhi supported and the Policy Committee approved the agenda.

3. Public Participation

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

4. Approval of the October 19<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee Minutes

Mr. Derezhinski made a motion to approve the October 19, 2011 Policy Committee Minutes. Mr. Mouat supported and the Committee approved the minutes.

5. Communications and Announcements

Ms. Blackmore briefly outlined some of the recommendations brought forth by Governor Snyder to address transportation funding issues in the state including raising the registration fee and indexing the fuel tax to the price.

6. Approval of Bills over \$500

1.      Brian Rakovitis - \$985.00 Toyota Intern
2.      Terri Blackmore - \$738.68 Travel, supplies and training

Mr. Fuller made a motion to approve the bills over \$500. Mr. Rabhi supported and the motion passed.

7. Old Business

A. MPO Exploration Committee Update - Information

Mr. Rabhi provided the Committee an update on the MPO Committee's progress. Mr. Rabhi indicated that the minutes from the previous (September) MPO Committee meeting were provided to all members of the Policy Committee. Mr. Rabhi reported that the MPO committee would meet tomorrow.

8. New Business

A. Michigan Road Data Dashboard - Presentation

Mr. Puuri presented information on a CRAM tool to visualize the condition of the road system and asset management data. The tool provides information on pavement, bridges, safety, maintenance, and finance.

Mr. Palombo thanked Mr. Puuri and State Warren from the Kent County Road Commission for their work in developing this tool, which will provide access to local data for people all over the state.

B. State Funding Option - Presentation

Representative Olson presented information on some of the transportation issues facing the state and some of the solutions under exploration. Rep. Olson indicated that this is a two-part discussion with the first including the data collected on the transportation system and the second being ways to address the issues. Rep. Olson provided a draft handout listing issues.

Mr. Mouat commented that the vehicle fleet may change significantly in the coming years and encouraged Rep. Olson to continue to explore fuel based vs. vehicle based fees.

C. getDowntown! program - Presentation

Mr. Mouat introduced Ms. Shore, Director of the getDowntown! Program.

Ms. Shore presented information on the getDowntown program. Ms. Shore outlined the program mission, history, future services and outlined the results of this year's commuter challenge.

Mr. Mouat commented that he hopes people outside the City of Ann Arbor consider adding similar programs.

D. Complete Streets Plan and Toolkit - Information

Mr. Buck reported that both the Complete Streets Plan and the Toolkit are available for public review. He reported that WATS scheduled four public meetings and encouraged members to attend. Mr. Buck stated that WATS would close the 45-day comment period on December 16.

9. Agency Reports

A. City of Ann Arbor

Mr. Derezinski had nothing to report.

B. City of Ann Arbor DDA

Mr. Mouat had nothing to repost.

C. AATA

Mr. Bernstein reported the AATA is hosting a number of Transit Master Plan Public Meetings. Mr. Bernstein reported that Carlisle-Wortman is assisting with public involvement. Mr. Bernstein added that the Unincorporated Act 196 Board has met twice.

Rep. Olson commented that there was a task force meeting the previous week to discuss Regional Transit Authority legislation.

D. Ann Arbor Township

A representative was not present.

E. City of Chelsea

Mr. Lindauer had nothing to report.

F. Dexter Village

Mr. Carson had nothing to report.

G. Dexter Township

Ms. Kelly had nothing to report.

H. Eastern Michigan University

Mr. Greden had nothing to report.

I. FHWA

A representative was not present.

J. City of Milan

A representative was not present.

K. Northfield Township

Ms. Mozurkewich had nothing to report.

L. Pittsfield Township

Ms. Grewal had nothing to report.

M. MDOT Planning

Ms. Martin reported that the MDOT would hold the maintaining traffic summit for Washtenaw County on December 2 at the road commission.

N. MDOT Region/TSC

Mr. Sweeney reported that M-52 from Austin to Dutch has started. M-52 from Dutch to I-94 is almost done. The concrete patching work is complete on M-14. Mr. Sweeney added that the split-merge on US-23 will be removed in December.

O. City of Saline

Ms. Driskell had nothing to report.

P. SWWCOG

A representative was not present.

Q. SEMCOG

Mr. Palombo reported that SEMCOG received a 2 million dollar grant award from FTA for alternatives analysis for the potential extension of the Woodward light rail line from 8 Mile Rd. to 15 Mile Rd.

Mr. Palombo reported that the US Senate has been discussing a possible two-year federal transportation reauthorization bill, but added the House has taken no action.

R. Scio Township

Ms. Hedberg reported that Scio Township would host a WATS Complete Streets meeting on November 22.

S. Superior Township

Mr. McFarlane had nothing to report.

T. University of Michigan

A representative was not present.

U. County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Rabhi had nothing to report.

V. WCRC

Mr. Puuri reported that the Road Commission continues to work on the budget. He added that the Teamsters contract expired in June. Mr. Puuri stated that he anticipates staff to be down to 1960's level by 2012.

W. Ypsilanti Township

A representative was not present.

X. City of Ypsilanti

Mr. Murdock had nothing to report.

10. Adjournment

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