

Local Rural Task Force Meeting

February 12, 2015

Kalamazoo County Rural Task Force

In Attendance:

Tom Hohm	Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Sean McBride	Kalamazoo Metro Transit/KCTA
Laura Smith	Kalamazoo Metro Transit/KCTA
Geoff Wilson	Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Mark Worden	Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Ryan Minkus	Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Jodi Stefforia	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study

The Kalamazoo County Local Task Force was called to order at 10:10 a.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit by Tom Hohm.

Approval of Previous Local Rural Task Force Minutes

Minutes from the previous Local RTF Meeting of October 7, 2014 were reviewed. MOTION by McBride, SUPPORT by Hohm, ***“to approve the Rural Task Force meeting minutes of October 7, 2014.”*** Motion passed.

Update on Changes to RTF

Changes to the RTF made late last year caused counties with a positive balance at FY '13 year-end to 'lose' those funds they had intended to carryover. After much discussion between CRAM and MDOT officials, MDOT has offered to make available, to those counties that had a positive balance at the end of FY '13, approximately 60% of their respective positive balance. MDOT is requiring that those counties identify and prioritize how the money will be spent by October 30, 2014 and have the project(s) obligated by June 30, 2016. The purpose of this meeting is to identify and prioritize how the \$49,496.90, identified as Kalamazoo County's positive balance, will be spent. The full, five-county task force project selection process does not apply in this instance. The selection and submission of projects is to be kept separate, per MDOT.

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Review/Action of Possible Projects

Sean McBride suggested that the funds be split between KCRC and Kalamazoo Metro Transit. He noted he could use the funds for a vehicle purchase. Tom Hohm noted he could add his agency's half to the 42nd Street project planned for 2016. Hohm noted that the project limit is approximately 1,000' north of Y Avenue to W Avenue and has a total cost of \$1.1M, the additional STP for this project is welcome.

Jodi Stefforia noted that if this is desire of the task force, she will make sure the MPO TIP is amended to reflect the changes as well as the RTF TIP.

MOTION Hohm, SUPPORT by McBride, ***“to approve the each agency spending one-half of the \$49,496.90 in carryover funds: Kalamazoo Metro to utilize its share for a transit vehicle purchase in 2016 and KCRC to apply its share to the 2016 42nd Street project.”*** Motion passed.

Jodi Stefforia noted that the application for the transit project and the amendments to the 42nd Street project should be completed and sent to her soon for compilation with other local RTFs in the Region and submission to MDOT by the March 31, 2015 deadline.

Other Business

Tom Hohm advised that this would be his last rural task force meeting and that a new Chair should be selected. Ryan Minkus will be the new representative from KCRC. MOTION by Hohm, SUPPORT by McBride, ***to select Sean McBride as the Chair and Ryan Minkus as Vice Chair effective immediately.*** Motion passed.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairperson Hohm adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes Approved: November 12, 2015

Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:

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