

# Rural Task Force #3 Meeting

*June 20, 2016*

## *Road Commission of Kalamazoo County - Kalamazoo, MI*

### ***Members in Attendance:***

Christopher Bolt*	Calhoun County Road Department
Trent Arver	Branch County Road Commission
Ryan Minkus	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Jake Welch	Barry County Road Commission
Chris Minger	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Darrell Harden	Michigan Department of Transportation

\*Arrived approximately 9:30 and left shortly thereafter. Angie Kline was seated as his alternate upon his departure.

### ***Others in Attendance:***

Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Mark Worden	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Angie Kline	Calhoun County Road Department
Sean McBride	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Kathy Schultz	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Greg Vlietstra	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study

### ***Call to Order***

Vice-Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County

### ***Approval of Previous Minutes***

No comments or changes were offered to the draft minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting

MOTION by Arver, SUPPORT by Minger, ***“to approve the April 26, 2016 Rural Task Force #3 Minutes as presented.”*** Motion passed.

### ***Review of 2017 Projects and Target Balances***

Nagler presented a spreadsheet summarizing the current approved programming amounts for each county and the remaining unallocated target amount resulting from the FAST Act.

Discussion ensued regarding how best to allocate the increased programming target amongst the member counties in light of the method, approved by the Task Force at the March 2, 2016 meeting, used to determine programming cuts.

Minkus reminded the group of the motion approved at the January 6, 2017 meeting to give preference to St. Joseph County if funding for illustrative projects becomes available in 2016 or 2017. Minger replied that in their opinion, St. Joseph County has been made whole already and no longer requests preference for 2017.

Arver questioned whether there has been a change in the target amount for EDD funding. Harden explained that EDD targets have not changed but that an update is expected toward the end of the fiscal year.

**MOTION by Arver, SUPPORT by Minger, “to restore funding increase to each county that has a balance for 2017 at the same ratio previously used to determine cuts.”**

The group was reminded that because Kalamazoo County had no approved programming amount for 2017, their portion of the cuts were deferred until 2018.

**AMENDED MOTION by Arver, Support by Kline “to restore funding increase to each county that has a balance for 2017 at the same ratio previously used to determine cuts and to restore funding to Kalamazoo County for 2018 at the same ratio previously used to determine its cut for that year.”** Motion passed after further discussion regarding the history of previous funding levels and cuts.

#### ***Updates of 2018 - 2020 Projects***

There were no updates of 2018 to 2020 projects.

Nagler suggested that it may be best for the region as a whole for each local task force to hold individual meetings to discuss their preferences for spending of increased funding for 2018 thru 2020 before the region approves changes to the program.

Harden concurred and added that he recommends that counties and the region approve the inclusion of illustrative projects in their program and move them forward whenever possible as funding increases become available.

Nagler said that it would be best if meetings regarding the 2018 – 2020 programs could be held after the start of the next fiscal year.

#### ***Public Comment***

No public comment was offered.

#### ***Other Business***

There was brief discussion regarding the possible trading of STP for MTF funding both between region task forces and within Task Force #3. No action was taken.

**Adjourn**

MOTION by Kline, SUPPORT by Welch, **“to adjourn the meeting.”** Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

**Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016**

*Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:*

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