

Local Rural Task Force Meeting

October 7, 2014

Kalamazoo County Rural Task Force

In Attendance:

Tom Hohm	Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Sean McBride	Kalamazoo Metro Transit/KCTA
Megan Arndt	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Jodi Stefforia	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Don Ulsh	Schoolcraft Township
Randy Smith	Brady Township

The Kalamazoo County Local Task Force was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study offices by Tom Hohm. Introductions were made.

Approval of Previous Local Rural Task Force Minutes

Minutes from the previous Local RTF Meeting of January 7, 2014 were reviewed.

MOTION by McBride, SUPPORT by Hohm, ***“to approve the Rural Task Force meeting minutes of January 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 \$97,497.08, 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 transit utilize the carryover funds in 2015 to purchase a transit vehicle for the county connect program and withdraw the planned 2016 transit vehicle purchase and then apply those funds to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission 42nd Street project also planned for 2016.

Jodi Stefforia indicated that she will look into whether this 2016 change can be done administratively pursuant to the approval of this local task force or if it requires action of the full task force.

MOTION Hohm, SUPPORT by McBride, ***“to approve the use of the \$97,497.08 in carryover funds for a transit vehicle purchase in 2015.”*** Motion passed.

MOTION by McBride, SUPPORT by Hohm, ***“to recommend approval to the full task force of eliminating the transit vehicle purchase in 2016 so that those funds may be applied to the 42nd Street project, if administrative approval of this change is not possible.”*** Motion passed.

Jodi Stefforia noted that applications for the transit project should be completed and sent to her in the next week for submission to MDOT by the October 30, 2014 deadline.

Meeting of Rural Task Force #3

The Rural Task Force #3 meeting will be held later this fall at the Kalamazoo County Road Commission offices. Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study will coordinate the scheduling and public notice to the jurisdictions.

Other Business

No other business was presented.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairperson Hohm adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:

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