

Rural Task Force #3 Meeting

April 26, 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

Others in Attendance:

Angela Kline	Calhoun County Road Department
Kara Derrickson	Branch Area Transit Authority
Debbie Jung	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Bill Voigt	Barry County Transit
Sean McBride	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Kathy Schultz	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study

Call to Order

Chair Bolt called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. at the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minkus suggested several corrections to the draft minutes from the March 2, 2016 meeting. Under the section "Review of 2016 and 2017 Projects" he proposed the following changes/additions:

- In the first paragraph add language mentioning that there was discussion of a conversation that took place between some task force members at the County Engineers' Workshop regarding changing how to address cuts in target funding levels.
- In the fourth paragraph change "on have consider" to "one have to consider."
- Change the ninth paragraph to read "During discussion Minkus stated that Kalamazoo County is in opposition to the proposal as they are the only county with no projects programmed for 2017 and are therefore already contributing \$500,000 toward balancing the Region."
- Correct the spelling of his last name under the adjournment section

It was also noted that the date in the page heading required correction.

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Minkus, ***"to approve the March 2, 2016 Rural Task Force #3 Minutes, amended as suggested."*** Motion passed.

Review of 2016 and 2017 Projects

Nagler presented a spreadsheet summarizing the effect on county balances of recent upward revision of target levels as a result of the FAST Act.

Arver stated that Branch County would like to program the \$57,012 balance of their 2016 STL funding for their existing Arbogast Road bridge replacement project which is already programmed to use other federal aid categories. He added Barry and St. Joseph counties have agreed to allow Branch to program their \$31,167 and \$19,876 respective balances for 2016, to be repaid 1:1 in 2017. He requested that the Task Force approve the funding trade and resulting change in programming.

Calhoun County offered to allow Branch to program their \$30,503 balance for 2016 to be repaid 1:1 in 2017 as well.

Branch also requested that their Cranson Road project be moved to the illustrative list and the previously approved \$69,120 programming from that project be moved to the Arbogast Road bridge replacement project.

Kalamazoo County requested that their \$43,614 balance for 2016 be programmed for the purchase of a replacement van for Metro Transit.

Nagler summarized the requested Branch County STL funding trades and programming changes as follows:

TRADES

Barry to Branch in 2016:	\$31,167.14 to be repaid in 2017
St. Joseph to Branch in 2016:	\$19,876.08 to be repaid in 2017
Calhoun to Branch in 2016:	\$30,502.92 to be repaid in 2017
Total to Branch in 2016:	\$81,546.14

REALLOCATION

Branch 2016 Balance	\$57,011.82
From Cranson Road	\$69,120.00
Total Reallocation:	\$126,131.82

Total Trades and Reallocation \$207,677.96 to be programmed for Arbogast Road Bridge

MOTION by Minger, SUPPORT by Welch, ***“to approve the trade in funding between Branch County and Barry, St. Joseph and Calhoun Counties, moving the Cranson Road Project to the illustrative list and adding the Arbogast Road Bridge Replacement project to the 2016 program as previously summarized”***
Motion passed.

MOTION by Arver, SUPPORT by Welch, ***“to approve the addition of the purchase of a replacement van for Kalamazoo County in the amount of \$43,613.56 in STL funding for 2016.”*** Motion Passed.

Barry County requested that their currently indicated \$244,958.64 2017 balance along with the \$31,167.14 repayment from Branch County from 2016 be applied to their 2017 Lawrence Road project and the local cost be reduced by \$420,000.

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Bolt, ***“to approve the addition of \$276,125.78 in STL funding and reduction of \$420,000 in local funding for the 2017 Barry County Lawrence Road project.”*** After

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discussion of the 2017 Region #3 balance the motion was withdrawn. It was later decided that the \$31,167.17 Branch County repayment could be applied to the Lawrence Rd Project via administrative modification.

During additional discussion, concern was expressed that the currently indicated \$185,450 Region-wide balance for 2017 be redistributed in the same way that recent reductions were assessed to address an indicated shortfall. Further analysis will be provided to assist the Task Force in deciding how best to address the issue.

Updates of 2018 - 2020 Projects

There were no updates of 2018 to 2020 projects.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Other Business

Arver discussed trading of STP for MTF funding between region task forces. The process can be competitive with various regions offering differing rates of STP for MTF. It is anticipated that the state will approve up to 5 pilot exchanges statewide as a trial. Arver said he is currently shopping around. Other counties indicated an interest in participating. Welch indicated that he would prefer longer agreement periods than one year. The group will investigate the issue and reconvene if deals are reached.

The draft Inter-County Transfer Agreement was reviewed. The following items were discussed:

- It was decided that a numbering system consisting of the County No. and year would be added.
- Reference to or attachment of minutes of meeting where approval was given is needed
- Signature lines should be changed to one each for the Task Force Chair, and voting members of participating counties
- References to County Road Commission should be changed to County Road Commission/Agency

The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., June 15 at the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 20, 2016

Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:

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