

Rural Task Force #3 Meeting

January 11, 2017

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
Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Denise Smith	Michigan Department of Transportation

*Left approximately 11:45. Angie Kline was seated as his alternate upon his departure.

Others in Attendance:

Kathy Schultz	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Sean McBride	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Vince Carahaly	Southcentral Michigan Planning Council/Kalamazoo Co. Planning Commission
Steve Stepek	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Dennis Kent	Michigan Department of Transportation – Grand Region
Angela Kline	Calhoun County Road Department
Debbie Jung	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Mark Worden	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study

Call to Order

Chair Bolt called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. at the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County

Election of Officers

MOTION by Arver, Supported by Welch **“to nominate Ryan Minkus as Chair.”** Motion passed.

Minkus assumed duties as Chair upon completion of the vote.

MOTION by Arver, Supported by Welch **“to nominate the St. Joseph County representative as Vice Chair.”** Motion Passed.

Approval of June 20, 2016 Rural Task Force 3# Meeting Minutes

No comments or changes were offered to the draft minutes of the June 20, 2016 minutes.

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Arver, ***“to approve the June 20, 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 previous Task Force actions and recently released 2017 federal STL and state EDD targets.

Discussion ensued regarding how best to allocate the remaining un-programmed target allocation of \$553,713.

Minkus suggested that that previously approved illustrative projects be moved into the 2017 program to utilize the remaining obligation authority

Welch said that as previous adjustments in allocation were made to each county’s target at the same ratio as MDOT target allocations, he believed that the remaining Task Force unprogrammed balance should be distributed in the same manner.

Kline reminded the group that in previous adjustments, Kalamazoo County was not given allocation increases and that after the last adjustments, the Task Force considered the remaining counties as having been made whole. Therefore, she didn’t believe that Kalamazoo County should be excluded from increases during this round of adjustment.

A review of the previous redistribution of 2018 target allocations was also undertaken.

MOTION by Arver, SUPPORT by Bolt ***“to distribute the region’s total unprogrammed target allocation of federal STL funding to each county at the same ratio as used in the Michigan Department of Transportation allocations.”*** Motion passed on 4 to 1 with Barry voting against.

After the motion and before the vote there was further discussion. Welch stated that he felt since Barry County’s unprogrammed amount of target allocation so high relative to the other counties that in his view Barry would not be receiving a fair amount of the increase.

Subsequent to the vote and more discussion, Barry requested that their vote be changed to supporting the previous motion.

Attention turned to addressing the over-programming of state EDD funding.

MOTION by Myland ***“to reduce each county’s approved 2017 EDD target allocation at the same ratio of the total over-programming as used in the Michigan Department of Transportation allocations.”***

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that two Kalamazoo and Branch Counties have no approved EDD allocation for 2017 and cannot have a negative target.

AMMENDED MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Welch ***“to reduce each county’s approved 2017 EDD target allocation as previously proposed, to distribute the negative balance for Kalamazoo and Branch evenly among Barry, Calhoun and St. Joseph and to reallocate approved EDD target balances from Kalamazoo and Branch in the same amounts to pay back those counties in 2018.”*** Motion passed.

Because he had to leave shortly, Bolt requested that the meeting skip to item VII A.

Other Business: Local-Federal Fund Exchange

Arver said that Branch County has been in discussions with other counties regarding the exchange of allocated federal funding for local funding. He has been in touch with the County Road Association and MDOT and has been told that approval of the Rural Task Force Oversight Board is not required if such an exchange is made within Task Forces – only Task Force approval is required. Branch would like to exchange their entire programmed amounts with Calhoun for 2017 through 2020.

It was suggested that it might be difficult to approve the transfer for out years since it is likely that there will be adjustments to those years' target allocations in the future.

MOTION by Arver, SUPPORT by Myland ***“to approve the transfer of Branch County’s Region Approved STL Target amount to County for 2017.”*** Motion Carried

MOTION by Arver, SUPPORT by Welch ***“to approve the removal of Branch County’s STL projects from the 2017 TIP.”*** Motion Passed

Discussion returned to 2017 Projects

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Kline ***“to approve changes made by each county, within 30 days of receipt of revised program summaries from KATS, in excess of 25% to each county’s 2017 program to match new Region Approved Target amounts.”*** Motion passed.

Updates of 2018 – 2020 Projects

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by KLINE ***“to approve changes made by each county, within 30 days of receipt of revised program summaries from KATS, in excess of 25% to each county’s 2018 through 2020 programs to match new Region Approved Target amounts.”*** Motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Adjourn

MOTION and SUPPORT, ***“to adjourn the meeting.”*** Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Minutes approved: March 27, 2017

Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:

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