

Rural Task Force #3 Meeting

April 8, 2020

Online Microsoft Teams Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Jay Miller	Branch County Road Commission
Ryan Minkus	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Jake Welch	Chair - Barry County Road Commission
Brian Sanada	MDOT SW Region Planning

Others in Attendance:

Josh Grab	MDOT Planning, Lansing
Tim Woodhams	Representing Tekonsha Village
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/SMPC

Call to Order

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The meeting was held online to comply with Governor Witmer's rule allowing virtual meetings in response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Approval of November 7, 2019 Rural Task Force #3 Meeting Minutes

No changes were suggested

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by Miller, ***"to approve the November 7, 2019 Rural Task Force #3 Meeting Minutes."*** Motion passed unanimously.

Review of 2020 - 2023 Projects

Nagler presented the most recent fiscal constraint spreadsheet.

Miller requested that the Task Force approve changes in work type and scope for the Sherwood Village Division Road project, Job Number 89438. He explained that the project was proposed quite a few years ago in the previous TIP cycle. It was originally proposed as a rehabilitation project consisting of crushing/reshaping and resurfacing but was incorrectly programmed with the work type of reconstruction. In the years since its original approval, the funding amount is no longer sufficient for rehabilitation. Instead, the Village is proposing to do a preventive maintenance project consisting of milling&resurfacing and extending the limits east to the city limit. Nagler explained that the change in work type will require a federal amendment, thus the request for RTF #3 approval.

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MOTION by Miller, SUPPORT by Minkus, ***“to approve changing St. Sherwood Village’s 2020 Division Road project, Job Number 89438, to a mill and resurface preventive maintenance project and to extend the project limits to the east village limit with no change in funding.”*** Motion passed unanimously.

Tim Woodhams, consultant for the Village of Tekonsha approached the Task Force to see if any agencies would be willing to trade for or buy the federal STL funding currently programmed for a microsurface project on Main Street in 2020. He explained that the costs for administering a smaller federally funded tend to be high relative to the benefit received. The matter was discussed by the members in attendance but none were able to assist the Village with their request. Woodhams thanked the Task Force for their consideration and said that the project will proceed as programmed. Woodhams next asked about the possibility trading STL funding within RTF #3 to allow the combining of the three Tekonsha projects programmed for 2021, 2022 and 2023 into one project for any of those years. Members suggested that it may be possible but that the matter should be brought up again at a later date when agencies are more certain of the status of their future projects and funding when the impact of the coronavirus outbreak becomes more clear. It was suggested that a meeting be held later in the summer at which time the matter could be considered.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Other Business

Questions regarding the status of proposed legislation authorizing the Michigan Department of Transportation to purchase all federal aid funding in the state with Michigan Transportation Funds were raised. Stepek indicated that the legislation is still pending and will likely be so for a while as the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on funding is yet to be realized.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Minutes approved: December 21, 2020

Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:

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