

Rural Task Force #3 Meeting

December 21, 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
Kristine Parsons	Calhoun County Road Department
Jake Welch	Chair - Barry County Road Commission
Brian Sanada	MDOT SW Region Planning

Others in Attendance:

Patricia Rayl	Village of Middleville
Bill Voigt	Barry County Transit Authority
Brian Kernstock	Calhoun County Road Department
John Midgley	Calhoun County Road Department
Jayci Torrance	Village of Climax
Allen Balog	St. Joseph County Transportation Authority
Gail Huff	St. Joseph County Transportation Authority
Tony Boling	Tekonsha Village
Gary White	Tekonsha Village
Tim Woodhams	Representing Tekonsha Village
Josh Grab	MDOT – Rural Task Force Program Manager
Steve Stepek	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/SMPC
Ali Townshend	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/SMPC
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/SMPC

Call to Order

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The meeting was held online to comply with State of Michigan legislation and Health and Human Services rules allowing virtual meetings in response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Approval of April 8, 2020 Rural Task Force #3 Meeting Minutes

No changes were suggested

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by Parsons, ***“to approve the April 8, 2020 Rural Task Force #3 Meeting Minutes.”*** Motion passed unanimously.

Review of 2021 - 2023 Projects

Nagler presented the most recent fiscal constraint spreadsheet. He noted that each county was slightly over-programmed for 2021. Overages were generally within the amount that would allow changing programming via administrative adjustment but Nagler suggested that changes be approved by the Task Force at this meeting to avoid having to conduct email polling later. Chair Welch suggested calling on each county separately to present their changes.

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Minkus, ***“to reduce the amount of STL funding programmed for Barry County’s 2021 Job Number 206798 by \$11,778.”*** Motion passed.

MOTION by Miller, SUPPORT by Welch, ***“to reduce the amount of STL funding programmed for Branch County’s 2021 Job Number 206965 by \$10,520.”*** Motion passed

Parsons said that during the recent Calhoun County Rural Task Force meeting, it was never discussed how the reduction in STL programming would be split between the Road Department and the Village of Tekonsha. She felt it would be most fair if each agency shared the reduction equally. She also noted that the Road Department project is already submitted to MDOT Local Agency Programs for letting and it would be difficult to change programming at this time. Discussion ensued as to whether it would be possible to decide on reprogramming once bids have been received to see if there might be savings that could be used to offset the reduced STL allocation. Nagler said that in his opinion the program must be brought into fiscal constraint.

Representatives for the Village of Tekonsha indicated that they are working to trade their 2021 and 2022 programmed STL funding for funds they could use in 2023. This would allow them to let one large project rather than three smaller ones. They already have an agreement with the Calhoun County Road Department for trading 2022 funds and would like to work with one of the other counties for 2021. Minkus noted that it is the entire Task Force that must be brought into constraint. He stated that the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County would be willing to trade 2021 funding for 2023 with Tekonsha. He proposed that as part of the process, Kalamazoo County’s 2021 projects have their STL programming reduced by \$7,655 from Job Number 205408 and \$1,457 from Job Number 205409. The remaining \$46,138 RTF #3 overage for 2021 would be taken from the Tekonsha allocation and the remaining balance of \$97,862 be reallocated to the RCKC 2021 Job Number 205408. In return, each county would repay the amount of their 2021 shortage back to Tekonsha in 2023. It was agreed by the other RTF members that this would be an acceptable solution.

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Minkus, ***“to rescind the previously approved motions to reduce STL programming for 2021 projects in Barry and Branch Counties.”*** Motion passed.

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by Welch, ***“to reduce the Village of Tekonsha’s 2021 allocation of STL by \$46,138 to be repaid by Barry, Branch, Calhoun and St. Joseph County road agencies in 2023; and to transfer the remainder of Tekonsha’s 2021 allocation of \$93,862 to the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County’s 2021 Job Number 205408, to be repaid by the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County to the Village of Tekonsha in 2023.”*** Motion passed.

MOTION by Parsons, SUPPORT by Welch, ***“to reallocate \$140,000 in STL funding from the Village of Tekonsha’s 2022 Job Number 209351 to the Calhoun County Road Department’s Job Number 206765, to be repaid in 2023.”*** Motion passed

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MOTION by Parsons, SUPPORT by Minkus, **“to swap the Calhoun County Road Department project locations between 2022 and 2023 with no adjustments to each years’ budgets.”** Motion passed.

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by Welch, **“in addition to the previously approved \$93,862 increase in STL to the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County’s 2021 Job Number 205408, to reduce the STL by \$7,655 to \$627,207, increase the Local Cost by \$284,123 to \$406,156, and increase the EDD cost by \$158,819 to \$585,137 for a total cost of \$1,618,500. Also, to reduce the STL cost for Kalamazoo Metro’s 2021 Job Number 205409 by \$1,457 to \$101,543.”** Motion passed.

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Welch, **“to delete St. Joseph County’s 2021 Job Numbers 205777 and 205782 and add a 2021 project on Balk Road from Featherstone to US 12 using \$568,000 in STL and \$142,000 in local funding.”** Motion passed

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Welch **“to delete St. Joseph County’s 2022 project Job Number 205789 and move Job Number 205793 from 2023 to 2022 using \$581,000 in STL and \$231,251 in EDD.”** Motion passed.

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Welch **“to add a segment of Silver Street from the County Line to Michigan to St. Joseph County’s 2022 Job Number 205801 and adjust the budget to \$619,468 in STL and \$196,020 in EDD.”** Motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Other Business

Josh Grab presented updates to the Rural Task Force Program from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes approved: March 5, 2021

Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:

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