

St. Joseph County Local Rural Task Force #3 Meeting

November 8, 2021

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Call to Order

Chair Myland called the meeting to order at 1:01. In accordance with the Kalamazoo County State of Emergency allowing remote participation by persons subject to the Michigan Open Meeting Act, the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study under contract with the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council hosted the meetings on Microsoft Teams

Introductions

In attendance were:

Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Alan Balog	St. Joseph County Transportation Authority
Gail Huff	St. Joseph County Transportation Authority
Ali Townshend	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study

Approval of December 7, 2020 St. Joseph County Rural Task Force Meeting

MOTION by Balog, SUPPORT by Myland, **“to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 St. Joseph County Rural Task Force Meeting.”** Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

Review of Approved RTF Region #3 Projects for 2022.

Balog said that Transit has no changes to propose for their 2023 bus purchase.

Myland stated that Youngs Prairie Road, their 2022 project, is in better shape than anticipated and is not the highest priority for expending funds on in 2022. Instead, the Road Commission would prefer to resurface streets that will be part of the detour route for the reconstruction of the covered bridge north of Centreville. The remainder of the available funding would be used on widening Fawn River from Balk Road to Mill Pond Road

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Balog, **“to approve replacing the previously approved 2022 Youngs Prairie Road project with the resurfacing of Angevine Road, Leland Road and Silver Street from N. Angling to Wakeman using \$300,000 in STL and \$75,000 in Local Match; and the widening of Fawn River Road from Balk to Mill Pond using \$281,000 in STL, \$225, 153 in HIP/COVID funding and \$272,404 in EDD.”** Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

Call for Projects 2023 – 2026

For 2023, Myland said that the Road Commission would be seeking less in EDD funding than previously programmed. Transit said they would be seeking no change to their currently programmed bus purchase project.

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Balog ***“to reduce the budget for the SJCRC 2023 Silver Street project to \$619,468 in STL and \$154,857 in EDD.”*** Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

Discussion turned to years 2024 through 2026. Myland stated he had projects ready to propose for all three years but wanted to get input from Transit on their needs before finalizing the Road Commission’s requests. Transit indicated that they anticipate bus purchases in 2025 and 2026.

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Balog, ***“to approve North Angling from the Village of Centreville limits to Butler Road using \$679,000 in STL and 235,500 in Local Match for fiscal year 2024.”*** Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Balog, ***“to approve Millers Mill Road from Countyline to Youngs Prairie using \$483,840 in STL and \$120,960 in local match; and to approve the purchase of a bus using \$84,000 in STL for Fiscal Year 2025.”*** Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Balog, ***“to approve widening of Lutz from Fairchild Road to Centreville-Constantine Road using \$621,000 in STL and 289,000 in EDD; and to approve the purchase of a bus using \$84,000 in STL for Fiscal Year 2026.”*** Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Other Business

No other business was brought forth.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Minutes Approved: