

Meeting Minutes
Sturgis Small Urban Area Meeting
July 7, 2022

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of St. Joseph County Road Commission.

Introductions

The following individuals were in attendance:

Barry Cox, City of Sturgis
Marci Goodman, St. Joseph County Transportation Authority
Garrett Myland, St. Joseph County Road Commission
John Lindsey, St. Joseph County Road Commission
Don Preston, St. Joseph County Road Commission
Fred Nagler, Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study for Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No Comments were offered.

Review of Voting Members

Voting members, entitled to a single vote each, were identified as Myland for the County Road Commission, Goodman for the Transit Authority and Cox for the City of Sturgis.

Discussion of Projects for FY 2023 - 2026

Cox said that Sturgis is worried that the North Franks Extension project, the current No. 1 priority for 2023, will be classified as a new road by MDOT even though there is currently a gravel road in the project location. If that happens, it is likely that the review process will take up to a full year, which would make getting obligation of the federal funds within the fiscal year difficult. They have reached out to the St. Joseph Road Commission to discuss moving the Road Commission's 2024 top priority project up to 2023 and the Franks Extension project to 2024. Myland asked if the HIP funding assigned to the Franks project will still be available in 2024. Cox responded that the funding is available and must be used by the end of Fiscal Year 2024. Myland indicated that their 2023 project is a simple project and can easily be obligated for 2023

MOTION by Cox, SUPPORT by Myland, ***“to move the City of Sturgis’s N. Franks Extension project from the Fiscal Year 2023 #1 priority to Fiscal Year 2024 #1 priority and to move the St. Joseph County Road Commission’s Fawn River Road/White School Road project from the 2024 #1 priority to the 2023 #1 priority.”*** After discussion, it was agreed to amend the motion to include ***“with each project to use the full amount of STP available for its respective fiscal year.”*** Motion approved unanimously.

As a result of the approval, the prioritization for 2023 and 2024 is as follows:

Fiscal Year 2023

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Road/Project Name</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>STP Cost</u>
1	Fawn River Road White School Road	Balk to M66 US 12 to Fawn River	SJCRC	\$375,000
2	Bus Purchase		Transit	\$100,000
3	S. Lakeview	US 12 to Mechanic St	Sturgis	\$375,000

Fiscal Year 2024

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>STP Cost</u>	<u>HIP/COVID Cost</u>
1	N. Franks Extension	Lafayette to Hatch	Sturgis	\$385,000	\$81,204
2	S. Lakeview	US 12 to Mechanic St.	Sturgis	\$385,000	
3.	Bus Purchase		Transit	\$100,000	

Nagler requested revised project data sheets be submitted and said they would be forwarded to MDOT Planning along with the meeting minutes as soon as possible so the projects can be reprogrammed.

Other Business

No other business was brought forth for consideration.

Public Comment

No Public Comments were Offered

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared: July 7, 2022