

Kalamazoo County Local Rural Task Force #3 Meeting

November 10, 2021

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Call to Order

The Kalamazoo County Local Rural Task Force Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was hosted by the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study on Microsoft Teams in accordance with the Kalamazoo County State of Emergency allowing remote participation by persons subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Introductionis

In attendance were:

Rebekkah Ausbury	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Sean McBride	Kalamazoo Metro
Ryan Minkus	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Ali Townshend	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study

Approval of the December 1, 2020 Minutes

Minkus suggested two minor changes to the minutes, which were made to the document by Nagler. It was noted that the minutes referred to calling a meeting in early 2021 to review changes to the bylaws, which never occurred. Nagler said that he would distribute a clean Word copy of the draft with no markups for attendees to make suggested revisions that would then be redistributed for review and incorporation into the document for consideration/approval at a later date.

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by McBride, ***“to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 Kalamazoo County Local Rural Task Force Meeting as amended.”*** Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Review of Projects for Fiscal Year 2022

Minkus asked whether there will be changes to the allocation of federal funds to the Rural Task Force program for 2022 as a result of the recent passage of the federal infrastructure bill. As it is uncertain at this point in time and their 2022 project is expected to be obligated in January, it is unlikely that the Road Commission will be able to take advantage of any increased allocation.

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by McBride, ***“to approve that the allocation of any increase in 2022 federal funding for Kalamazoo County Rural Task Force to be used by Kalamazoo Metro.”*** Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Call for Projects 2023-2026

It was noted that the allocation for 2023 in the Call for Projects document was \$11,000 less than was previously shown and programmed. In addition, the County was over programmed as a result of paying back the Village of Tekonsha for funding used by the Road Commission in 2021.

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by McBride, **“to approve reducing the amount of STL funding to Metro’s 2023 project by \$2,500 and to the Road Commission’s 2023 project by \$102,362, and to allocate the full available amount of \$238,691 of HIP/COVID funding to the Road Commission’s 2023 project.”**

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by McBride, **“to change the Road Commission of Kalamazoo’s 2023 project location from 30th Street to W Avenue, 42nd Street to 44th Street using the same funding amounts.”** Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Minkus presented a spreadsheet showing proposed projects and funding for fiscal years 2024-2026, including both Road Commission and Metro projects. After discussion, MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by McBride and approval by unanimous consent to approve the following projects and funding amounts for 2024-2026:

Fiscal Year 2024

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>STL</u>	<u>EDD</u>
RCKC	Q Ave. - 29th St. to 33rd St.	\$523,500	\$289,989
Metro	Van Purchase	\$148,500	

Fiscal Year 2025

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>STL</u>	<u>EDD</u>
RCKC	W Ave. – 44th St. to 47th St.	\$575,500	\$77,000
Metro	Van Purchase	\$109,500	

Fiscal Year 2026

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>STL</u>	<u>EDD</u>
RCKC	Q Ave. - 33rd St. to 36th St.	\$586,500	\$79,000
Metro	Van Purchase	\$111,500	

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Other Business

Questions were raised regarding federal funding amounts for the Rural Task Force as a result of the recent approval of the new infrastructure bill. Nagler said that the impact is not known at this time but that the Michigan Department of Transportation planners are working to determine how funding will be impacted.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Minutes Approved: November 7, 2024