

# St. Joseph County Task Force Meeting

**November 11, 2024**

## **St. Joseph County Road Commission**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. at the offices of the St. Joseph County Road Commission

### **Introductions**

In attendance were:

Allen Balog	St. Joseph County Transit Authority
Bryce Cain	Village of Colon
Jodi Gross	Village of Colon
Mark Honyesett	Village of Constantine
Edward Klein	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Gary Kloosterman	Mendon Village
John Lindsay	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Jeff Wingard	Fleis and VandenBrink
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/Southcentral Michigan Planning Council
Ali Townshend	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

Brandon Mersman of The City of Bronson indicated that he had forgotten the start time and would not attend as he had no projects to submit or input to provide.

### **Approval of the November 8, 2021 St. Joseph County Rural Task Force Minutes.**

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Balog, **“to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 St. Joseph County Rural Task Force Meeting.”** Motion approved unanimously.

### **2026 – 2029 Call for Projects.**

In response to concerns expressed by Balog regarding the history of funding for Transit, Myland said that he had contacted Fred Featherly at MDOT. Featherly indicated that federal funding has been flexed to Transit for the last two fiscal years. In addition, SJCRC is programmed to receive federal funding of \$84,000 for vehicle replacement in fiscal years 2025 and 2026 through the Rural Task Force program. Balog said he would contact Featherly to find out how to go forward.

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It was agreed that since 2026 is already programmed discussion would involve only Fiscal Years 2027 – 2029. Agency representatives put forward proposed projects for consideration. Once all projects were tallied, several fiscal years were overprogrammed. Discussion ensued of how to structure proposed project fiscal years and budgets to bring the budget into fiscal constraint. Consideration included making one Transit project illustrative.

Based on the results of the discussion, MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Kloosteman to **approve the following projects and funding amounts for 2027-2029.**

**Fiscal Year 2027**

Agency	Project Name	STL	EDD	Local
Colon	State Street, Blackstone to Village Limit	\$288,000		\$72,000
SJCRC	Vistula/Barker Rd, State Line to US 12	\$593,000		\$188,250

**Fiscal Year 2028**

Agency	Project Name	STL	EDD	Local
Transit	Bus Purchase	\$84,000		
SJCRC	Kelly/N. Lakeview, Wait Rd to Front St.	\$816,000		\$204,000

**Fiscal Year 2029**

Agency	Project Name	STL	EDD	Local
SJCRC	Parkville Road, M 60 to Michigan Ave	\$726,000		\$181,500
SJCRC	Lutz Road	\$108,000	\$432,000	
Transit	Bus Purchase	\$84,000		

**Illustrative**

Agency	Project Name	STL	EDD	Local
Transit	Bus Purchase	\$84,000		

Motion approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was offered

**Other Business**

No other business was raised

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**Minutes Approved:**