

Kalamazoo County Rural Task Force #3 Meeting

November 7, 2024

Road Commission of Kalamazoo County

Call to Order

The Kalamazoo County Rural Task Force Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m at the offices of the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County

Introductions

In attendance were:

Jeff Heppler	Village of Augusta
Jim Hoekstra	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Sean McBride	Metro
Jenny McCowen	Central County Transportation Authority
Ryan Minkus	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Mike Schwartz	Prein & Newhof, Representing Village of Schoolcraft
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

Approval of the November 10, 2021 Minutes

Suggestions to correct the start time noted in the Call to Order item and the meeting date in the header section were made.

MOTION by Heppler, SUPPORT by McBride, ***“to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 Kalamazoo County Local Rural Task Force Meeting as amended.”*** Motion approved unanimously.

Call for Projects 2026-2029

It was agreed that since 2026 is already approved, no changes would be requested for the year. Agency representatives presented projects for consideration of approval by the Task Force for 2027 - 2029. As proposed, several years were over their estimated federal funding amounts. Discussion ensued of various methods to bring them into fiscal constraint. After some debate and calculation, it was determined that if the Village of Augusta would agree to delay the second of two proposed projects until the next call, the remaining proposals could be distributed within fiscal years 2027 - 2029 in such a way that fiscal constraint could be achieved. Schwartz raised a question regarding the effect inflation, given that budgets and requests are being made using current costs. Minkus noted that, though there is no guarantee, allocations are typically increased each year and past practice has been to distribute those changes among approved projects at the same percentage of the total amount as originally programmed. Heppler agreed that the second of Augusta’s proposed projects could be moved to 2030.

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Based on the results of the discussion, MOTION by Heppler, SUPPORT by Hoekstra to approve the following projects and funding amounts for 2027-2029 and illustrative not assigned to any year:

Fiscal Year 2027

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>STL</u>	<u>EDD</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
RCKC	ML Avenue, 26 th St. to 28 th St.	\$898,000	\$223,680	\$408,000	\$1,529,680

Fiscal Year 2028

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>STL</u>	<u>EDD</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
Metro	On-Demand Vehicles	\$280,400			
Schoolcraft	Lyons St., US-131 to 14 th St.	\$345,600		\$86,400	\$432,000
Augusta	Webster, M-96 to Washington	\$290,000		\$72,500	\$362,500

Fiscal Year 2029

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>STL</u>	<u>EDD</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
RCKC	ML Ave., 28 th St. to 31 st St.	\$791,000	\$290,016	\$1,218,984	\$2,300,000
Metro	On-Demand Vehicles	\$144,000			

Illustrative

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>STL</u>	<u>EDD</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
RCKC	Vankal, Stadium to Almena	\$785,400		\$124,600	\$910,000
	4 th St., Stadium to M43	\$785,400		\$586,900	\$1,372,300
	40 th St., M-89 to Baseline	\$785,400		\$629,800	\$1,415,200
	E Michigan, 40 th to Mercury	\$769,440		\$520,160	\$1,289,600
Augusta	Webster, Washington to N. Village Limit	\$390,000		\$97,500	\$487,500

Motion approved unanimously

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Other Business

No other business was discussed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____