

# **Rural Task Force #3 Meeting**

## ***December 1, 2025***

### ***Road Commission of Kalamazoo County***

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Jim Hoekstra	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Jay Miller	Branch County Road Commission
Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission, Chair
Kristine Parsons	Calhoun County Road Department, Vice Chair
Adrian Stroup	Michigan Department of Transportation
Jake Welch	Barry County Road Commission

#### **Others in Attendance:**

Skylar Cudney	Calhoun County Road Department
Dylan Kennedy	Barry County Road Commission
Sean McBride	Kalamazoo Metro
Matt McKee	Transportation Authority of Calhoun County
Brian Stark	MDOT Rural Task Force Program Manager (Attended via Zoom)
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/SMPC
Ali Townsend	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/SMPC

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Myland called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The meeting was held at the offices of the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County.

#### **Approval of the December 1, 2025 Meeting Agenda**

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Hoekstra, **to approve the agenda as presented.** Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Approval of February 26, 2025 Rural Task Force #3 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION by Parsons, SUPPORT by Welch **to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025 Rural Task Force #3 meeting as presented.** Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Rural Task Force Program Updates**

Stark presented the following updates to RTF program:

- The 2027 – 2029 allocation changes have been made with adjustments based on the new census data
- The 2025 project were all funded
- Funds for the repayment of bid savings given to Region 7A have been added to the 2026 Region 3 STBG allocations

- Updated Transportation Economic Development (TED) funding amounts should be released soon
- TED funded projects can now be advanced constructed
- Local Agency Programs division has a list of non-construction projects that are eligible for federal funding. Agencies should contact Stark if they would like to use that option
- The next federal aid buy-out program will be starting soon. Approximately \$45M are available
- Rural Task Forces are no longer allowed to exclude National Functional Classification (NFC) Local roads from federal funding eligibility. As the legislation limits such funding to 15% of the state total, MDOT will be tracking the amounts to ensure compliance

**Review of 2026 - 2029 Projects**

Due to the repayment in 2026 funds of the 2025 bid savings traded to Region 7A, there was a significant balance in unprogrammed STBG funding for 2026. After discussion of options it was decided to keep the amounts of repayment to each county as proposed by MDOT and shown on the fiscal constraint spreadsheet. Proposals for changes to programming were presented and acted upon as follows:

**MOTION by Parsons, SUPPORT by Welch, to transfer \$269,000 in 2027 STBG and \$477,744 of 2027 EDD funding from Barry County to Calhoun County to be repaid with \$373,372 of STBG funding in each of 2028 and 2030.** Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION by Parsons, SUPPORT by Welch, to add a project in 2026 for the replacement of a printer for the Transportation Authority of Calhoun County using \$10,000 in STBG funding and \$2,500 in state CTF funding.** Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Hoekstra, to transfer \$100,871 in 2026 STBG funding from Barry County to Branch County's Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, Job Number 216413 to be repaid in 2028 for Barry County's Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, Job Number 223141.** Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION by Parsons, SUPPORT by Hoekstra, to transfer \$96,513 in 2026 STBG funding from Calhoun County to Branch County's Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, Job Number 216413 to be repaid in 2028 for Calhoun County's 25 ½ Mile project, Job Number 222642.** Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION by Hoekstra, SUPPORT by Parsons, to transfer \$86,686 in 2026 STBG funding from Kalamazoo County to Branch County's Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, Job Number 216413 to be repaid in 2029 for a project to be decided.** Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION by Miller, SUPPORT by Welch, to add \$82,381 in unprogrammed 2026 Branch County funding to their Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, Job Number 216413.** Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Parsons, to make the following changes to St. Joseph County's projects:**

**Move St. Joseph County Transportation Authority's 2028 Bus Purchase project, Job Number 223392 to 2026 using 84,961 in STBG funding and change to Facility Improvements**

**Increase STBG funding for the Road Commissions 2028 Kelly Road/Lakeview Road project, Job Number 222712 to \$904,000**

**Change the limits and budget of the Road Commission's 2027 Vistula/Barker project, Job Number 222686 to Airline Road from Shimmel to Balk using \$547,000 in STBG funding**

**Move the Road Commission's 2029 Lutz Road project, Job Number 221626 to 2027 using \$50,000 in STBG funding and \$200,000 in EDD funding**

**Add a project on Fulton Road from County Line to M-60 in 2029 using \$113,000 in STBG and \$430,000 in EDD funding in 2029**

Motion approved unanimously.

**MOTION by Parsons, SUPPORT by Welch, to change the limits of the Calhoun County Road Department's 2027 Old 27 project, Job Number 222639 to Highfield to R Drive North and to change funding to \$1,236,000 in STBG and \$1,094,696 in EDD. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Parsons, to change the amount of STBG funding for the Barry County Road Commission's 2028 Preventive Maintenance project, Job Number 223141 to \$1,538,243. Motion approved unanimously**

**MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Hoekstra, for Barry County to trade \$190,000 STBG and \$331,796 EDD to Kalamazoo County in 2029 to be repaid using \$521,796 STBG in 2030 and to delete Job Number 223143. Motion approved unanimously.**

#### **Public Comment**

No public comments were offered

#### **Other Business**

Stark and Welch discussed the possibility of a request to change the amount of STBG funds to be traded from Barry County to Oakland County and potential difficulties of doing so.

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00.

**Minutes approved: March 10, 2026.**

*Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:*

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