

SAGINAW COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

February 17, 2009
5:31 p.m.
Planning Department Conference Room
111 S. Michigan Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48602

Timothy Courtney opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

I. **Members Present**

Timothy Courtney
Tom Koski
Delena Spates-Allen
Doug Bishop
Ken Hornak
G. Thomas Kerr
Tom Houlihan
John Leachman

Staff Present

Douglas Bell
Philip Grimaldi
Demetra Manley

Members Absent

Peter Shaheen*
Seymour Geiersbach*
Calvin Williams*

*excused

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Sylvester Payne, STARS
Phil Karwat, City of Saginaw Engineering
Brian Wendling Saginaw County Road Commission
Brandon Wilcox MDOT-Lansing
Susan Richardson MDOT Lansing

Ex-Officio Members Present

Jay Reithel – MDOT Bay Region

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Amendments of SMATS 2008-2011 TIP

Motion made by Kerr, seconded by Hornak to open public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and approve the minutes of January 20, 2009

Motion made by Bishop, seconded by Houlihan to approve the January 20, 2009 with one correction adding John Leachman to attendance list. Motion carried.

B. *Wind Energy Project*

Doug Bell mentioned that he had forwarded a letter to representatives at Great Lakes Renewable Energy asking them to respond within 30 days as to the status of the *wind energy* study project in Saginaw County. Bell reminded members that Jeremy Whitrock who was once working with Saginaw County is no longer with the agency and GLRE is still active.

Chairman Courtney mentioned that Great Lakes Renewable Energy contacted this commission and expressed interest in assisting with creating the ordinance and zoning requirements for Saginaw County and conducting a *wind energy study*. Courtney mentioned that alternative fuel sources are in demand and that there is a tax credit for those who have wind mills.

C. Other

none

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence & Communication

A. Doug Bell mentioned that Michigan Association of Planners along with joint efforts with Spicer and Saginaw Valley State University will be conducting a session at SVSU on “Is your Community ready for Wind Energy?” on Friday, February 20, 2009 from 10am – 2pm registration is

\$25 lunch included please contact staff for registration or more information.

John Leachman mentioned that the commission should continue efforts to provide zoning and ordinance requirements on wind energy. He mentioned communities such as Bridgeport are moving forward in establishing zoning ordinances. Further discussion was held and Doug Bell mentioned that Bridgeport Township had forwarded Draft Zoning information for *Wind Energy Systems* for committee members to review and bring questions and discussion to the next meeting. No action needed at this time.

Ken Hornak commented on the various wind mills that are being used throughout the state and across the country.

Economic Stimulus (American Reinvestment Recovery Act)

Doug Bell mentioned that he was briefed at the MPO directors meeting today in Lansing, by MDOT that there is some legislation and details as to the amount of funding that will be allocating to Michigan. The following information are tentative amounts: Michigan share of Transportation funds is approximately \$853 million.

B. Review of Local Zoning Amendments

SCMPC 2009-04

Tittabawassee Township: Text Amendment

Request: R-1 V, Residential District

Township Action: Recommended adoption by Board after public hearing on January 19, 2009.

Staff Recommendation: Will permit housing development in existing mature neighborhoods. Staff recommends adoption.

SCMPC Recommendation: Approval. Staff concurs with the Township Planning Commission and recommends adoption. **Motion made by**

Bishop, seconded by Houlihan to concur with staff. Motion carried.

SCMPC 2009-05

Thomas Township: Text Amendments

Request: Amend General Design Guidelines for Gratiot Road Corridor Business District to require that all electrical lines be buried.

Township Action: Planning Commission recommended adoption after public hearing on January 21, 2009.

Staff Recommendations: The proposed change is appropriate to improve community image and further goals for the enhancement of Gratiot Road Corridor. Staff recommends adoption.

SCMPC Recommendation: **Approval. Motion made by Leachman,**

seconded by Bishop to concur with staff. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Amendments 2009-01 of the 2008-2011 TIP

City of Saginaw

2009-23. 2009. East Genesee reconstruction & streetscaping. Revise to show as 2 separate job numbers for (1) streetscaping, \$990,000, Federal earmark (Sec. 112); (2) street reconstruction, \$770,000 STUL, \$170,745 local, \$940,745. Scope of work for street reconstruction also revised to clarify that traffic signal replacement is included.

Saginaw County Road Commission

2009-24. 2009. Add PE phase (design) for Brockway Road reconstruction, Wieneke to Center, \$75,000 total.
2009-25. 2009. Add PE phase (design) for Carrollton Road resurfacing, City Limits to Tittawawassee, \$75,000 total.
2009-26. 2009. Add PE phase (design) for Dixie Highway resurfacing, State Road to I-75, \$75,000 total.

MDOT *(Old amounts shown in \$1,000s)*

2009-27. 2010, M-46 over the Tittabawassee River, restore & rehabilitate bridge, total cost \$1,129,987.
2009-28. 2009, increase costs for CPM CSM Bridge Trunkline GPA to \$756,000 Federal ST (old amt \$515), \$84,000 State (old amt \$57), total cost \$840,000 (old amt \$572).
2009-29. 2009, increase costs for Highway Safety Trunkline GPA to \$1,982,000 Federal ST (old amt \$1,540), state 1,982,000 (old amt \$1,540).
2009-30. 2009, increase costs for Trunkline Enhancements GPA to \$1,482,000 Federal STE (old amt. \$1,081), state M \$434,000 (old amt. \$3330 \$254,000 county & local (old amt. \$249), total cost \$2,170,000 (old amt. \$1,663).
2009-31. 2009, increase costs for Trunkline EPE/PE/ROE GPA to \$46,000 Federal ST (old amt. \$17), \$0 state M (old amt. \$2), total cost \$46,000 (old amt \$19).
2009-32. 2009, add PE phase for I-75 over Saginaw River, GTW & M-13, bridge bearing replacement, \$2,152 Federal BHI, \$239 state, total cost \$2,391.
2009-33. 2009, add SUB phase for I-75 over Saginaw River, (same project as above), \$537,849 Federal BHI, \$59,760 state, total cost \$597,609.
2009-34. 2009, add Safe Routes to School project, Herig Elementary, Houghton Ave, sidewalk & signing upgrades, \$352,820 Federal SRSI, total cost \$352,820.
2009-35. 2009, add UTL phase for M-13 streetscape & rail improvements, Holland to Janes, \$143,238 Federal, \$27,790 State M, \$3,972 local, total cost \$175,000.

STARS 2010 Projects

- 2009-36. 2010. Operating assistance, urbanized area, \$2,006,000 FTA 5307, \$2,105,254 State CTF, total \$4,111,254.
- 2009-37. 2010. Operating assistance, non-urbanized area, \$46,535 FTA 5311, \$103,599 state CTF, total \$150,134.
- 2009-38. 2010. Capital – vehicles, \$6,438,400 FTA 5309, \$1,609,600 state CTF, total \$8,048,000.
- 2009-39. 2010. Capital – facilities, \$3,516,000 FTA 5309, \$879,000 state CTF, total \$4,395,000.
- 2009-40. 2010. Capital – automated fareboxes, \$1,000,000 FTA 5309, \$250,000 state CTF, total \$1,250,000.
- 2009-41. 2010. Capital – other equipment, \$297,600 FTA 5309, \$74,400 state CTF, total \$372,000.

Local Road Projects (potential Economic Stimulus projects)

- 2009-42. 2009, Saginaw City, increase costs for Woodbridge Ave reconstruction to \$760,000 Federal STUL (old amt \$520,000), \$190,000 local (old amt \$130,000), total cost \$950,000 (old amt \$650,000).
- 2009-43. 2009, increase costs for Outer Drive resurfacing to \$1,580,000 Federal STUL (old amt \$1,280,000), local \$395,000 (old amt \$320,000), total cost \$1,975,000 (old amt. \$1,600,000).

MDOT Economic Stimulus projects

- 2009-44. 2009, MDOT. M-46 bridge R & R, at Tittabawassee River & overflow east, railing replacement, deck patching & joints. Total cost \$1,020,000.
- 2009-45. 2009, MDOT. M-13, Hess to M-46. HMA reconstruct with storm sewer, combined sewer separation, water main and curb & gutter. Total cost \$8,000,000.

Doug Bell discussed project list with committee members and mentioned project cost revisions. After further discussion a **Motion made by Hornak, seconded by Houlihan to approved proposed TIP Amendments as presented. Motion carried.**

D. SMATS List of Proposed Economic Stimulus Projects

See attachment (A) SMATS Economic Stimulus Projects (Local Roads) and attachment (B) MDOT Projects 2009-44 and 2009-45

Doug Bell discussed the project list with committee members and mentioned that the proposed project listing will be funding by the Economic Stimulus funds once funding becomes available. Bell mentioned that Rachel Tupica from Federal Highway Adm. suggested that the Policy Board pass a Resolution allowing the MPO Director to move projects when necessary as funds become available because of time

constraints. Bell commented that before any projects are moved staff would be in contact with the road agencies before making any changes and the Policy Board would be advised.

Motion made by Koski, seconded by Bishop to approve SMATS Economic Stimulus Projects List and authorize the MPO Director to move projects approved from the List into the TIP to utilize Economic Stimulus funds as they become available. The selected projects will be moved into the TIP in collaboration with the implementing agencies. The TPC and SCMPC will be kept informed of TIP changes made in this manner. Motion carried.

E. Other

Tom Koski asked what the delay was on the Woodbridge project. Doug Bell mentioned that he has been advised from the City that the contractor bided and agreed to do the project two years ago since that time costs have increased as a result the Woodbridge project was delayed by the contractor to keep the cost down.

Motion made by Leachman, seconded by Bishop to close public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Jay Reithel of MDOT updated members on the Tri-County non-motorized trail project connecting Saginaw, Bay and Midland counties. Reithel mentioned that MDOT had made application for enhancement funds to purchase the Bay and Zilwaukee section for a non-motorized project. Reithel asked the committee for a letter of support for this project.

Motion made by Kerr, seconded by Koski to send letter of support for the purchase by MDOT of the Bay and Zilwaukee section for the non-motorized trial project. Motion carried.

VII. Commissioners to be heard

Bishop distributed copies of Parks and Rec minutes for Committee members to review. Bishop also provided budget information to committee members for discussion and mentioned that there will be a Public Hearing on the Parks & Rec (*5 year Plan*) on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in room 200 for those interested. Bishop will be on vacation in March.

Tom Houlihan wanted to know if there was any progress on the bid process issues mentioned by Seymour Geiersbach. Doug Bell mentioned

that Seymour is on vacation and that staff will be communicating with him and drafting a letter regarding the concerns of local contractors regarding the bid process. Houlihan will possibly be out of town in March.

VIII. **Motion by Bishop, seconded by Houlihan adjourn the February 17, 2009 at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried**