

Saginaw Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (SMATS)
Saginaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission
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Transportation Planning Committee/Technical Planning Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes
Draft Minutes of the January 08, 2009 Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Saginaw County Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
111 S. Michigan Avenue
Planning Department Conference Room
Lower Level
Saginaw, MI 48602

Rob Grose called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Voting Members Present:

Rob Grose
Tom Mayan
Brandon Wilcox
Bob Weise
Vic Killingbeck
Jim Loiacano
Sue Fortune
Phil Karwat
Dave Geiger
Sylvester Payne
Brian Wendling
Adam Ball

Representing:

Saginaw Township
Rural Task Force 7B
MDOT-Lansing
Thomas Township
Buena Vista Charter Township
Kochville Township
East Central MI Regional Planning
City of Saginaw
MDOT – Bay Region
STARS
Saginaw County Road Commission
Saginaw County Road Commission

Voting Members Absent:

Brian Kischnick
Marvin Kozara
John Tagget
Bruce Palmer*
Seymour Geiersbach*
Delegate
Delegate
Russ Taylor*
Ron Sholtz*

Representing:

Tittabawassee Township
Carrollton Township
Spaulding Township
Bridgeport Township
Saginaw Co. Metro. Planning Commission
City of Zilwaukee
James Township
Thomas Township
Saginaw Board of Commissioners

excused*

Guest:

Don Milne
Rachel Tupica
Kurt Coduti
Kimberly Zimmer
Paul Kekel
Steve Kahl, Manager

Representing:

Wilcox Engineering
Federal Highway Administration
MDOT
MDOT
STARS
Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

Staff Present:

Doug Bell
Philip Grimaldi
Demetra Manley

Representing:

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II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Fortune, seconded by Payne to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Weise, seconded by Geiger to approve the December 11, 2008 minutes as presented.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

MDOT Presentation on I-675 Reconstruction Project.

Kurt Coduti and Kimberly Zimmer of MDOT Bay Region explained in detailed the I-675 Reconstruction Project. Committee members asked questions and discussed the projects that consists of 25 bridges over a 4 year period. If committee members or stakeholders have questions or need materials they can email Kim at www.I675@michigan.gov.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2010 – 2013 TIP Development

Doug Bell mentioned that the TIP Subcommittee will be scheduling a meeting in order to further discuss new projects and dates of public involvement.

B. TIP Amendment 2009-01 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, new project 2009.

Steve Kahl from Shiawassee U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service address committee members concerning the NWR auto tour route project. Steve explained the desperate need to reconstruct Ambrose, Curtis, and Bishop Roads and mentioned that improving the road condition will attract thousands of tourists. After discussion with committee members a **Motion was made by Mayan, seconded by Karwart to approve the proposed TIP Amendment. Motion carried.**

VII. PROJECT UPDATES

Transit and road agencies SCRC, MDOT, City of Saginaw, Kochville Township, Rural Task Force 7B, East Central MI Regional Planning, Sue Fortune mentioned that she would be going to Washington for Federal briefing, Buena Vista, and Saginaw Township provided a report on current projects and events. Sylvester Payne, of STARS mentioned that Bill Wright has retired and Paul Kekel will be representing STARS.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of TPC Officers

Doug Bell mentioned that it is time to organize a subcommittee for election of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the Transportation Planning Committee. Chairman Rob Grose suggested that we to table the election until the next meeting on February 12, 2009.

B. State Revenue Sharing

Doug Bell discussed with members the serious financial issues that the State of Michigan is currently facing. He mentioned that Controller, Marc McGill is concerned about the State's intent to keep the State Revenue Sharing (SRS) system intact and protected from Lansing's impending cuts. The county's website at www.saginawcounty.com explains the SRS in detail and outlines possible cuts the county would be forced to make.

Bell suggested that the TPC and Metropolitan Planning Commission should draft letters to our area legislators and remind them of the importance of SRS and urge them to keep this funding intact. He also encouraged individual committee members to address this issue with the townships, cities, and villages that they represent, and suggested that the gathering bodies send similar letters to area legislators. After lengthy discussion the consensus of the committee is to draft letters to legislators in support of SRS funds to Saginaw County.

C. Next Joint TPC/Tech meeting February 12, 2009

D. Other: SMATS Flexible Match (2010 Budget)

Grose asked that Bell provide an update on the transition to flexible match at the next meeting.

Doug Bell mentioned that a project list detailing definite timeframes, tasks and project costs should be developed for the Unified Work Program.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Mayan, seconded by Geiger to adjourn the TPC at 11:02 a.m.
Motion carried.**

