

**MINUTES**

**Annual Task Force Meeting – October 4, 2011**  
**Time: 9:00 AM**  
**City of Madison Heights – Fire Department HQ**  
**31313 Brush Street – Madison Heights, MI**

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson David Evancoe called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Mr. Evancoe thanked Mr. Jim Schafer and the City of Madison Heights for hosting the meeting. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Evancoe asked if anyone present would like to make a public comment. No attendees requested to make a comment and Mr. Evancoe closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10-19-2010 TASK FORCE MEETING**

Mr. Evancoe referred the committee to the minutes from the October 19, 2010 Task Force meeting and asked if anyone had any additions, changes or deletions. No changes were requested.

**Motion** by Mr. Hayes, supported by Mr. Mekjian, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 Task Force meeting. **Motion Carried.**

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**1. RCOC Strategic Planning Final Report**

Mr. Evancoe discussed RCOC's report "Kicking the Can Down the Road", which is the culmination of RCOC's strategic planning effort from earlier this year. He mentioned that the process involved meeting with each community within Oakland County and discussing their needs and concerns. Mr. Evancoe stated that the report has received positive feedback, and that it is being used by Senator Carl Levin's office as they push for Federal highway funding in Washington.

## **2. RCOC Complete Streets Review Committee**

Mr. Evancoe gave an update on RCOC's Complete Streets Review Committee. He stated that the goal of this 16-member committee is to provide a guide which road designers can use as a reference when trying to accommodate various road users.

## **3. Mileage-Based User Fee Update (MBUF)**

Mr. Evancoe gave an update on recent developments regarding the concept of replacing the gas tax someday with a system that charges drivers based on how much they actually used the roads, regardless of how their vehicle is powered. Mr. Evancoe reported that he and RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair had an opportunity to speak to the Senate Transportation Committee regarding a mileage-based user fee (MBUF), and that the committee was very receptive of what they presented. Mr. Evancoe reported that RCOC prepared language for a bill which would have MDOT conduct a study to look for an alternative to the gas tax.

## **V. REPORT FROM SEMCOG**

Mr. Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG representative, reported that the federal highway transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU, has been extended to March 2012. He reminded everyone of the uncertainty of future transportation funding. There will be a 2012 CMAQ Call for Projects in January. The TIP preparation which usually would be occurring now, will probably be delayed due to the statewide TIP submission project. The next TIP will probably be prepared for 2014-2016. The modification of the urban boundary, based on 2010 census data, will take approximately a year to complete. Once data is received from the Census Bureau, a "smoothing" process is required to create a logical boundary. Mr. Brudzinski pointed out to the committee that the 2012 TIP amendment periods are such that the summer amendment would not allow enough time to obligate projects in 2012. He stated that an attempt should be made to submit any changes by the winter amendment date.

## **VI. REPORT FROM MDOT**

Mr. Ola Williams, MDOT representative, reported to the committee that a continuing resolution would extend federal transportation funding, at the 2009 level, until the end of March 2012. A 30% reduction, which was discussed, did not become part of this extension. All funding will remain at the 2009 level through the end of next March. Mr. Williams reported that the processing of TIP amendments have been handled in a timely matter.

## **VII. MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES RESULTING FROM 2010 CENSUS AND MEMBER RETIREMENTS/RELOCATIONS**

The Task Force selected five representatives for the five member and alternate positions that were vacant due to the results of the 2010 census, or which were due to member retirements/relocations. The updated list of members can be found in Appendix 1 of these minutes.

**VIII. FY 2016 CALL FOR PROJECTS**

There was a discussion regarding whether there should be a 2016 Call for Projects at this time. The uncertainty of future transportation funding and the process for selecting future projects were the main concerns of the group.

**Motion** by Mr. Kolar, supported by Ms. Pilchowski, to forgo the 2016 Call for Projects at this time. **Motion Carried.** (opposed by Mr. Mekjian)

**IX. FEBRUARY FUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

Mr. Evancoe informed the committee that the next FAC Funding Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Mekjian volunteered to host the meeting in the City of Farmington Hills at a location which will be determined at a later date.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Evancoe brought to the attention of the committee the discrepancy of the number of residents which each vote represents in the various community blocs. These numbers were based on the recent 2010 census.

**Motion** by Mr. Shafer, supported by Mr. Hayes, to form a committee which will comprehensively review this issue and report its findings to the Task Force at the next annual meeting of the Task Force in 2012. **Motion Carried.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Evancoe asked if there was any other business to be brought before the committee. Seeing that there was no other business to be brought before the committee, Mr. Evancoe thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

## ATTENDEES

### Present

Derrick Schueller  
Paul O'Meara  
Harry Drinkwine  
Gary Mekjian  
Mark Saksewski  
Chris DuBerg  
Richard Lehmann  
Jim Schafer  
Rob Hayes  
Brian Coburn  
Kevin Yee  
Jarvis Middleton  
John Balint  
Paul Davis  
Leigh Schultz  
Bill Huotari  
Tom Trice  
Patricia Pilchowski  
Don Green  
Sara Roediger  
Steve Brudznski  
Charlotte Burckhardt  
Jennifer Chehab  
Scott Ringler  
Rhett Gronewelt  
Chad Findley  
Sandra Montes  
Ola Williams  
David Evancoe  
Dennis Kolar  
Tom Noechel  
Janet Waters

### Affiliation

City of Berkley  
City of Birmingham  
City of Clawson  
City of Farmington Hills  
City of Farmington Hills  
City of Hazel Park  
City of Huntington Woods  
City of Madison Heights  
City of Novi  
City of Novi  
City of Oak Park  
City of Pontiac  
City of Pontiac  
City of Rochester Hills  
City of Southfield  
City of Troy  
Bloomfield Township  
Highland Township  
Milford Township  
West Bloomfield Township  
SEMCOG  
Oakland County Planning  
AEW  
Giffels Webster  
OHM  
Nowak & Fraus  
MDOT  
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**TASK FORCE FUNDING COMMITTEE****MEMBERSHIP**

	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>	<b>TERM/EXP.DATE</b>
Large Communities: > 50,000 Population	Farmington Hills: Gary Mekjian Pontiac: Jarvis Middleton Royal Oak: Matt Callahan	Rochester Hills: Paul Davis Troy: Bill Houtari Southfield: Leigh Schultz	December 31, 2012 December 31, 2014 December 31, 2014
Middle Communities: 20,000 – 50,000 Population	Oak Park: Kevin Yee Birmingham: Paul O'Meara	Madison Heights: Jim Schaefer Auburn Hills: Dan Brisson	December 31, 2012 December 31, 2014
Small Communities: < 20,000 Population	Wixom: Tony Nowicki Clawson: Harry Drinkwine	Huntington Woods: Richard Lehmann Pleasant Ridge: Scott Pietrzak	December 31, 2012 December 31, 2014
Large Townships: > 30,000 Population	Waterford Township: Carl Solden	Commerce Township: Thomas Zoner	December 31, 2012
Middle Townships: 10,000 – 30,000 Population	Highland Township: Patricia Pilchowski	Oxford Township: William Dunn	December 31, 2012
Small Townships: < 10,000 Population	Milford Township: Donald Green	Groveland Township: Robert DePalma	December 31, 2014
Road Commission for Oakland County	David A. Evancoe, Chairperson  Dennis Kolar	Dennis Kolar, Vice Chairperson  Thomas Blust	-  -
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)	Gonzalo Puente	Olatunbosun Williams	-
Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)	Andy Thorner	Jay Gardiner	-

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