



MINUTES

Annual Task Force Meeting – October 13, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m. – City of Farmington Hills
Longacre House, Farmington Hills, MI

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson David Evancoe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Evancoe thanked the City of Farmington Hills for hosting the meeting. Attendees then introduced 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 10-14-2014 TASK FORCE MEETING

Mr. Evancoe referred the committee to the minutes from the October 14, 2014 Task Force meeting and asked if anyone had any additions, changes or deletions. No changes were requested.

Motion by Mr. Schafer, supported by Mr. Zoner, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Task Force meeting. **Motion Carried.**

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

1. RCOC Strategic Planning Process

Mr. Evancoe explained that RCOC has completed the 2015 Strategic Planning process and mentioned that additional copies of the report which summarized these meetings are available.

2. Recognition of Gonzalo Puente's Retirement

Mr. Evancoe recognized the retirement of Gonzalo Puente from MDOT which will take place at the end of this year. He thanked Mr. Puente for the important contribution he has made to the Oakland Federal Aid Committee.

V. REPORT FROM SEMCOG

Mr. Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG representative, began by stating that SEMCOG will soon begin preparing the FY 2017-2020 TIP. The funding targets for these years will be set at the FY2014 level with hope that additional funding becomes available. Mr. Brudzinski discussed the need for new funding bills at both the state and federal level.

Mr. Brudzinski reminded the Task Force members of the upcoming FY 2015 TIP Survey, and the importance of documenting the actual costs for projects.

VI. REPORT FROM MDOT

Mr. Ola Williams, MDOT representative, noted that he is hopeful there will be new funding bills at some time in the near future. He stated how important it is to have both a state bill and a federal bill approved. Mr. Williams discussed the recent problems with getting Diesel Retrofit projects approved in FY 2015. He stated that in 2016 it won't be completely impossible to get approval for diesel retrofits, but that it will be a very slow process.

VII. FY 2015 and 2016 PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Evancoe noted that there had been adjustments to FY 2015 projects due to circumstances beyond the control of two communities. The cities of Pontiac and Troy both had projects scheduled for construction in 2015 which needed to be moved to future years.

Mr. Evancoe first allowed Mr. John Balint from the City of Pontiac, and then Mr. Bill Huotari from the City of Troy, to inform the Task Force of the changes to their projects. Mr. John Balint stated that Pontiac was unable to obligate their N. Saginaw project in 2015 due to getting a late start on design and also problems coordinating a water main replacement with the WRC. Mr. Huotari informed the group of the requirement to revise the Environmental Assessment (EA) for their John R project which was originally completed in 2005. The revised EA indicated that only a 3 lane, not 5 lane, road was justified. Troy is working on the design of the three lane road and is planning construction in 2017.

Mr. Evancoe informed the Task Force that moving Pontiac's project to FY 2016 was possible by converting (ACC) RCOC's Clyde Road project in 2015 rather than 2016. Troy's John R project change was possible by temporarily using Cat C funds to ACC projects from 2016 and 2017. Payback to Cat C will be made in those two years.

VIII. FY 2017 AND FY 2018 PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Evancoe informed the Task Force that due to STPU targets being revised by MDOT (back to 2014 levels) that a large overage exists in FY 2017 and FY 2018 which will need to be addressed and corrected.

Members directed the discussion towards those communities that could move projects out of FY 2017. Mr. Scott Ringler, representing the City of Ferndale, stated that the City of Ferndale could move Livernois Road (8 Mile to 9 Mile) from FY 2017 to FY 2018. Mr. Paul O'Meara also stated that Birmingham may be interested in moving Maple Road (Bates to Woodward) from 2017 to 2018.

Mr. Evancoe then directed the discussion towards communities which could move projects out of 2018, which also has a significant overage due to revised STPU targets. Mr. Matt Callahan

from the City of Royal Oak stated that the two 14 Mile Road projects (Woodward to CN Railroad and CN Railroad to Crooks) could be moved from FY 2018 to FY 2019.

Motion by Mr. Hayes, supported by Ms. Thurman, to move Livernois Road (8 Mile to 9 Mile) from FY 2017 to FY 2018 and to move the two 14 Mile Road projects (Woodward to CN Railroad and CN Railroad to Crooks) from FY 2018 to FY 2019. Also, if requested by the City of Birmingham, allow Maple Road (Bates to Woodward) to move from FY 2017 to FY 2018.
Motion Carried.

IX. FY 2016 PROJECT UPDATE

Members were asked to provide a progress report for their upcoming FY 2016 federal-aid projects. The results are listed in the table below.

2016 PROJECT	LIMITS	AGENCY	PROGRESS REPORT
PAVE GRAVEL			
Clyde Rd	Tipsico Lake to E of Hickory Ridge	RCOC	AC and ACC in 2015
URBAN TO RURAL TRANSFER			
Rochester Rd	Gerst to Boardman	RCOC	Obligate early 2016
RRR/4R			
S Main St	10 Mile to Lincoln	Royal Oak	GI by late 2015
13 Mile Rd	Farmington to Orchard Lake	Farmington Hills	February Bid Letting
E Commerce Rd	Main to E of Summit	Milford Village	December Bid Letting
Maple Rd	Farmington to Orchard Lake	RCOC	Obligate early 2016
Maple Rd	Drake to Farmington	RCOC	Obligate early 2016
Lincoln Ave	Greenfield to Coolidge	Oak Park	Spring Bid Letting
13 Mile Rd	Haggerty to Halsted	Farmington Hills	February Bid Letting
Drake Rd	13 Mile to 14 Mile	Farmington Hills	February Bid Letting
Novi Rd	12 Mile to 13 Mile	Novi	January Bid Letting
Maple Rd	Cranbrook to W of Southfield Rd	Birmingham	GI October 2015
9 Mile Rd	Novi to Meadowbrook	Novi	January Bid Letting
Evergreen Rd	12 Mile to N of Forestwood	Southfield	Obligate late 2016, construct Spring 2017
Evergreen Rd	N of Forestwood to 13 Mile	Southfield	Obligate late 2016, construct Spring 2017
Oak Park Blvd	Greenfield to Coolidge	Oak Park	Spring Bid Letting
Pontiac Rd	Commonwealth to University	Auburn Hills	Construction in 2016
N. Saginaw	Woodward to Montcalm (4R)	Pontiac	GI Mid-October 2015
TEDF-C			
Dequindre	Long Lake to Burningbush CON	RCOC	Obligate late 2016
Dequindre	Burningbush to Utica CON	RCOC	Obligate late 2015
Dequindre	Utica Rd to Auburn CON	RCOC	Obligate late 2016
NHPP			
Big Beaver	Woodward to Adams	RCOC	Obligate early 2016

X. MEMBERSHIP VACANCY TO BE FILLED

Mr. Evancoe asked members of Small Communities to select a replacement for Tony Nowicki who is no longer with the City of Wixom. It was decided that Derrick Schueller of Berkley would replace Tony Nowicki as a voting member with a term expiring December 31, 2016. Clarence Goodlein of Wixom will become an alternate with a term expiring December 31, 2018

	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM/EXP.DATE
Large Communities: > 50,000 Population	Rochester Hills: Paul Shumejko Troy: Bill Houtari Southfield: Leigh Schultz	Novi: Rob Hayes Farmington Hills: Gary Mekjian Royal Oak: Matt Callahan	December 31, 2016 December 31, 2018 December 31, 2018
Middle Communities: 20,000 – 50,000 Population	Madison Heights: Jim Schafer Auburn Hills: Dan Brisson	Oak Park: Kevin Yee Birmingham: Paul O'Meara	December 31, 2016 December 31, 2018
Small Communities: < 20,000 Population	Berkley: Derrick Schueller Clawson: Harry Drinkwine	Huntington Woods: Richard Lehmann Wixom: Clarence Goodlein	December 31, 2016 December 31, 2018
Large Townships: > 30,000 Population	Commerce Township: Thomas Zoner	West Bloomfield Twp: Michele Economou Ureste	December 31, 2016
Middle Townships: 10,000 – 30,000 Population	Oxford Township: William Dunn	Brandon Township Kathy Thurman	December 31, 2016
Small Townships: < 10,000 Population	Milford Township: Donald Green	Groveland Township: Robert DePalma	December 31, 2018
Road Commission for Oakland County	David A. Evancoe, Chairperson Gary Piotrowicz	Gary Piotrowicz, Vice Chairperson Thomas Blust	- -
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)	Gonzalo Puente	Olatunbosun Williams	-
Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)	Andy Thorner	Jay Gardiner	-

XI. FY 2019 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Evancoe asked the Task Force to consider issuing a call for projects for FY 2019.

Motion by Mr. Piotrowicz, supported by Ms. Schultz, to issue a call for 4R projects for FY 2019.
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Schafer, supported by Mr. Hayes, to issue a call for 3R projects for FY 2019.
Motion Carried.

XII. FEBRUARY 2016 FUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Mr. Evancoe stated that the date for the February Funding Committee Meeting will be Tuesday February 9, 2016. Rob Hayes from the City of Novi offered to host the meeting.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Evancoe asked if there was any other business to be brought before the committee. There was no other business.

XIV ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evancoe thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Present

Derrick Schueller
Paul O'Meara
Harry Drinkwine
Gary Mekjian
Jim Schafer
Rob Hayes
Kevin Yee
Jackie Beach
Gerry McCallum
Norm Finkelstein
John Balint
Paul Shumejko
Matt Callahan
Justin Wellman
Leigh Schultz
Bill Huotari
Clarence Goodlein
Tim Sikma
Tom Trice
Kathy Thurman
Tom Zoner
Robert DePalma
Lannie Young
Donald Green
Chris Barnett
Michele Economu-Ureste
Sandra Montes
Gonzalo Puente
Ola Williams
Steve Brudzinski
Chris Klove
Mike Smith
Justin Wellman
Scott Ringler
Beata Lamparski
Steve Dearing
Rhett Gronevelt
Matt Parks
Gary Piotrowicz
David Evancoe
Tom Noechel
Janet Waters

Affiliation

City of Berkley
City of Birmingham
City of Clawson
City of Farmington Hills
City of Madison Heights
City of Novi
City of Oak Park
City of Orchard Lake
City of Orchard Lake
City of Orchard Lake
City of Pontiac
City of Rochester Hills
City of Royal Oak
City of Royal Oak
City of Southfield
City of Troy
City of Wixom
City of Wixom
Bloomfield Township
Brandon Township
Commerce Township
Groveland Township
Lyon Township
Milford Township
Orion Township
West Bloomfield Township
MDOT
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SEMCOG
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AEW
Giffels Webster
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