



OAKLAND COUNTY FEDERAL AID TASK FORCE

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 10, 2008 Time: 9:00 AM

Longacre House

24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

I. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Chairperson Mr. David Evancoe called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. He welcomed the group and introduced Mr. Steve Brock, City Manager of Farmington Hills, who gave a brief presentation on the Longacre House, the location of the meeting. Mr. Evancoe thanked Mr. Brock for hosting the meeting in such a historic facility. Mr. Evancoe then asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Evancoe opened the floor to any members of the public who wished to address the Task Force. Ms. Lorna McEwen of the Four Towns Citizens Action Team requested that the Task Force consider future funding options regarding the Northwest Connector project. She stressed that all agencies involved should consider how the money is spent.

No other attendees requested to make a comment and Mr. Evancoe closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2007

Mr. Evancoe referred the committee to the minutes included in the agenda packet and asked if anyone had any additions, changes or deletions. One change was requested to correct an email address. No other changes were forthcoming.

Motion by Mr. Zoner, supported by Mr. Schafer, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2007 Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force. **Motion Carried**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TF2 Update

Mr. Evancoe provided the committee with an update on the progress of the Transportation Funding Task Force (TF2). TF2 is a Governor Appointed Task Force which is evaluating funding alternatives to address the needs of all modes of transportation in the state. Mr. Brent Bair, RCOC Managing Director, has been appointed as a member representing CRAM on the Highway, Road and Bridge Sub-Committee (HRB) which is one of a broad range of transportation modal groups formed to advise the TF2.

The HRB is now preparing follow-up reports on efficiencies, effectiveness, and reforms that are currently in use by transportation managers in the state, and which ones would be viable for the future.

FAC Webpage

Mr. Evancoe also reminded the members that there is valuable information published on the FAC webpage and encouraged everyone to utilize the site located at www.oaklandfac.org.

ADA Compliance Memo

Continuing with the chairman's report, a memo from RCOC's Traffic Safety Director Gary Piotrowicz was introduced. This memo reiterated the importance to include the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signal upgrades when calculating project cost estimates where they are federally mandated.

Several members offered advice on this issue. Mr. McCarthy suggested adding 10 to 15% in project cost estimates if traffic signal upgrades are to be required. Ms. Chehab and Mr. Green both agreed that the requirements significantly add to overall project costs. Mr. Schafer and Ms. Pilchowski mentioned that the problem is at the federal level and that this unfunded mandate needs to be reviewed by officials.

In response to these observations, Mr. Hogge discussed the need to conduct formal training on compliance with the ADA. Those present agreed that this FHWA training would be a valuable offering.

Finalized Preventative Maintenance Guidelines

Mr. Evancoe then introduced Mr. Tom Blust, RCOC Director of Engineering, who presented the finalized preventative maintenance guidelines. These guidelines outline the specifics regarding using STP funds for preventative maintenance. Mr. Blust reiterated to the Task Force the importance of preventative maintenance as the main contributing factor to the lifespan of the pavement. Chairman Evancoe explained that the guidelines were distributed for informational use at this time, but encourages the Task Force to continue to debate and discuss the merits of using STP funds for preventative maintenance.

Project Status Updates

Mr. Evancoe directed the committee's attention to Attachment B and asked each community to provide a brief status report and update for their projects.

Several updates were announced, and annotated on the following table.

2008 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

ROAD NAME	LIMITS	PROJECT TYPE	COMMUNITY	COMMENTS
14 MILE RD (Adv. Con. 2010)	DRAKE TO FARMINGTON	RRR	FARMINGTON HILLS	CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE
FARMINGTON RD (Adv. Con.2011)	13 MILE TO GLENMUER	RRR	FARMINGTON HILLS	CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE
HALSTED (Conv.)	GRAND RIVER TO 11 MILE	RRR	FARMINGTON HILLS	CONVERSION COMPLETE
9 MILE RD (Conv.)	TUCK TO MIDDLEBELT	RRR	FARMINGTON HILLS	CONVERSION COMPLETE
14 MILE RD (Adv. Con. 2010)	FARMINGTON TO ORCHARD LAKE	RRR	FARMINGTON HILLS	UNDER CONSTRUCTION
9 MILE RD	E. OF COOLIDGE TO PINECREST	RRR	OAK PARK	UNDER CONSTRUCTION
AUBURN AVE (Conv.)	WEST WOODWARD TO E. WOODWARD	RRR	PONTIAC	CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE
SOUTH BLVD (Conv.)	FRANKLIN TO BAGLEY ROAD	RRR	PONTIAC	CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE
BALDWIN AVE (Conv.)	CESAR CHAVAZ TO MONTCALM RD.	4R	PONTIAC	CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE
ORCHARD LAKE (Conv.)	VOORHEIS TO WIDE TRACK DRIVE	ROW	PONTIAC	1 OUTSTANDING REIMBURSEMENT
ROCHESTER ROAD (Conv.)	GUNN TO PREDMORE	REPAIR & RESURFACE	RCOC	CONVERSION COMPLETE
PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT	COUNTYWIDE	UNIFORM PAVEMENT RANKING	RCOC	CONVERSION COMPLETE
HAMLIN ROAD	CROOKS TO LIVERNOIS	WIDEN 2 TO 4 LANE BLVD	ROCHESTER HILLS	NOV 7, 2008 LETTNG
13 MILE RD (Conv.)	E. OF SOUTHFIELD TO GREENFIELD	RRR	SOUTHFIELD	CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE
MAIN ST (Adv Con 2011)	LINCOLN AVE TO MAPLE	4R	CLAWSON	MID NOVEMBER ESTIMATED COMPLETION
STEPHENSON HWY (Adv. Con 2010)	14 MILE TO I-75	RESRF, RT LANES	TROY	MID OCTOBER ESTIMATED COMPLETION

IV. SEMCOG Update

Mr. Chris Mann, SEMCOG, reported that FY2009 is the last year of the current highway funding bill SAFETEA-LU. Reauthorization is not expected until after January 2009 and as a result Congress has passed a continuing resolution that will hold federal spending at 2008 levels until March 6, 2009.

Mr. Mann reported that revised STPU targets for upcoming years are not yet available. He noted that previously released targets For FY2009 (\$17.3m) and FY2010 (\$17.6m) are based on old factors and could be expected to be lower. Mr. Mann will advise the FAC of the new targets when they are released from MDOT.

SEMCOG staff will be starting to work on the FY2010-2013 TIP in November. The deadline for new project submissions to SEMCOG will be April 15th, 2009.

Mr. Mann explained that a CMAQ call for projects cannot be initiated yet because the revenue estimates are not released. However, one consideration that SEMCOG staff is concerned about is the level of NOx emissions region wide. There is an expectation that there will be no cushion on air attainment as in past years. This is because vehicles are traveling faster which results in higher emissions which is offsetting all other reductions. As a result, Mr. Mann highly recommends that future CMAQ projects be submitted where there are the highest and most significant levels of congestion.

Mr. Mann is awaiting a call for Safety projects from MDOT. At that time he will contact the FAC.

Mr Mann concluded his remarks by thanking the Task Force and Funding Committee for their efforts and maintaining open lines of communication which allowed for the Oakland County funds to be fully utilized.

V. MDOT Update

Ms. Pam Boyd briefly updated the Task Force on several MDOT projects that were occurring in the area.

She also reiterated that MDOT is working closing with the TF2. Without some type of reform it is possible that in FY2010 MDOT will have to turn back approximately \$400 million in federal aid because the agency will not have the required match.

Ms. Boyd declared that the FY2009 MDOT budget has been adopted, and that Category C and D funds were restored from the 70% cut in 2008.

Regarding federal legislation, Ms. Boyd stated that the new funding bill will be called MAP21. Earmarks will still be utilized, however, they will come under much greater scrutiny. Due to that, she suggests any FY2009 earmarks that are fully funded be added to the TIP as soon as possible.

VI. CALL FOR PROJECTS

Call for 3R/4R Projects for FY 2013: Mr. Evancoe requested the Task Force establish a call for 3R/4R projects for FY 2013.

Motion: Mr. Biassel made a motion to have a call for 3R/4R projects for FY 2013. Motion was seconded by Mr. Schafer. **Motion Carried.**

Call for STPU Next Phase Projects for FY 2013: Mr. Evancoe requested the Task Force establish a call for STPU Next Phase projects for FY 2013.

Motion: Mr. Biassel made a motion to have a call for STPU Next Phase projects for FY 2013. Motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. **Motion Carried.**

Call for TEDFC Projects for FY 2013: Mr. Evancoe recommended the Task Force not initiate a call for TEDFC projects for FY 2013 due to existing backlog.

Motion: Mr. Schneck made a motion to forgo a call for TEDFC projects for FY 2013. Motion was seconded by Mr. Schafer. **Motion Carried.**

VII. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO FAC FUNDING COMMITTEE

A total of five positions on the Funding Committee are to expire at the end of the year. The Task Force deliberated briefly, and then nominated new voting members and alternates whose terms will run through the year 2012. The new membership structure can be found at the conclusion of these minutes in Enclosure 1.

VIII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Mr. Evancoe informed the Task Force that the next Funding Committee meeting will be on February 24, 2009. Mr. Schaefer volunteered to host the meeting in Madison Heights.

IX. ADJOURN

Mr. Evancoe thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:32 AM.

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OCTOBER 10, 2008 ATTENDEES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
David Evancoe	RCOC	Brian Hogge	FHWA
Dennis Kolar	RCOC	Pamela Boyd	MDOT
Tom Blust	RCOC	Gonzalo Puente	MDOT
Tom Noechel	RCOC	Brent Schriener	MDOT
Ken Hudak	RCOC	Mark Harbison	MDOT
Richard Haberman	City of Clawson	Charlotte Burckhardt	Oakland County Planning
Tom Biasell	City of Farmington Hills	Christopher Mann	SEMCOG
Kevin McCarthy	City of Farmington Hills	Andy Thorner	SMART
Charles Hamilton	City of Hazel Park	Jennifer Chehab	AEW
Jim Schafer	City of Madison Heights	Scott Ringler	GWE/Ferndale
Rob Hayes	City of Novi	Colleen Hill	HRC
Kevin Yee	City of Oak Park	Kevin Maillard	OHM
Allan Schneck	City of Pontiac	Steve Dearing	OHM
John Balint	City of Pontiac	Rob Lavoie	Nowak & Fraus/Hazel Park
Paul Davis	City of Rochester Hills	Julie LeBlanc	4 Towns Citizen Action Team
Paul Shumejko	City of Rochester Hills	Lorna McEwen	4 Towns Citizen Action Team
Elden Danielson	City of Royal Oak	Cathy Shaughnessy	West Bloomfield Resident
Gary Mekjian	City of Southfield		
Bill Huotari	City of Troy		
Tony Nowicki	City of Wixom		
Arthur Shufflebarger	Village of Milford		
Robert Koski	Addison Township		
Rich Davis	Bloomfield Township		
Tom Zoner	Commerce Township		
Tricia Pilchowski	Highland Township		
Beth Corwin	Highland Township		
Don Green	Milford Township		
Jerry Dywasuk	Orion Township		
Mike Kowall	White Lake Township		

Enclosure 1

TASK FORCE FUNDING COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM/EXP.DATE
Large Communities: > 50,000 Population	Farmington Hills: Thomas Biasell Troy: Bill Houtari Southfield: Robert Northrup	Rochester Hills: Paul Davis Pontiac: Allen Schneck Royal Oak: Elden Danielson	December 31, 2012 December 31, 2010 December 31, 2010
Middle Communities: 20,000 – 50,000 Population	Oak Park: Kevin Yee Ferndale: Byron Photiades	Madison Heights: Jim Schaefer Novi: Rob Hayes	December 31, 2012 December 31, 2010
Small Communities: < 20,000 Population	Wixom: Tony Nowicki Milford: Arthur Shufflebarger	Clawson: Richard Haberman Berkley: Bruce Jerome	December 31, 2012 December 31, 2010
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, 2010
Road Commission for Oakland County	David A. Evancoe, Chairperson Dennis Kolar	Dennis Kolar, Vice Chairperson Thomas Blust	- -
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)	Gonzalo Puente	Pamela Boyd	-
Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)	Andy Thorner	Jay Gardiner	-