



**OAKLAND COUNTY FEDERAL AID FUNDING COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES**

**Funding Committee Meeting - February 08, 2008**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

**The Costick Center**

**Wexford Room A**

**28600 Eleven Mile Road**

**Farmington Hills, Michigan**

**PRESENT**

**Robert Koski  
Jennifer Chehab  
Bruce Jerome  
Harry Drinkwine  
Tom Zoner  
Tom Biasell  
Kevin McCarthy  
Mark Saksewski  
Byron Photiades  
Julie LeBlanc  
Lorna McEwen  
Brian Hogge  
Charles Hamilton  
Edward Klobucher  
Beata Lamparski  
Jim Schafer  
Pamela Boyd  
Gonzalo Puente  
Brent Schriener  
Don Green  
Arthur Shufflebarger  
Rob Hayes  
Rob Lavoie  
Charlotte Burkhardt  
Rob Barrett  
Kevin Maillard  
Jerry Dywasuk  
Allan Schneck  
Brian Blaesing  
Tom Blust  
David Evancoe  
Dennis Kolar  
Tom Noechel  
Paul Davis  
Paul Shumejko  
Elden Danielson  
Christopher Mann  
Bob Northrup  
Ron Ristau  
Andy Thorner  
Bill Huotari  
David Flaisher**

**AFFILIATION**

**Addison Township  
AEW  
City of Berkley  
City of Clawson  
Commerce Township  
City of Farmington Hills  
City of Farmington Hills  
City of Farmington Hills  
City of Ferndale  
4 Towns Citizens Action Team  
4 Towns Citizens Action Team  
FHWA  
City of Hazel Park  
City of Hazel Park  
HRC  
City of Madison Heights  
MDOT  
MDOT  
MDOT/LAP  
Milford Township  
Village of Milford  
City of Novi  
Nowak & Fraus  
Oakland County Planning  
City of Oak Park  
OHM  
Orion Township  
City of Pontiac  
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City of Rochester Hills  
City of Rochester Hills  
City of Royal Oak  
SEMCOG  
City of Southfield  
SMART  
SMART  
City of Troy  
West Bloomfield Township**

## **I. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**

Mr. Blaesing called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. He welcomed everyone, and asked each attendee to introduce themselves. He also thanked the City of Farmington Hills for hosting the meeting at the Costick Center. Mr. Andy Thorner of SMART was introduced. He will be replacing Mr. Ron Ristau on the Funding Committee. Mr. Blaesing announced he will be retiring at the end of March and expressed his appreciation for all whom he had worked with on the committee over the years. Mr. Blaesing introduced Mr. David Evancoe who has replaced Mr. Ahmad Jawad who recently accepted a position with the RCOC Traffic Operations Center. Mr. Blaesing indicated that the FAC website will become an increasingly useful resource as the Committee reduces its reliance on paper communication.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Julie LeBlanc of 4 Towns Citizens Action Team expressed her concern about spending on roundabouts and the Orchard Lake/NW Connector project when many other roads are in disrepair. She also asked whether the Orchard Lake project could be completed without right-of-way donations.

Mr. Dennis Kolar stated that the majority funding source was from a lawsuit w/MDOT, not the FAC.

Mr. David Flaisher stated that many residents of West Bloomfield Township are concerned about the condition of Orchard Lake Road. He said that if the right-of-way donations are going to slow the project completion he would recommended the RCOC consider abandoning the six lane boulevard concept and just repair the existing five lane roadway.

Mr. Rob Lavoie, speaking on behalf of the Cities of Pontiac and Hazel Park, expressed his concern with points deducted from his 3R/4R submittals. He indicated that both clients had performed manual traffic counts which could not yield a computerized hour-by-hour traffic count but rather a summary was provided. He said this would have been allowed in the past. He felt the projects were unfairly penalized.

Mr. Blaesing reminded the committee that the forms and process were changed in 2006 to make for a tighter, more equitable process. He stated that manual counts are allowed but must have documentation attached.

## **III. MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2007**

Mr. Blaesing referred the committee to the minutes included in the agenda packet and asked if anyone had any additions, changes or deletions.

1. Mr. David Flaisher asked to be added to the list of attendees for the May 22, 2007 meeting
2. On page 3 correct the misspelling of Mr. Flaisher's name.
3. On Page 3 change Cindy??? To Cindy Durenberger
4. On page 4 correct the misspelling of Mr. Northrup's name.

**Motion** by Mr. Jim Schafer, supported by Mr. Paul Davis to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2007 Federal Aid Funding Committee meeting as amended. **Motion Carried**

#### **IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Blaesing stated that due to current funding levels was at and the number of projects waiting for funds, we did not take any new projects during this cycle. There were many 3R/4R jobs submitted which is a departure from past trends where there were usually Category C and STP Next Phase projects.

#### **V. FAC RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Mr. Blaesing explained that the Committee operates under a formal set of by-laws and also adheres to certain rules of procedure which were included in everyone's packet. It is our intention to keep these rules in front of the committee to help as a reminder of past practice. These rules can be amended by a vote of the committee which is easier than the process for amending the by-laws.

Responding to Ms. Beata Lamparski, Mr. Blaesing clarified that an applicant can return to the committee for additional funding if project costs increase except for 3R/4R jobs.

Mr. Kolar commented that another way to avoid cost increases in the future is to advance construct the project and get reimbursed later.

Mr. Brian Hogge discussed the rule stating that "sidewalks and non-motorized facilities are not eligible project costs". He said FHWA does permit such reimbursement.

Mr. Blaesing stated that it is understood that often such facilities are a required element of a road project. However, the Committee desires to retain funds for road work only. The Committee recognizes the importance of non motorized facilities and encourages communities to construct them with their own funds.

#### **VI. UPDATE FROM SEMCOG & MDOT, FY 2012 TARGETS, TIP SCHEDULE**

SEMCOG update:

Mr. Chris Mann of SEMCOG reported that the 2008-2011 TIP was approved this week by MDOT. He stated the December and Spring TIP amendments are moving forward and the deadline for the summer amendments will likely be in May. He further stated there will be an April 4<sup>th</sup> letting for the Governor's Jobs Today projects. With regard to 2008, Oakland County has a \$17.2 million target for the Urban program.

TEDF 2007: Oakland County has a carry-over balance of \$4.2 million in Category C funds.  
TEDF 2008: Oakland County target is \$6.5 million for Category C.

2012 STP Urban program is estimated at \$18.4 million based on a 2% projected annual increase.

CMAQ 2009: Mr. Mann stated there is about \$17 million in CMAQ money available for 2009. This is typically split 50% for roads and 50% for transit. For 2009 SEMCOG has received 24 road proposals and 11 transit proposals. He stated there are many more projects submitted than funds available to implement them. The projects will be reviewed in April and approvals will occur in May. The 2009 money will not be available until October 1. The \$17 million above does not include the \$9 million that is set aside for TOC's.

2009 Safety Program: 40 projects have been submitted so far in the region. Typically only \$400,000 is allowed per project per county.

MDOT update:

Mr. Gonzalo Puento of MDOT stated that the State will be using an electronic bidding system starting in October. He said that if anyone has changes in their project limits for any project in the TIP to let him know so that information gets conveyed to the bidding documents.

Ms. Pam Boyd of MDOT stated that the federal government approved the 2008-2011 TIP on January 31, 2008. She reminded the Committee that the CMAQ program will expire at the end of 2009 along with SAFETEA-LU but MDOT is assuming there will be a CMAQ program in 2010 and she encouraged local jurisdictions to be thinking about what projects they may want to submit. EPA is expected to issue new air quality standards this year and she does not know whether that will result in more CMAQ funds to address traffic congestion through road and transit projects.

Ms. Boyd reminded the Committee that all project cost estimates for the TIP must need be shown according to year of expenditure to reflect inflation.

#### **VII. CURRENT PROJECTS – SOUTH BLVD. - 2010**

Mr. Blaesing stated that the City of Pontiac would like to advance construct South Blvd. and would like to know if there was any 2008 money that they could utilize.

Mr. Allan Schneck gave an overview of the project and reiterated their desire to advance construct South Blvd. between Opdyke and M.L King.

Mr. Blaesing asked anyone interested to contact Mr. Schneck directly to work out arrangements.

#### **VIII. NEXT PHASE PROJECTS: FY 2012 STP/CATEGORY C**

Mr. Blaesing stated there were no letters of request for STP dollars to build or buy right-of-way on a project that was a next phase. There were two communities making requests for Category C funds:

RCOC requests to use Cat. C funds to widen the following:

Southfield Road between 9.5 and 10 Mile (2001) (71.5 pts.) (\$7.5 mil.)

City of Troy requests Cat. C funds to widen the following:

Rochester Road: Barclay to Trinway (2002) (66 pts.) (\$9.447 mil.)

John R: Square Lake to South Blvd. (2002) (64 pts.) (\$5.034 mil.)

John R: Long Lake to Square Lake (2002) (63 pts.) (\$5.5 mil.)

Livernois: Long Lake to Square Lake (2002) (61 pts.) (\$5.371 mil.)

Based on age of submittal and points awarded, the Southfield Road project will receive the \$7.5 million requested by RCOC. That leaves about \$3 million which is not enough for any of the Troy jobs. Therefore, the Troy jobs will bump to 2013 and a new letter of request will be needed next year.

#### **IX. NEW PROJECTS: FY 2012 3R/4R**

Mr. Blaesing explained that the \$18.4 million dollars breaks down as follows:

\$1.5 million goes to the RCOC to pave gravel roads;

\$0.5 million is transferred from urban to rural;

The remaining \$16.4 million is available for 3R/4R jobs.

Mr. Blaesing explained that this year was unique because there were no next phase projects to fund. Therefore all funds could go toward the 3R/4R projects.

**Motion** by Mr. Jim Schafer, supported by Mr. Bob Northrup to approve funding all 3R projects beginning at the top of the list labeled "Attachment D" down thru and including Lincoln (Campbell to Stephenson) and to not fund any 4R projects.

**Motion Carried**

**13 Yea**

**1 Nay** (Mr. Paul Davis)

**X. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Blaesing called for items from the floor.

There were none.

**XI. SCHEDULE MAY 2008 MEETING**

The committee agreed to meet on **Friday, May 9, 2008, 9:00 a.m.** at a location to be determined.

**XII. ADJOURN**

Mr. Blaesing reiterated how he enjoyed working w/ the Committee. He always found the group to work cooperatively and with integrity. He said "I will miss you".

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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**FY 2012 RRR/ 4R PROJECTS**

**RRR 2012 Final Approved by FAC Funding 2-08-08**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Submitting Agency</b>	<b>Points (Submitted)</b>	<b>Points (Final)</b>	<b>Federal Amount</b>	<b>Running Total</b>
<b>Nine Mile</b>	Novi to Taft	Novi	62.6	61.85	\$163,798	
<b>Twelve Mile</b>	Evergreen to Southfield	RCOC	59.2	59.2	\$824,800	\$988,598
<b>Meadowbrook</b>	Eight Mile to Nine Mile	Novi	60.6	58.35	\$169,894	\$1,158,492
<b>Halsted</b>	Twelve Mile to Emerald Forest	Farmington Hills	58.25	58.25	\$897,893	\$2,056,385
<b>Orchard Lake</b>	Maple to Lone Pine	RCOC	58	58	\$1,399,200	\$3,455,585
<b>Opdyke</b>	South Blvd. to Auburn	RCOC	56.2	56.2	\$911,200	\$4,366,785
<b>Hilton</b>	Nine Mile to Woodward Heights	Ferndale	55.9	55.9	\$237,355	\$4,604,140
<b>Nine Mile</b>	Meadowbrook to Haggerty	Novi	58.6	55.1	\$169,848	\$4,773,988
<b>Inkster Rd.</b>	Nine Mile to Ten Mile	Southfield	59	55	\$702,222	\$5,476,210
<b>Orchard Lake</b>	Twelve Mile to Thirteen Mile	RCOC	54.6	54.6	\$691,200	\$6,167,410
<b>Twelve Mile</b>	Woodward to Crooks	Royal Oak	54.4	54.4	\$983,483	\$7,150,893
<b>White Lake Rd.</b>	Clement to Dixie Hwy.	RCOC	54	54	\$788,800	\$7,939,693
<b>Commerce</b>	S. Commerce to Union lake	RCOC	54.4	53.4	\$1,369,600	\$9,309,293
<b>Twelve Mile</b>	N. Main to N. Campbell	Royal Oak	53.4	53.4	\$791,489	\$10,100,782
<b>Novi Rd.</b>	I-96 to Twelve Mile	RCOC	52.45	52.45	\$661,600	\$10,762,382
<b>Cesar Chavez</b>	Woodward to Montcalm	Pontiac	57.1	52.1	\$356,000	\$11,118,382
<b>Rochester Rd.</b>	Lakeville to Mack	RCOC	52	52	\$1,212,000	\$12,330,382
<b>Livernois</b>	Big Beaver to Wattles	RCOC	51.2	51.2	\$847,200	\$13,177,582
<b>Chrysler Service Drive</b>	Eight Mile to Nine Mile	Hazel Park	56.35	50.35	\$584,090	\$13,761,672
<b>Chrysler Service Drive</b>	Nine Mile to Ten Mile	Hazel Park	51.35	49.35	\$508,458	\$14,270,130
<b>Cooley Lake Rd.</b>	Hiller to Cass-Elizabeth	RCOC	48	48	\$991,024	\$15,261,154
<b>Inkster Rd.</b>	Ten Mile to Eleven Mile	Southfield	48	48	\$868,997	\$16,130,151
<b>Lincoln</b>	Campbell to Stephenson	Royal Oak	47.4	47.4	\$303,578.00	\$16,433,729
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,433,729</b>	