



OAKLAND COUNTY FEDERAL AID FUNDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Funding Committee Meeting – February 24, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM

Madison Heights Fire Department

31313 Brush St

Madison Heights, MI 48071

I. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Chairperson Mr. David Evancoe called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. He welcomed the group and introduced Mr. Jon Austin, Madison Heights City Manager. Mr. Evancoe thanked him and Mr. Jim Shafer for hosting the meeting at the City of Madison Heights. Mr. Austin spoke briefly and introduced Oakland County Commissioner Mr. Gary R. McGillivray.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2008

Mr. Evancoe referred the committee to the May 9, 2008 meeting minutes included in the agenda packet and asked if anyone had any additions, changes or deletions. No changes were requested at that time.

Motion by Mr. Zoner, supported by Mr. Northrup, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2008 Federal Aid Funding Committee meeting. **Motion Carried**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Evancoe opened the floor for public comments or questions related to federal aid funding.

Ms. Lorna McEwen of the 4 Towns Citizen Action Team took the opportunity to ask about the limits of the proposed Martin Road Parkway project. Mr. Tom Zoner answered her question by indicating that the limits of the Martin Road project will be Oakley Park to Union Lake Road when the project is complete. Ms. McEwen also indicated that her group supports a three lane cross section of Haggerty Road and is opposed to further widening.

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

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Evancoe stressed the importance of participating in the long term planning process by submitting transportation projects to be included in the SEMCOG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Projects are due to RCOC by March 17, 2009. RCOC will hold a public hearing for Oakland County residents to comment on March 25, 2009, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Pontiac City Hall Council Chambers.

Mr. Evancoe also reminded the committee that STP-U targets were revised lower for FY2009 through FY2012. He indicated that after stimulus funding is applied to existing projects, there still may be a need to modify or remove selected projects within those years to meet the lower targets.

V. SEMCOG UPDATE

Mr. Chris Mann reiterated the importance of the RTP planning process. The RTP is a requirement of the Federal Highway Administration and all projects must be in the RTP before they can be moved into the short range Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He anticipates the RTP financial forecast for federal funds will be released shortly.

Focusing on the near term, Mr. Mann reminded the committee that the FY2010-FY2013 TIP submissions are due by April 15 for final approval in October 2009.

Mr. Mann then provided an update on the Federal Stimulus Bill. He noted that Oakland County anticipates an estimated \$26.6 million in federal funding. Statewide, the money is being distributed using the same process as traditional STP methods. Projects selected by the FAC will be forwarded to SEMCOG for inclusion in the TIP. It will then be up to the project sponsor to push the projects up to MDOT and request obligation. Local governments have up until September 30, 2010 to obligate the projects, however members should recognize that the stimulus package is a finite program and funds should be obligated well before this deadline. It is imperative to get the projects obligated early in the process.

Mr. Mann explained that a critical element of the stimulus program will be reporting on project status. Project sponsors will be required to regularly report progress via the SEMCOG website.

VI. RECLASSIFICATION OF ELMWOOD AVENUE

The City of Clawson made the request to upgrade the national functional classification of Elmwood Ave (Crooks Road to Rochester Road) from city major to urban collector. Ms. Chehab made a presentation on the function of the road and reviewed the supporting documentation on the reclassification.

Motion by Mr. Zoner, supported by Ms. Pilchowski, to approve the reclassification of Elmwood Avenue from Crooks Road to Rochester Road in the City of Clawson to urban collector.

Motion Carried

VII. SELECTION OF FY2013 STP-U PROJECTS

Mr. Evancoe requested the committee review the attached list of projects submitted for funding consideration for FY2013. The anticipated federal amount available is \$17.4 million. The Chair explained that projects are submitted and their scores are then reviewed and verified by the FAC Technical Committee. It is those with the highest score that shall be selected for funding. The following table identifies the selected projects.

Motion by Mr. Northrup, supported by Mr. Biasell, to allocate \$1.5 million to pave gravel, \$500,000 for urban to rural transfer, to fund one 4R project, and to use remaining funds for 3R projects in FY2013. **Motion Carried**

FY2013 Project Selections

TYPE LIMITS WORK AGENCY FEDERAL LOCAL POINTS

PAVE GRAVEL

Various Roads	Various Limits	Pave Gravel	RCOC	\$1,500	\$300	N/A
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URBAN TO RURAL

Rochester	Frick to S. Village Limits	3R	RCOC	\$500	\$100	N/A
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3R

Walton	Joslyn to E. City Limits	RRR	Pontiac	\$358	\$358	57.35
Meadowbrook	Ten Mile to Cherry Hill	RRR	Novi	\$363	\$91	57.10
Fourteen Mile	Halstead to Drake Road	RRR	Farmington Hills	\$1,286	\$322	56.50
Fourteen Mile	Halstead Road to City Limits	RRR	Farmington Hills	\$943	\$236	56.50
Grand River	Haggerty to Ten Mile	RRR	Farmington Hills	\$1,146	\$286	55.00
Walton	Baldwin to Joslyn Road	RRR	Pontiac	\$364	\$91	54.35
Grand River	Novi to Haggerty	RRR	RCOC	\$1,703	\$426	52.70
Crooks	Banmoor to Fountain	RRR	RCOC	\$947	\$237	52.45
Twelve Mile	Coolidge to Woodward	RRR	RCOC	\$419	\$103	51.45
Nine Mile Rd	Beck to Taft	RRR	Novi	\$304	\$76	50.30
Orchard Lake	Voorheis to Woodward	RRR	Pontiac	\$233	\$233	50.15
Walton	W. City Limit to Baldwin	RRR	Pontiac	\$289	\$289	49.95
Pontiac Lake	M-59 to Cass Lake	RRR	RCOC	\$702	\$176	49.45
Coolidge	Webster to Woodward	RRR	RCOC	\$566	\$141	48.25
Orchard Lake	13 Mile to 14 Mile	RRR	RCOC	\$834	\$208	48.00
Nine Mile	Pinecrest to Planavon	RRR	Ferndale	\$320	\$80	47.70

4R

Lahser	Eleven Mile to Twelve Mile	4R	RCOC	\$4,215	\$1,053	77.00
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VIII. MDOT UPDATE

Ms. Pamela Boyd updated the committee on the passage of the federal stimulus bill. Michigan received \$850 million in stimulus, which is planned to be distributed using a 75% split to MDOT and 25% split to locals, although the legislation states the split shall be 70/30. This results in \$26.6 million coming to Oakland County. MDOT estimates that funding will be available to locals for one year from March 2009.

IX. SELECTION OF STIMULUS PROJECTS

Mr. Evancoe initiated the stimulus discussion by asking members to discuss off the top deductions and set asides. Mr. Blust spoke briefly and talked about the benefits of preventative maintenance and highly recommended a TIP placeholder line item, at a minimum. Mr. Mann advised that TIP line items such as preventative maintenance must be submitted with reasonable funding amounts, and recommended an amount of \$100 thousand be used.

The committee then discussed using a portion of the stimulus money for paving gravel roads and using some money outside the federal urban area boundary.

Discussion then turned to the construction costs. Members expressed concerns that inflation and the demand for construction materials will increase the costs of the projects as listed. Mr. Biasell suggested to place a cap on the selected projects. Mr. Yee mentioned that the scoring process included costs and that modifying project costs at this point would be inappropriate.

Motion by Mr. Biasell, supported by Mr. Northrup, to cap the project cost to the amount that was originally approved by the FAC, and this cap applies for stimulus projects only.

Motion Carried 13 to 1. Mr. Kolar dissented.

Motion by Mr. Biasell, supported by Mr. Northrup, to only fund 3R projects using stimulus funds. **Motion Failed 7 to 7.** Mr Zoner, Ms. Pilchowski, Mr. Green, Mr. Evancoe, Mr. Kolar, Mr. Puente, Mr. Thorner dissented.

Motion by Mr. Biasell, supported by Mr. Northrup. to permit \$500,000 of stimulus funds to be used outside the federal urban area boundary.

Motion Carried 14 to 0

Motion by Ms. Pilchowski, supported by Mr. Green, to utilize \$1,500,000 to be used to pave gravel roads. **Motion Carried 14 to 0**

Motion by Mr. Kolar, supported by Mr. Nowicki, to go through the approved FAC project list, by TIP year 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 by points awarded, and select each 3R and 4R project that each community is willing to commit to construct, until the allocated stimulus funding is completely consumed.

Amendment to the motion by Mr. Zoner, supported by Mr. Green to accept projects for stimulus that are not listed on the approved FAC project list for 2010-2013.

Mr. Biasell, Mr. Houtari, Mr. Northrup, Mr. Yee, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Nowicki, Mr. Shufflebarger, Mr. Evancoe, Mr. Kolar, Mr. Puente, Mr. Thorner dissented. **Amendment Failed 3 to 11.**

Motion Carried 13 to 1. Mr. Zoner dissented.

2009 Oakland FAC Projects Selected for Federal Stimulus Funds

PROJECT	LIMITS	WORK	SPONSOR	FED	LOCAL	STIMULUS
				(\$\$\$)	(\$\$\$)	(\$\$\$)

PAVE GRAVEL

TBD	TBD	PAVE GRAVEL	RCOC	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
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URBAN TO RURAL TRANSFER

TBD	TBD	3R	RCOC	\$500	\$0	\$500
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PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

VARIOUS ROADS	VARIOUS ROADS					\$100
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RRR

HALSTED	12 MILE TO EMERALD FOREST	RRR	FARMINGTON HILLS	\$1,283	\$0	\$1,283
HILTON	9 MILE TO WOODWARD HEIGHTS	RRR	FERNDALE	\$475	\$0	\$475
CHRYSLER SVR DRIVE	8 MILE TO 9 MILE	RRR	HAZEL PARK	\$1,168	\$0	\$1,168
CHRYSLER SVR DRIVE	9 MILE TO 10 MILE	RRR	HAZEL PARK	\$1,017	\$0	\$1,017
CAMPBELL ROAD	13 MILE TO 14 MILE	RRR	MADISON HEIGHTS	\$1,461	\$0	\$1,461
NINE MILE	NOVI TO TAFT	RRR	NOVI	\$328	\$0	\$328
MEADOWBROOK	8 MILE TO 9 MILE	RRR	NOVI	\$340	\$0	\$340
NINE MILE	MEADOWBROOK TO HAGGERTY	RRR	NOVI	\$340	\$0	\$340
JOSLYN RD.	WALTON TO N. CITY LIMITS	RRR	PONTIAC	\$263	\$0	\$263
CENTERPOINT PKWY	OPDYKE TO SOUTH BLVD	RRR	PONTIAC	\$864	\$0	\$864
WAYNE ST.	PIKE ST TO LAFAYETTE	RRR	PONTIAC	\$187	\$0	\$187
CESAR CHAVEZ	WOODWARD TO MONTCALM	RRR	PONTIAC	\$712	\$0	\$712
WALTON	JOSLYN TO E. CITY LIMITS	RRR	PONTIAC	\$612	\$104	\$612
MIDDLEBELT ROAD	8 MILE TO 10 MILE ROAD	RRR	RCOC	\$1,033	\$0	\$1,033
CROOKS ROAD	EQUITY TO BIG BEAVER	RRR	RCOC	\$879	\$0	\$879
JOHN R ROAD	14 MILE TO MAPLE ROAD	RRR	RCOC	\$837	\$0	\$837
MIDDLEBELT ROAD	10 MILE TO 11 MILE	RRR	RCOC	\$673	\$0	\$673
ROCHESTER ROAD	14 MILE TO ELMWOOD	RRR	RCOC	\$350	\$0	\$350
TEN MILE RD	GREENFIELD TO KENOSHA	RRR	RCOC	\$512	\$0	\$512
ORCHARD LAKE	8 MILE TO GRAND RIVER	RRR	RCOC	\$415	\$0	\$415
TWELVE MILE	EVERGREEN TO SOUTHFIELD	RRR	RCOC	\$1,031	\$0	\$1,031

2009 Oakland FAC Projects Selected for Federal Stimulus Funds Continued

ORCHARD LAKE	MAPLE TO LONE PINE	RRR	RCOC	\$1,749	\$0	\$1,749
OPDYKE	SOUTH BLVD. TO AUBURN	RRR	RCOC	\$1,139	\$0	\$1,139
WHITE LAKE RD.	CLEMENT TO DIXIE HWY.	RRR	RCOC	\$986	\$0	\$986
NOVI RD.	I-96 TO 12 MILE	RRR	RCOC	\$827	\$0	\$827
COOLEY LAKE RD.	HILLER TO CASS-ELIZABETH	RRR	RCOC	\$1,239	\$0	\$1,239
CROOKS RD.	N. MAIN ST. TO WEBSTER	RRR	ROYAL OAK	\$802	\$0	\$802
LINCOLN	CAMPBELL TO STEPHENSON	RRR	ROYAL OAK	\$506	\$0	\$506
INKSTER RD.	9 MILE TO 10 MILE	RRR	SOUTHFIELD	\$878	\$0	\$878
INKSTER RD.	10 MILE TO 11 MILE	RRR	SOUTHFIELD	\$1,086	\$0	\$1,086

4R

FERN AVE	CHESTERFIELD TO INTERMODAL AVE	4R	FERNDALE	\$330	\$0	\$330
CHESTERFIELD	FAIR TO FERN	4R	FERNDALE	\$180	\$0	\$180

X. NEXT MEETING

A special Funding Committee meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2009 at 9:00 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

The next regular FAC Funding Committee meeting will be on May 19, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center building on Ten Mile Road.

XI. ADJOURN

Mr. Evancoe thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 12:26 PM.

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ATTENDEES

Present

David Evancoe
Dennis Kolar
Tom Blust
Tom Noechel
Ken Hudak
Lee Liston
Bruce Jerome
Harry Drinkwine
Richard Haberman
Kevin Gushman
Tom Biasell
Kevin McCarthy
Mark Saksewski
Edward Klobucher
Charles Hamilton
Mark Stec
Jon Austin
Jim Schafer
Ricardo Briones
Rob Hayes
Kevin Yee
Allan Schneck
Paul Shumejko
Elden Danielson
Matt Callahan
Gary Mekjian
Robert Northrup
Bill Huotari
Loyd Cureton
Mike Boss
Tony Nowicki
Arthur Shufflebarger
Ed Coy
Tom Trice
Tom Zoner
Brian Blaesing
Triscia Pilchowski
Beth Corwin
Don Green
Matthew Gibb
Joe Ferrari
Cary Junior
Mike Trout
Michele Economou
Cathy Shaughnessy
Carolyn Nelson
Brian Hogge
Pamela Boyd
Gonzalo Puente
Mark Harbison

Affiliation

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City of Berkley
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City of Farmington
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City of Madison Heights
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City of Novi
City of Oak Park
City of Pontiac
City of Rochester Hills
City of Royal Oak
City of Royal Oak
City of Southfield
City of Southfield
City of Troy
City of Walled Lake
City of Walled Lake
City of Wixom
Village of Milford
Village of Ortonville
Bloomfield Township
Commerce Township
Commerce Township DDA
Highland Township
Highland Township
Milford Township
Orion Township
Oxford Township
Royal Oak Township
Springfield Township
West Bloomfield Township
West Bloomfield Township
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ATTENDEES CONTINUED...

Present

Affiliation

Gary McGillivray	Oakland County Commissioner
Bret Rasegan	Oakland County Planning
Christopher Mann	SEMCOG
Andrew Thorner	SMART
Jennifer Chehab	AEW
Scott Ringler	GWE
Beata Lamparski	HRC
Rhett Gronevelt	OHM
Steve Dearing	OHM
Jon Kramer	OHM
Rob Lavoie	Nowak & Fraus
Tim Germain	Nowak & Fraus
Eric Harris	Wade Trim
Aaron Andersen	Cadillac Asphalt
Lorna McEwen	4 Towns Citizen Action Team