



MINUTES

Funding Committee Meeting - May 25, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM

**City of Madison Heights – Fire Administration Training Room
31313 Brush St – Madison Heights, MI 48071**

I. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

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. 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.

II. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Mr. Evancoe referred the committee to the minutes from the two previous FAC meetings (included in the agenda packet) and asked if anyone had any additions, changes or deletions. No changes were requested.

Motion by Mr. Jerome, supported by Mr. Schafer, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2010 Special Federal Aid Funding Committee meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Mr. Biasell, supported by Ms. Pilchowski, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 Federal Aid Funding Committee meeting. **Motion Carried.**

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. TIGER II Grants

Mr. Evancoe provided a brief overview of the transportation infrastructure grant program known as TIGER II. There will be \$600 million appropriated nationwide, of which, \$140 million is to be used in rural areas. Pre-applications are due on July 16, 2010 and final applications must be submitted by August 23, 2010. The project must be obligated by September 15, 2010. More details can be found in the official Federal Register notice, which can be downloaded at the following internet link: <http://www.tinyurl.com/tiger2grants>.

2. Mileage-based user fees

Mr. Evancoe also spoke to the committee regarding a road funding alternative known as the mileage-based user fee (MBUF). The theory of MBUF is that vehicles are taxed based on the number of miles driven, not the number of gallons of gasoline consumed. MBUF addresses new advances in fuel efficiency and the popularity of hybrid vehicles which have destabilized the existing gallon-based tax.

RCOC has approached MDOT in the interest of forming a partnership to work together to get Michigan into the national MBUF discussion – with the goal of working towards MBUF national legislation.

IV. FY 2010 PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Mr. Evancoe asked representatives of the road jurisdictions below to report on the status of their 2010 road projects.

2010 PROJECT	LIMITS	AGENCY	PROGRESS REPORT
PAVE GRAVEL			
WHITE LAKE RD (Conv)	HIGHLAND HILLS TO EAGLE RD	RCOC	-----
URBAN TO RURAL			
ROCHESTER RD (Conv)	PREDMORE TO LAKEVILLE	RCOC	-----
NEXT PHASE			
MLK	ELM TO M-59	PONTIAC	ROW almost complete September 2010 letting Spring 2011 construction
STEPHENSON HWY (Conv)	14 MILE TO I-75	TROY	-----
WATTLES (Conv)	EAST & WEST OF ROCHESTER	TROY	-----
RRR			
14 MILE RD (Conv)	DRAKE TO FARMINGTON	FARMINGTON HILLS	-----
14 MILE RD (Conv)	FARMINGTON TO ORCHARD LAKE	FARMINGTON HILLS	-----
9 MILE RD (Conv)	GREENFIELD TO PARK LAWN	OAK PARK	-----
SOUTH BLVD (Conv)	MLK TO OPDYKE	PONTIAC	-----
N. MAIN STREET	200' N OF CROOKS TO 13 MILE	ROYAL OAK	June letting
N. SQUIRREL (Adv Con)	WALTON TO FEATHERSTONE	AUBURN HILLS	GI scheduled
4R			
MAIN STREET (Conv)	LINCOLN TO MAPLE	CLAWSON	-----

V. SEMCOG REPORT

Mr. Chris Mann, SEMCOG, reported that federal transportation funds authorization has been extended through the end of 2010. This was accomplished by the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act transferring \$9.5 billion from the federal general fund to the highway trust fund (HTF). This will allow FHWA and MDOT to continue to obligate projects through the end of the year, and HTF should remain solvent through 2013. The HIRE Act also reverses the rescission action that took place when SAFETEA-LU expired.

There has been little movement regarding a new federal transportation authorization bill.

The new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2011 through 2014 is currently under development. Mr. Mann mentioned that if a 2010 project gets delayed and will slip to 2011 it will need to be added to the new TIP.

Lastly, Mr. Mann stated the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA/stimulus) program is winding down. Since Oakland County received additional funds through bid savings, he expects no additional ARRA funds coming to Oakland County.

VI. REPORT FROM MDOT

No representative present.

VII. AVAILABLE BALANCE OF OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY

When additional ARRA funds (from bid savings) became available, several FAC approved projects were funded by that program. This resulted in additional regular STP-U dollars to become available in the years 2011 and 2012. The committee discussed how to address the \$1.1 million for FY 2011 and \$2.1 million for FY 2012.

Motion by Mr. Biasell, supported by Mr. Shufflebarger, to utilize the FY 2011 balance by moving the Auburn Hills N. Squirrel Road conversion payment from 2013 to 2011. **Motion Carried.**

There was no action taken on 2012. The committee will address the FY 2012 balance at a later date.

VIII. NATIONAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION UPGRADE REQUEST

Mr. Hayes (City of Novi) asked the Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force (FAC) Funding Committee to consider reclassifying the following road segments from City Major to Urban Collector:

- Eleven Mile Road from Meadowbrook to Town Center Drive (0.71 miles)
- Town Center Drive from Eleven Mile Road to Grand River Avenue (0.12 miles)

Mr. Hayes briefly spoke about the road characteristics and demographics within the vicinity of the proposed changes. Mr. Schneck asked what the PASER ratings of the proposed segments were. Mr. Hayes indicated fifty-percent of the sections are PASER 8 and the remaining length was between PASER 3 and 4.

Motion by Mr. Photiades, supported by Ms. Pilchowski, to recommend approval of the national functional classification upgrade of Eleven Mile Road (Meadowbrook to Town Center Drive) and Town Center Drive (Eleven Mile Road to Grand River Avenue) to urban collector. **Motion Carried.**

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Schedule annual Task Force meeting

Mr. Evancoe informed the committee that the next full FAC Task Force meeting will be on October 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Schneck volunteered to host the meeting in the City of Pontiac.

X. ADJOURN

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 10:12 AM.

ATTENDEES

Present

**Bruce Jerome
Paul O'Meara
Tom Biasell
Byron Photiades
Jim Schafer
Rob Hayes
Kevin Yee
Allan Schneck
Paul Shumejko
Elden Danielson
Bill Huotari
Arthur Shufflebarger
Triscia Pilchowski
Don Green
Sara Roediger
Charlotte Burckhardt
Christopher Mann
Beata Lamparski
Stephen Dearing
David Evancoe
Dennis Kolar
Tom Blust
Tom Noechel
Ken Hudak**

Affiliation

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City of Birmingham
City of Farmington Hills
City of Ferndale
City of Madison Heights
City of Novi
City of Oak Park
City of Pontiac
City of Rochester Hills
City of Royal Oak
City of Troy
Village of Milford
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