



Oakland County

Federal Aid Committee

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MINUTES

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 10:30 A.M.

Springfield Township Civic Center
12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Brad Knight, Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. Chairman Knight welcomed the committee to the October 15, 2024, meeting, introduced himself, and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. The complete list of attendees can be found on page 8 of these minutes.

Chairman Knight thanked the Charter Township of Springfield for hosting the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Knight asked if any members of the public wished to address the committee at this time. No attendees requested to comment, and Chairman Knight closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – BRAD KNIGHT

Chairman Knight reminded the committee about upgrading traffic signals as part of the FAC projects. Please contact RCOC Traffic Safety Department if you want to upgrade your signals, and Traffic Safety would be happy to help with the signal upgrades and staging.

Chairman Knight stated that the FAC would be updating the By-Laws. The committee will vote on the updates at the next FAC meeting in January 2025. RCOC Planning Division will provide a draft copy of the updates and ask for comments within the next couple of months.

Chairman Knight announced that RCOC will be holding the biannual Strategic Planning Meetings in 2025. Those meetings will start in April or May, and scheduling will begin in February or March. Gary Piotrowicz, RCOC, reminded the committee that those strategic planning meetings provide a lot of input into future RCOC projects. Piotrowicz asked that you please respond very seriously to survey questions about prioritizing particular roads in your community. This helps us make decisions about the future RCOC project lists that will ultimately end up in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Knight referred the committee to Attachment A in the agenda packet for approval of the August 22, 2023, meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve or any discussion.

Motion by Holly Donoghue, City of Royal Oak, and supported by Jason Hefner, City of Auburn Hills, to approve the August 22, 2023, meeting minutes. **Motion Passed.**

5. REPORT FROM SEMCOG – STEVE BRUDZINSKI

Steve Brudzinski, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), stated that we are already into FY 2025, and thankfully, there is a continuing resolution at the federal level until December 20, 2024. This means there will be money to use to start obligating FY 2025 projects.

Brudzinski added that JobNet is back online and change requests can be made. This is a reminder that the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects must be programmed by December 2, 2024.

A. CMAQ/CRP Call for Projects – Adam Elghoul

Adam Elghoul, SEMCOG, announced the FY 2027-2029 [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality \(CMAQ\) and the Carbon Reduction Program \(CRP\) Call for Projects](#) and presented the programs' highlights and timelines. CMAQ funding is approximately \$28 million per year with a cap of \$5 million per project. CRP funding is approximately \$10 million per year with a cap of \$2 million per project. Both programs require a 20% local match for most eligible projects. Eligible projects include bicycle/pedestrian facilities, roundabouts, street lighting, traffic signal modernization, etc.

Piotrowicz stated that earlier, we talked about adding signals as part of 3R projects. RCOC has been upgrading to box spans for almost 25 years; therefore, any signal with a diagonal span has been around for at least 25 years or longer. Staging those types of signals is very difficult and gets risky with wiring and splicing, or signals cannot be staged anymore. CRP funds are a great way to supplement federal aid projects to get the signals upgraded. Signal staff at RCOC would be happy to meet out in the field to determine the extent of the signal age and whether or not the signal can be staged or should be upgraded.

B. Multimodal Tool – Jenya Abramovich

Jenya Abramovich, SEMCOG, provided the committee with a couple of safety updates regarding SEMCOG's [Road Safety Audit Program](#) (RSA) Call for Projects and annual [Safe Streets](#) public education campaign launching at the end of the month with public service announcement (PSA) and social media messaging and encouraged the committee to share this information. If you are interested in having an RSA conducted in an intersection or corridor in your community, the application process is pretty simple. There will be an upcoming webinar about RSA, and the application window will be open through January 3, 2025.

Abramovich then presented a high-level overview of the Multimodal Tool, developed in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). This performance-based planning tool is available at <https://multimodal.semco.org/> and can be used for many different projects, including safety analysis/audits, grant demonstration projects, and transportation alternative programs.

6. REPORT FROM MDOT – BRENT SCHRINER

Brent Schriener, MDOT, provided the committee with MDOT Local Agency Program (LAP) updates, which were included in Attachment C of the agenda packet.

Sam Fitzer, RCOC, asked Schriener if MDOT would continue to add training opportunities for AASHTOWare and if it would become required training for office technicians' certification. Schriener advised Fitzer to email the contact MDOT help desk at MDOT-ConstructionSof@michigan.gov to ask for additional training dates and explain that there are not enough slots. Schriener added that he didn't know if AASHTOWare would be a requirement for office technician certification.

Fitzer asked how long we would have access to Field Manager because of closeout projects. Schriener replied that Field Manager would probably be available for several years and that there would likely be multiple announcements with a conservation date.

7. CONCRETE SCALING UPDATE – BILL WEST, HRC

Bill West, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC), updated the FAC on the concrete scaling issues reported on recent concrete pavement projects in Southeast Michigan. These updates were provided in Attachment D of the agenda packet.

Holly Donoghue, City of Royal Oak, asked if MDOT would update the spec book (i.e., Standard Specifications for Construction book) to give more guidance to contractors. West thinks that since the technical reason behind the scaling is low slump and minimal finishing, MDOT does not see concrete scaling on large-scale machine-pacing projects and believes it's a problem among locals and contractors. Beth Taylor, Michigan Concrete Association (MCA), added that finishing and curing techniques are essential to reduce concrete scaling and that weather is another challenge. Taylor stated that MCA's emphasis is to educate both inspectors and contractors and to contact her for assistance. Schriener asked if the local project's warranty could address scaling issues. Taylor stated that typically, the smaller jobs where the scaling problems are occurring do not come with a warranty. Taylor reinforced the importance of education and to contact MCA for assistance.

8. VOTING MEMBERSHIP – LARGE COMMUNITIES MEMBER

Chairman Knight referred the committee to Attachment E in the agenda packet and explained that Karen Mondora, City of Farmington Hills, is no longer representing the large communities as a voting member. Chairman Knight stated that unless there are other volunteers or discussions, Jacob Rushlow, City of Farmington Hills, has volunteered and asked for a motion.

Motion by Leigh Schultz, City of Southfield, and supported by Holly Donoghue, City of Royal Oak, to approve replacing Karen Mondora, City of Farmington Hills, with Jacob Rushlow, City of Farmington Hills, as a large communities voting member. **Motion Passed.**

A comment was made that Adam Kline, who represented the Middle Townships, is no longer with Oakland Township. Chairman Knight stated that the voting members' terms would expire at the end of this year, and the FAC would revote at the next FAC meeting in January 2025.

9. 2025 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Chairman Knight referred the committee to the 2025 project status update in the agenda packet as Attachment F. Chairman Knight asked the FAC to provide the status of the FY 2025 projects. The responses are listed in the following table:

2025 PROJECTS	LIMITS		AGENCY	STATUS as of October 15, 2024
	FROM	TO		
3R				
9 Mile Rd	Greenfield Rd	Cloverlawn St	Oak Park	October GI
11 Mile Rd EB	Southfield Rd	East City Limit	Lathrup Village	January Let
13 Mile Rd	M-5	Haggerty Rd	Novi	December GI
13 Mile Rd	Rochester Rd	Campbell Rd	Royal Oak	January Let
Auburn Ave	Woodward Ave	Opdyke Rd	Pontiac	April Let
Hilton Rd	9 Mile Rd	Woodward Hts	Ferndale	January Let
West Park Dr	12 Mile Rd	West Rd	Novi	January Let
West Park Dr	West Rd	Pontiac Trail	Novi	January Let
10 Mile Rd	Telegraph Rd	Lasher Rd	RCOC	February Let
Greenfield Rd	12 Mile Rd	13 Mile Rd	RCOC	March Let
John R Rd	Dartmouth St	14 Mile Rd	RCOC	February Let
Novi Rd	8 Mile Rd	9 Mile Rd	RCOC	Spring Let
Orchard Lake Rd	1800' s/o 12 Mile Rd	13 Mile Rd	RCOC	Spring Let
NHPP				
Maple Rd	Eton St	Coolidge Rd	Birmingham	April Let
Orchard Lake Rd	Will-O-Way Ln	Long Lake Rd	RCOC	Spring Let

**GI = Grade Inspection Meeting Date; Let = Letting Date*

10. NHPP MEETING SUMMARY OF APRIL 22, 2024

Chairman Knight referred the committee to the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) Meeting Summary of April 22, 2024, in the agenda packet as Attachment G, and asked Carissa Markel, RCOC, to provide a high-level overview of the meeting.

Markel stated that the NHPP committee met virtually to discuss two agenda items and wanted to point out the approved motion for agenda item 2. Since there is no longer a separate funding target for NHPP, funding will no longer be available for NHPP projects starting in FY 2028. There will only be Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) – Urban and Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category C funding available for FAC projects. Markel asked the committee to contact her if there were questions about this.

11. PROJECT LIST MODIFICATIONS

A. FY 2027 – RCOC Request

Chairman Knight referred the committee to Agenda Item 11A, Attachment H – FY 2027 RCOC Request to add the 12 Mile Road 3R project from Dixon Road to Novi Road, shown below:

PROJECT	LIMITS	WORK	JURISDICTION	PHASE	FUND	FEDERAL(\$)	LOCAL(\$)	TOTAL(\$)
12 Mile Rd	Dixon Rd to Novi Rd	3R	RCOC (Novi)	CON	STU	\$3,200,000	\$800,000	\$4,000,000

Chairman Knight stated this modification request was due to the new funding targets and ACC being reduced because of the purchased rural funds in FY 2026. Holly Donoghue, City of Royal Oak, asked if this was a FY 2026 project being moved to FY 2027, or a new FY 2027 project. Markel explained that 12 Mile Road, Novi Road to Farmington Road, ACC was reduced because RCOC purchased rural funds in FY 2026 (AC/CON), and with the new funding targets, there was extra funding available to add to 12 Mile Road, Dixon Road to Novi Road project in FY2027. Piotrowicz added the Environmental Assessment (EA) completed for the Cat C widening project on 12 Mile Road from Dixon Road to Beck Road is outside the short stretch on 12 Mile Road from Dixon Road to Novi Road, and with federal money becoming available, RCOC can add this project to finish the 12 Mile corridor.

Motion by Jason Hefner, City of Auburn Hills, and supported by Leigh Schultz, City of Southfield, to approve RCOC request to add 12 Mile Road, Dixon Road to Novi Road, 3R project in FY 2027 as shown in Agenda Item 11A, Attachment H. **Motion Passed.**

B. TEDF Cat C – Community & RCOC Requests

Chairman Knight referred the committee to Agenda Item 11B, Attachment I – Troy & RCOC Request to modify the Rochester Road and 12 Mile Road Cat C projects, shown below:

MDOT JN	PROJECT	LIMITS	JURISDICTION	PHASE	STATE(\$)	FEDERAL(\$)	LOCAL(\$\$\$)	TOTAL(\$)	Comments	
2025					<i>Opening Balances*</i>			\$18,160,934	\$4,177,000	
132535	Rochester Rd	Barclay Dr to Trinway Dr	Troy	AC/CON	\$10,378,058	\$4,177,000	\$9,010,014	\$23,565,072	Line-Item. ACC 2026 \$4,297,000. Local match = \$4,713,014.	
					<i>Closing Balances*</i>			\$7,782,876	\$0	
2026					<i>Opening Balances*</i>			\$12,099,451	\$4,297,000	
132535	Rochester Rd	Barclay Dr to Trinway Dr	Troy	ACC		\$4,297,000			Line-Item. AC 2025.	
					<i>Closing Balances*</i>			\$12,099,451	\$0	
2027					<i>Opening Balances*</i>			\$16,416,026	\$4,401,000	
211347	12 Mile Rd	Beck Rd to Dixon Rd	RCOC (Novi/Wixom)	AC/CON	\$15,892,000	\$4,401,000	\$10,707,000	\$31,000,000	Line-Item. ACC 2028 \$4,507,000. Local match \$6,200,000.	
					<i>Closing Balances*</i>			\$524,026	\$0	
2028					<i>Opening Balances*</i>			\$4,840,601	\$4,507,000	
211347	12 Mile Rd	Beck Rd to Dixon Rd	RCOC (Novi/Wixom)	ACC		\$4,507,000			Line-Item. AC 2027.	
					<i>Closing Balances*</i>			\$4,840,601	\$0	

Chairman Knight explained the proposed changes to move 12 Mile Rd, Beck Rd to Dixon Rd, from 2026 to 2027, as the City of Troy project on Rochester, Barclay Dr to Trinway Dr, needs additional funding and is requesting to utilize the federal Cat C funds in 2026 as ACC and increase the amount of state Cat C funds in 2025. Also, the RCOC project on 12 Mile Rd, Beck Rd to Dixon Rd, needs additional funds and is requesting to utilize the federal Cat C funds in 2028 as ACC and increase the state Cat C funds in 2027.

Motion by Jason Hefner, City of Auburn Hills, and supported by Melissa Coatta, City of Birmingham, to approve the City of Troy & RCOE Cat C Requests as shown in Agenda Item 11B, Attachment I. **Motion Passed.**

12. FY 2028-2029 CALL FOR PROJECTS - SELECTION

A. City and Village Projects

Chairman Knight referred the committee to Agenda Item 12A, Attachment J – FY 2028-2029 Cities and Villages Call for Projects Selection, shown below:

Road Name	Project Limits	Submitting Agency	Points As Submitted	Points As Reviewed	Federal Share	Local Share	Total Cost	Funding Year	Federal Share Running Total
11 Mile Rd	Woodward Ave to Main St	City of Royal Oak	62	61	\$976,120	\$244,030	\$1,220,150	2028	\$976,120
Civic Center Dr	Telegraph Rd to Lahser Rd	City of Southfield	61	61	\$1,586,229	\$396,557	\$1,982,786	2028	\$2,562,349
14 Mile Rd	City Limits (e/o Haggerty) to Drake R	City of Farmington Hills	60	60	\$2,235,471	\$558,868	\$2,794,339	2028	\$4,797,820
University Dr	Cross Creek Parkway to Squirrel Rd	City of Auburn Hills	61	59	\$1,417,513	\$354,378	\$1,771,891	2028	\$6,215,333
Main St	Catalpa Dr to 13 Mile Rd	City of Royal Oak	60	59	\$1,450,163	\$362,541	\$1,812,704	2028	\$7,665,496
9 Mile Rd	Pinecrest Dr to Planavon St	City of Ferndale	59	59	\$327,873	\$81,968	\$409,841	2027	\$327,873
11 Mile Rd	Arlington Dr to Santa Barbara Dr	City of Southfield	61	58	\$1,586,142	\$396,536	\$1,982,678	2029	\$1,586,142
Adams Rd	Woodward Ave to Madison St	City of Birmingham	60	58	\$900,116	\$225,029	\$1,125,145	2029	\$2,486,258
John R Rd*	Auburn Rd to Hamlin Rd	City of Rochester Hills	61	58	\$666,276	\$666,276	\$1,332,552	2029	\$3,152,534
Beck Rd	Franklin Rd to Northwestern Hwy	City of Southfield	57	57	\$176,914	\$44,229	\$221,143	2029	\$3,329,448
13 Mile Rd	West Village Limits to Evergreen Rd	Village of Beverly Hills	58	56	\$909,445	\$227,361	\$1,136,806	2029	\$4,238,893
13 Mile Rd	Orchard Lake Rd to Middlebelt Rd	City of Farmington Hills	56	56	\$961,711	\$240,428	\$1,202,139	2029	\$5,200,604
Inkster Rd	11 Mile Rd to Northwestern Hwy	City of Southfield	57	54	\$1,566,382	\$391,595	\$1,957,977	2029	\$6,766,986
Inkster Rd	8 Mile Rd and 9 Mile Rd	City of Southfield	58	53	\$904,284	\$226,071	\$1,130,355	–	–
Maple Rd	1775' w/o Ladd Rd to Pontiac Trail	City of Walled Lake	53	52	\$812,110	\$203,027	\$1,015,137	2029	\$7,579,096
Napier Rd*	12 Mile Rd to Grand River Ave	City of Wixom	52	51	\$518,880	\$518,880	\$1,037,760	2029	\$8,097,976

Chairman Knight stated the project selection was based on the findings of the FAC Technical Committee meeting. Chairman Knight pointed out that the City of Southfield gave up Inkster Road, 8 Mile Road to 9 Mile Road, to help fund the Maple Road and Napier Road projects in FY 2029, so thank you to Southfield. Chairman Knight asked the committee for a motion as presented or if there was any discussion.

Motion by Holly Donoghue, City of Royal Oak, and supported by Leigh Schultz, City of Southfield, to approve FY 2028-2029 City and Village projects as shown in Agenda Item 12A, Attachment J. **Motion Passed.**

B. RCOC Projects

Chairman Knight referred the committee to Agenda Item 12B, Attachment K – FY 2028-2029 RCOC Call for Projects Selection, shown below.

2028							
PROJECT	LIMITS	WORK	JURISDICTION (COMM)	PHASE	FEDERAL(\$)	LOCAL(\$)	TOTAL(\$)
14 Mile Rd	Southfield Rd to Greenfield Rd	3R	RCOC (Beverly Hills/Birmingham)	CON	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	\$2,500,000
Big Beaver Rd	Adams Rd to I-75	3R	RCOC (Troy)	CON	\$4,360,000	\$1,090,000	\$5,450,000
Big Beaver Rd	I-75 to Rochester Rd	3R	RCOC (Troy)	CON	\$1,340,000	\$335,000	\$1,675,000
Cass Lake Rd	Orchard Lake Rd to Otter Ave	3R	RCOC (Keego Harbor)	CON	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	\$2,500,000
Lahser Rd	12 Mile Rd to 13 Mile Rd	3R	RCOC (Beverly Hills/Southfield)	CON	\$2,210,000	\$552,500	\$2,762,500
Gallagher Rd Silverbell Rd	Gallagher Rd, Silverbell Rd to Orion Rd Silverbell Rd, Abbey Dr to Gallagher Rd	Pave Gravel	RCOC (Oakland Twp)	CON	\$4,720,000	\$2,055,000	\$6,775,000
Clintonville Rd	at Mann Rd (Roundabout)	Intersection	RCOC (Independence/Waterford)	CON	\$986,457	\$246,614	\$1,233,071
2029							
PROJECT	LIMITS	WORK	JURISDICTION (COMM)	PHASE	FEDERAL(\$)	LOCAL(\$)	TOTAL(\$)
Big Beaver Rd	Rochester Rd to Dequindre Rd	3R	RCOC (Troy)	CON	\$2,164,000	\$541,000	\$2,705,000
Grand River Ave	Novi Rd to Haggerty Rd	3R	RCOC (Novi)	CON	\$4,700,000	\$1,175,000	\$5,875,000
Middlebelt Rd	Northwestern Hwy to 14 Mile Rd	3R	RCOC (Farmington Hills)	CON	\$2,500,000	\$625,000	\$3,125,000
Southfield Rd	13 Mile Rd to 14 Mile Rd	3R	RCOC (Beverly Hills/Southfield Twp)	CON	\$4,992,000	\$1,248,000	\$6,240,000
9 Mile Rd	at Napier Rd (Roundabout)	Intersection	RCOC (Lyon Twp/Novi)	CON	\$1,720,000	\$430,000	\$2,150,000
Keith Rd	at Willow Rd (Roundabout)	Intersection	RCOC (West Bloomfield)	CON	\$877,770	\$219,443	\$1,097,213
Lochaven Rd	at Willow Rd (Roundabout)	Intersection	RCOC (West Bloomfield)	CON	\$1,007,000	\$251,750	\$1,258,750

Chairman Knight noted that the selection of RCOC Projects was based on community feedback and requests during the Strategic Planning process and asked for a motion as presented or if there was any discussion.

Motion by Jason Hefner, City of Auburn Hills, and supported by Leigh Schultz, City of Southfield, to approve FY 2028-2029 RCOC projects as shown in Agenda Item 12B, Attachment K. **Motion Passed.**

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Knight announced the next FAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2025, and asked for any volunteers to host. Kara Grisamer, City of Oak Park, stated that Oak Park might be able to host the meeting.

A committee member asked why the FAC Call for Projects switched from one year to two years of funding. Markel stated the last Call for Project was for FY 2026 and FY 2027 since half of the FY 2026 funding being utilized by projects that were pushed back from previous years due to new FY 2023-2025 funding targets issued on March 9, 2022. This year’s Call for Projects for FY 2028 and FY 2029 was because SEMCOG is moving to the new FY 2026-2029 TIP and requested that all projects through FY 2029 be programmed in JobNet by December 2, 2024. Markel added that it is easier for the Technical Committee to meet once to review multiple years' Call for Projects and select all the projects at one time. The Call for Projects options will be discussed at a future meeting before the next call.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Knight thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 12:19 P.M.

LIST OF ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY
Jenn Chehab	AEW
Jason Hefner	City of Auburn Hills
Melissa Coatta	City of Birmingham
Trevor Zablocki	City of Clawson
Jacob Rushlow	City of Farmington Hills
Mark Saksewski	City of Farmington Hills
Sean Ballantine	City of Madison Heights
Jeff Herczeg	City of Novi
Kara Grisamer	City of Oak Park
Shannon Filarecki	City of Pontiac
Bill Fritz	City of Rochester Hills
Keith Depp	City of Rochester Hills
Holly Donoghue	City of Royal Oak
Leigh Schultz	City of Southfield
Abdul Siddiqui	City of Southfield
Scott Finlay	City of Troy
Chelsea Pesta	City of Walled Lake
Jennifer Whitteaker	DTE Energy
Justin Wellman	Giffels Webster Eng.

NAME	AGENCY
Bill West	HRC
Andrea Pike	HRC
Chuck Hart	HRC
Brent Schriener	MDOT
Beth Taylor	Michigan Concrete Assoc.
Kirk Cox	OHM Advisors
Rhett Gronevelt	OHM Advisors
Tim Juidici	Ohm Advisors
Jack Curtis	Oxford Township
Brad Knight	RCOC
Carissa Markel	RCOC
Gary Piotrowicz	RCOC
Samuel Fitzer	RCOC
TJ Connolly	RCOC
Jenya Abramovich	SEMCOG
Adam Elghoul	SEMCOG
Steve Brudzinski	SEMCOG
Matt Ryan	Village of Ortonville