



MINUTES

**February 12, 2019 at 9:00 AM
Oakland County International Airport
J David VanderVeen Conference Room
6500 Patterson Parkway
Waterford, MI 48327**

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Brad Knight called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Mr. Knight thanked the City of Waterford for hosting the meeting. Attendees then introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Knight asked if anyone present would like to make a public comment. No attendees requested to make a comment and Mr. Knight closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Knight introduced himself as the new Chairperson of the FAC. After eight years at the Road Commission, Mr. Knight has recently taken the position of Director of the Planning & Environmental Concerns Department. Mr. Knight also announced that RCOC will be beginning the 2019 Strategic Plan process and will be contacting communities to set up meetings in the following weeks.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10-2-2018 TASK FORCE MEETING

Mr. Knight referred the committee to the minutes from the October 2, 2018 Task Force meeting and asked if anyone had any additions, changes or deletions. No changes were requested.

Motion by Mr. William Huotari, supported by Mr. Allan Schneck, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 Task Force meeting. **Motion Carried.**

V. REPORT FROM SEMCOG

Ms. Janet Waters, RCOC, explained that Mr. Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG representative, had planned to provide an update, but was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Waters will request an update from Mr. Brudzinski to be shared with the FAC via email.

VI. PUBLIC NOTICE FOR 2020-2023 TIP

Mr. Knight referred the committee to attachment C to view the current project list in the TIP (FY 2020-2023). Mr. Knight asked if anyone would like to make a public comment. No attendees requested to make a comment.

VII. REPORT FROM MDOT

Ms. Sandra Montes, MDOT, reported that MDOT has a new Director, Paul Ajegba. Mr. Ajegba used to be the Oakland TSC Manager and is very familiar with Oakland County.

VIII. 2019 PROJECT STATUS

Mr. Knight asked members to provide the status of their FY 2019 projects. The results are listed in the following table.

2019 PROJECT	LIMITS		AGENCY	STATUS as of October 2018	STATUS as of February 2019
	FROM	TO			
PAVE GRAVEL					
Sashabaw Road	Sherwood Road	Granger Road	RCOC	Early 2019 Let	April let
NEXT-PHASE					
Orchard Lake Road (ROW)	13 Mile Road	14 Mile Road	Farmington Hills	PE Complete, Draft Agreements for ROW services	
RRR					
14 Mile Road	Woodward Ave	CN Railroad	Royal Oak	Early Spring Bid	May let
14 Mile Road	CN Railroad	Crooks Road	Royal Oak	Early Spring Bid	May let
WB 11 Mile Road	Southfield Road	E City Limits	Lathrup Village	January GI, Spring Let	March GI, June let
Pinecrest Drive	8 Mile Road	9 Mile Road	Ferndale	December Let	March let
Woodward Heights Blvd	Bermuda Street	Hilton Road	Ferndale	Nov GI, Jan Let	April let
SB Northwestern HW	NW of 9 Mile Road	Evergreen Road	Southfield	April Let	April let
Woodward Heights Blvd	Hilton Road	Pilgrim Avenue	Ferndale	Nov GI, Jan Let	April let
Milford Road	General Motors Road	S of Winding Way	Milford	Nov GI, March Let	March let
South Squirrel Road	South Blvd	Primary St	Auburn Hills	Feb Let	April let
University Drive	MLK Jr. Blvd	East City Limits	Pontiac	March Let	March let
Livernois Road (AC)	Avon Road	Walton Blvd	RCOC	Early 2019 Let	May let

Stephenson Hwy NB	12 Mile Road	14 Mile Road	Madison Heights	April Let	
Stephenson Hwy SB	Girard Road	14 Mile Road	Madison Heights	April Let	
9 Mile Road	City Limits	Middlebelt Road	Farmington Hills	Jan/Feb Let	received bids
Auburn Road (AC)	Culbertson Ave	Hessel Ave	Rochester Hills	Update Not Available	April let
4R					
Maple Road	Middlebelt Road	1500' east	RCOC	Early 2019 Let	April let
9 Mile Road	Pilgrim Ave	Dequindre Road	Hazel Park	Spring Let	June let
NHPP					
14 Mile Road	Greenfield Road	Woodward Avenue	Birmingham/Royal Oak	Early Spring Let	May let
13 Mile Road	John R Road	Dequindre Road	Madison Heights	April Let	
Maple Road	At Middlebelt Road		RCOC	Early 2019 Let	April let
12 Mile Road (AC)	At Novi Road		RCOC	Early 2019 Let	May let

IX. MEMBERSHIP VACANCY LIST (2-YEAR TERMS)

Mr. Knight called for a break to allow communities to gather in groups to select voting members for those that have expired term limits. The results are listed in the following table. A representative for Huntington Woods will be identified during the Strategic Planning process.

FEDERAL AID COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP

	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM/EXP.DATE
Large Communities: > 50,000 Population	Pontiac: John Balint Farmington Hills: Karen Mondora Royal Oak: Matt Callahan	Rochester Hills: Paul Shumejko Novi: Jeff Herczeg Troy: Bill Houtari	December 31, 2020 December 31, 2020 December 31, 2020
Middle Communities: 20,000 – 50,000 Population	Oak Park: Kevin Yee Auburn Hills: Aaron See	Madison Heights: Corey Almas Birmingham: Austin Fletcher	December 31, 2020 December 31, 2020
Small Communities: < 20,000 Population	Berkley: Derrick Schueller Clawson: Harry Drinkwine	Huntington Woods: _____ Wixom: Steve Brown	December 31, 2020 December 31, 2020

Large Townships: > 30,000 Population	Independence Township: Patrick Kittle	Orion Township: Chris Barnett	December 31, 2020
Middle Townships: 10,000 – 30,000 Population	Brandon Township Kathy Thurman	Oxford Township: William Dunn	December 31, 2020
Small Townships: < 10,000 Population	Milford Township: Donald Green	Groveland Township: Robert DePalma	December 31, 2020
Road Commission for Oakland County	Brad Knight, Chairperson Gary Piotrowicz	Gary Piotrowicz, Vice Chairperson Thomas Blust	- -
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)	Heidi Phaneuf	Lynnette Firman	-
Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)	Andy Thorner	Dustin Hagfors	-

X. PROJECT LIST ADJUSTMENT - ORCHARD LAKE ROAD

Ms. Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, explained that Orchard Lake Rd from 13 Mile Rd to 14 Mile Rd is a joint project between the City of Farmington Hills and RCOC. After completing the environmental assessment (EA) and preliminary engineering phase, it was determined that the selected alternative would require significantly less right-of-way than anticipated. The City is requesting a funding adjustment in 2019 to accommodate the revised target cost of right-of-way and convert the right-of-way funding from 2019 to the 2020 construction phase. The modified project will require less overall funding and eliminates the need for a future funding request for the construction phase. Ms. Waters added that RCOC transferred Tripp Rd final advanced construction conversion from 2020 to 2019 to balance the lower costs of the right-of-way in 2019.

Motion by Mr. Huotari, supported by Mr. Paul O’Meara, to approve the project list adjustment for Orchard Lake Rd. **Motion Carried.**

**XI. PROJECT LIST ADJUSTMENTS - HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (HIP),
PONTIAC TRAIL 4R**

Mr. Knight introduced the item by explaining that these adjustments create an extra \$4.5 million in funding for the year 2020. Mr. Knight introduced Ms. Waters to explain the adjustments in detail.

Ms. Waters explained that SEMCOG notified the FAC that we have \$1.3 million in additional funding through the HIP program to use from 2019 through 2021. Ms. Waters mentioned that 2019 is too late to get new projects in the TIP and in 2021 there will be a good chance the

funds will be gone, making 2020 the best year to use the funds. Ms. Waters then introduced Mr. Thomas Blust, RCOC, to discuss the changes to RCOC's Pontiac Trail 4R project.

Mr. Blust referenced the letter regarding the changes and explained that the segment of Pontiac Trail that RCOC overlayed a few years ago is holding up in pretty good shape, making a 4R unnecessary.

Ms. Waters walked through a proposed way to use the additional funding. She stated that the committee had enough conversions in 2021 to move up and fill the excess money in 2020, leaving funds in 2021 to be filled. RCOC's Maple Rd (Inkster to Franklin) is a good fit for a portion of the funds and would leave about \$2.5 additional for the cities and villages to backfill for 2021. Ms. Waters informed the committee that in 2018 the committee decided in a similar circumstance to work off of the newest approved list to backfill additional funding. The committee discussed approving the 2022 Cities/Villages project list and then using that list to fill in for 2021 funding.

Motion by Mr. Schneck, supported by Mr. Huotari, to approve the FY 2022 Cities and Villages Project List and FY 2022 RCOC project list. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Mr. Huotari, supported by Mr. Gary Piotrowicz, to approve moving Walton Rd from the FY 2022 list to FY 2021. **Motion Carried.**

Ms. Waters explained that the committee can decide to either add the remainder to RCOC safety intersection fund or leave the balance in FY 2021. The group discussed and decided to leave the balance in FY 2021.

XII. FY 2022 PROJECT SELECTION

Mr. Knight introduced the item explaining that the committee will now select the cities/villages projects for FY 2022.

Ms. Waters explained that target is about \$5.5 million. Ms. Waters mentioned that if the committee starts at the top of the list at Berg Road and goes down to and includes Wixom Road, that would put the funding at just under the target. The committee then discussed options for the remaining funds (about \$169,000), including funding a smaller project further down the project list or leaving the remaining funds in FY 2022.

Motion by Mr. O'Meara, supported by Mr. Kevin Yee, to approve Berg Road, Decker Road, Shiawassee Road, NB NW Service Drive, and Wixom Rd for FY 2022 funding and leave the remaining funds in the Cities/Villages FY 2022 balance. **Motion Carried.**

This list of FY 2022 approved projects can be found on Attachment B.

Mr. Gary Piotrowicz, RCOC, presented the FY2022 RCOC Project List. Mr. Piotrowicz explained that the blue highlights represent what RCOC is proposing for FY2022 and the yellow is what RCOC has planned for FY2021. The table also shows that RCOC is proposing \$1.68 million for safety intersections for FY2022. In gray are projects that have been coming off the list that have been funded in different ways. As RCOC goes through the Strategic Plan process this spring, they'll be speaking to communities regarding future project needs.

Motion by Mr. Don Green, supported by Mr. Huotari, to approve RCOC FY 2022 Project List. **Motion Carried.**

This list of RCOC projects programmed for FY 2022 can be found on Attachment C.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Knight asked for a volunteer to host the next FAC meeting on May 14th. The City of Rochester Hills volunteered to host at their DPS facility located at 511 East Auburn Road.

Ms. Waters asked the committees to please share any changes to projects as soon as possible in order for RCOC to address in JobNet, MDOT's new system for managing the TIP.

Mr. Knight asked if there was any other business to be brought before the committee. There was no other business.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knight thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Present

**Aaron See
Derrick Schueller
Paul O'Meara
Austin Fletcher
Harry Drinkwine
Karen Mondora
Mark Saksewski
Thomas Jones
Jeff Herczeg
Kevin Yee
Gerry McCallum
John Balint
Shannon Filarecki
Jenny McGuckin
Allan Schneck
Paul Shumejko
Matt Callahan
Leigh Schultz
Bill Huotari
Kathy Thurman
Robert DePalma
George Kullis
Don Green
Samantha Timko
Gary Wall
Amy Neary
Chuck Hart
Colleen Hill-Stramsak
Sandy Montes
Bradd Maki
Justin Wellman
Rhett Gronevelt
Tim Juidici
Tom Blust
Brad Knight
Tom Noechel
Gary Piotrowicz
Lesley Rivera
Janet Waters**

Affiliation

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City of Berkley
City of Birmingham
City of Birmingham
City of Clawson
City of Farmington Hills
City of Farmington Hills
City of Hazel Park
City of Novi
City of Oak Park
City of Orchard Lake
City of Pontiac
City of Rochester
City of Rochester Hills
City of Rochester Hills
City of Rochester Hills
City of Royal Oak
City of Southfield
City of Troy
Brandon Township
Groveland Township
Holly Township
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