

# Macomb County FAC

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## MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting:** Macomb County – Federal Aid Committee (FAC) Fall 2023 Meeting

**Date & Time:** September 28, 2023, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location:** Senior Auditorium of the Macomb County Verkuilen Building

**Invitees:** See attached Meeting Attendees list

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1. **Call to Order by the Chair** – Scott Wanagat, MCDR Highway Engineer, interim FAC Chair
  - a. Scott Wanagat interim chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. He thanked everyone for coming and said everyone should have received a copy of the agenda packet earlier in the week.
  
2. **Introductions** – Scott Wanagat
  - a. Introductions were made around the room. See attendance roster.
  
3. **Old Business** – Scott Wanagat
  - a. **Minutes from Winter FAC meeting June 28, 2023**
    - i. Minutes from the Summer FAC meeting were tabled, pending addition of public comment.
  
2. **New Business** – Scott Wanagat, MCDR Highway Engineer, interim FAC Chair
  - b. **Macomb FAC 2023-2026 TIP Update**
    - i. All planned FAC projects have been successfully obligated.
    - ii. \$27M in total funds were obligated to 13 projects from 7 different agencies in 11 communities.
    - iii. All federal funding under FAC control was utilized.
    - iv. All three CMAQ projects were obligated, totaling \$7M.
  - c. **Macomb FAC TIP Update Process Change Work Plan**
    - i. The group was briefed on the suggested work plan to update the TIP Call for Projects process.
    - ii. The target roll out date for the new process is May 2024.
    - iii. There will be a working group established with monthly meetings to develop and implement the new work plan.
      1. The working group will follow a similar format as the Corridors of Significance Study.
      2. Recommended changes will be brought to the TIP sub-committee by early April 2024.
    - iv. Special FAC meetings will be schedule in April and November 2024 to facilitate the implementation of the work plan.

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- v. Rick Stathakis moved to approve the work plan. Jim Van Tiflin seconded the motion.
- vi. The motion to approve the work plan carried.

### 4. SEMCOG Update – Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG

- a. FY 23 books are now closed at the state and federal levels and FY 24 officially begins Sunday, October 1.
- b. The fall amendment is underway, and approval is expected in December. This amendment only applies to FY 24-26 projects.
- c. The Spring amendment is due February 2, 2024. Steve Brudzinski will send an updated amendment schedule.
- d. SEMCOG has updated their public involvement plan, changing their public comment period to 14 days.
- e. The budget needs to be approved by Congress; if the government shuts down, LAPs should not delay in submitting their projects, as it is still first come, first served.
- f. In a rare occurrence, SEMCOG has more obligation authority than allocation due to increasing prices.
- g. The current SEMCOG policy is pro errata, where if a project cost increases and there is an 80/20 split between the federal funding and local match, SEMCOG may provide the difference in funding; however, another policy option is capped, where if a project cost increases and there is an 80/20 split between the federal funding and local match, the price difference falls on the local agency.
  - i. This could apply to all projects, with more inflation.
  - ii. There has not been discussion on changing this yet, but it is an option.
- h. There is no discussion of any changes to the MDOT 25% policy.

### 5. MDOT Update

- a. A review was conducted on the projects on FY24 list and there are ten without ProjectWise folders. MDOT requests local agencies to check their project numbers and ProjectWise folders.
- b. NEPA and cultural resources reviews used to go to SHPO but is now internally reviewed by MDOT's Environmental Clearance Unit for historic and archaeological implications of a project.
- c. Now is the time to submit projects for the June letting.

### 6. Q&A for FAC Members – None.

### 7. Public Comment – None.

### 8. Next FAC Meeting -

- a. Winter meeting: Thursday, January 24, 2024, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Location TBD

### 9. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Stathakis and seconded by Mary Bednar; motion carried.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.

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**Attachments:** Meeting Attendees, Amended Meeting Minutes from June meeting  
**Reviewed By:** Roger Safford, Dustin Elliott, HNTB; Scott Wanagat, Chair, MCDR



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### Meeting Attendees/Agency or Firm Represented

- Brent Bashaw, Sterling Heights
- Bryan Santo, MCDR
- Chris Liebert, St. Clair Shores
- Dan O'Leary, Clinton Township
- Danielle Gerlach, HNTB
- Dustin Elliott, HNTB
- Eric Dimoff, MCDR
- Eric Tucker, Benesch
- Irvin Wyche, MCDR
- James Van Tiflin, Macomb Township
- Joseph Lech, Eastpointe
- Kyle McKee, Macomb BOC
- Louis Urban, Center Line
- Lynde Oddo, Shelby Township
- Mary Bednar, Clinton Township
- Melissa Williams, MCDR
- Michael Vigneron, AEW
- Michelle Zawerucka, MDOT-LAP
- Nazar Salih, Benesch
- Nick Schaefer, City of Center Line
- Rick Stathakis, Shelby Township
- Roger Safford, HNTB
- Scott Lockwood, AEW
- Scott Wanagat, MCDR
- Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG
- William Diamond, Utica