

Macomb County – Federal Aid Committee (FAC) Winter Meeting January 24, 2024 – 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Assembly Rooms A&B - Macomb County Verkuilen Building - 21885 Dunham Street, Clinton Township Agenda

- 1. Call to Order Scott Wanagat, MCDR Highway Engineer, interim FAC Chair
- 2. Welcome Message Bryan Santo, MCDR Director
- 3. FAC Member Introductions Scott Wanagat
- 4. Old Business
 - a. Approval of amended June 28, 2023, FAC Winter Meeting Minutes; See agenda packet EXHIBIT 4A *(Motion Required)*
 - b. Approval of September 28, 2023, FAC Fall Meeting Minutes; See agenda packet EXHIBIT 4B (Motion Required)
- 5. New Business Scott Wanagat and TIP Subcommittee
 - a. Macomb FAC TIP Subcommittee Membership Proposed Change in Guidance Document; see agenda packet EXHIBIT 5A *(Motion Required)*
 - b. Call for TIP Subcommittee Volunteers
 - c. FY 2026-2029 TIP Update Project Prioritization Information Only
- 6. SEMCOG Update Steve Brudzinski
- 7. Q&A FAC Members
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Next Macomb County FAC Meeting Save the Date
 - a. Special Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 2:00-4:00 PM Location TBD
- 10. Adjourn Meeting (Motion Required)



MEETING SUMMARY

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

Date & Time: June 28, 2023, 2:00-4:00 PM

Location: Senior Auditorium of the Macomb County Verkuilen Building

Invitees: See attached Meeting Attendees list

1. Call to Order by the Chair – Scott Wanagat, MCDR Highway Engineer, interim FAC Chair

a. Scott Wanagat is serving as interim chair, replacing John Crumm. He called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM. 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. Scott Wanagat introduced the new MCDR Planning Director, Irvin Wyche, who will become the chair in the future.
- b. Introductions were made around the room. See attendance roster.
- 3. **Old Business** Scott Wanagat
 - a. Minutes from Winter FAC meeting January 25, 2023
 - Motion to approve the minutes with an amendment to include comments and questions provided by Clinton Township was made by Rick Stathekis and seconded by Jim Van Tiflin; Scott called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2. New Business Scott Wanagat, MCDR Highway Engineer, interim FAC Chair
 - b. Macomb FAC TIP Changes
 - i. The City of Eastpointe received \$3.3M in federal earmark funds for a project along 9 Mile Rd, which allows those funds to be reallocated by the FAC in the TIP.
 - c. Recission of Unobligated CRRSAA Funds
 - Two projects have lost funding due to the federal government rescinding unobligated CRRSAA funding. This was in response to debt ceiling negotiations at the federal level.
 Mile Road (JN 218497) from FY 2023 is losing \$82K in federal funding and Romeo Plank (JN 211921) is losing \$3M in federal funding.
 - d. TIP Subcommittee Recommendations
 - i. Brent Bashaw made a motion to approve the TIP Committee recommendations and Jim Van Tiflin seconded the motion.
 - ii. The TIP subcommittee recommends moving 33 Mile Road (JN 218497) to FY 2024 to allow time for local coordination and for SEMCOG to process a TIP amendment to add \$67K in federal STP-TMA funds with \$15K local match; and to provide \$2.46M in federal STP-TMA funds and required \$540K in local match for Romeo Plank (JN



211921) in FY 2024.

- iii. STP funds require local match, which the original CRRSAA federal funds did not.
- iv. Because the funding from the Eastpointe project was obligated for FY 2026, the recommendations from the subcommittee include Advance Constructing (A/C) funds. This means the County will provide the money up front to do the projects in FY 2024 and be reimbursed once the federal funding is available and dispersed in FY 2026.
- v. Scott Wanagat called for the vote. There was one nay vote from Mary Bednar of Clinton Township. The motion carried.
- e. SEMCOG 2050 RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) Scott Wanagat and TIP Subcommittee
 - i. Scott Wanagat briefed the group on the 2050 RTP call for projects from SEMCOG. He went over the memorandum, which included principles used to choose the projects for the plan and the projects included for submission. The projects included on the list are for planning purposes and can be amended at a later point.
 - ii. Bryan Babcock motioned to approve the recommended list, with the understanding that this list is not final and can be amended in the future. Jim Van Tiflin seconded the motion.
 - iii. Federal requirements dictate a conceptual project list but allows for amendments. The project list was developed based on based on the Corridors of Significance Study, which has been approved by the FAC Committee, and based on the previous projects that were submitted and scored during the TIP process.
 - iv. Steve Brudzinski explained SEMCOG is responsible for two major plans for the federal government, the TIP and RTP. The TIP is a short range program that obligates funding to projects in the next five years. The RTP is long range 25-year plan that serves as a guiding policy document that is updated every five years. Projects included in this plan are those that may be included in the TIP in the future and are evaluated based on established policies and priorities, then are used to promote, and predict future funding for transportation projects. The RTP is less final than the TIP and does not include a specific timeline for projects outside of it covering the next 25 years.
 - v. The TIP is already approved through 2026; anything included in the RTP would be able to be obligated in 2027 at the earliest, offering time for amending the list. There are three times per year for amendments to be submitted for either the TIP or RTP.
 - vi. If the project list were voted down during this FAC meeting, the deadline would not be met for the RTP call for projects. The deadline is June 30, 2023.
 - vii. Multiple FAC members raised concerns over the project list. It was recommended to pass the motion as it stands, understanding this project list is a placeholder and more opportunities for feedback will occur for the FAC members.
 - viii. MCDR Director Bryan Santo reminded the committee members of the open door policy between FAC members and MCDR staff.
 - ix. Scott Wanagat called for the vote to approve the project list as outlined in the memorandum and the motion carried unanimously.

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

a. The adjustments made due to the rescission of CRRSAA Funds are included in the summer TIP amendment and are expected to be approved in August by the federal government. This will be the last amendment of FY 23.



- b. For the Fall TIP amendment, which is Q1 of FY 2024, projects will be due September 8, 2023, and approval is anticipated in December.
- c. Each decennial census is used to update the urbanized area (UAZ) boundaries, which are used to determine where certain types of funding can be used. The updated census urban boundary is currently being updated based on the 2020 census. SEMCOG works with the state during the process to determine the boundaries.
 - There is a transportation coordination meeting on July 20, 2023. FACs will then meet with SEMCOG. SEMCOG will be hosting meetings with FACs for MDOT mark-up workshops for their input on the UAZ.
 - ii. The new boundaries will alter funding allocations.
 - iii. SEMCOG will not alter funding that has been obligated through 2026. The new funding targets will not be implemented until 2027.
- d. The State of Michigan will incur a 2.5% safety penalty in federal transportation funds, which will be required to be used for safety programs in the state targeting drunk driving. This is based on repeated drunk driving incidents. Programs can include education and outreach efforts, signage, and other design-oriented safety improvements.
 - i. There will be a new funding code for projects aimed to protect people in the vulnerable road user category, VRU.

5. **Q&A for FAC Members** - None

6. Public Comment

a. Submitted by Paul Gieleghem, Clinton Township Treasurer

We all have home budgets. We all in some way, work for or are affiliated with Government and contend with tight or shrinking budgets. When we learn that we are not taking in enough money to maintain our footprint, we either have to shrink out footprint or invest in a way that brings in more money.

If we don't bring in enough money to maintain our existing road network, how are we ever going to find enough money to maintain an expanded road network?

9 Mile received an earmark freeing up \$3.3 million dollars. That's great. But we then see the bulk of federal dollars focused on road expansion.

The 2050 Regional Transportation Plan contains the development of long-term Principles first prioritizing Asset Management, Preservation, and Modernization of older roads, over Strategic Corridor Capacity Improvements or, in other words, Expansion.

We then see a project list focused on widening 26 Mile Rd., North Ave., 21 Mile, and intersection improvements for 26 and 27 Mile.

- How are these projects prioritized over the host of improvements needed on corridors with dramatically higher rates of population density, aging infrastructure, and traffic congestion? If we lay out principles in the 2050 RTP prioritizing preservation, maintenance and modernization of our existing road network we should be seeing a project list that is aligned with those principles.
- b. Scott Wanagat reiterated the Corridors of Significance Study was used to determine the list, which was meant to be used as a framework to identify which corridors will likely need the most in federal and state funding. He acknowledged there are different needs throughout the



county, particularly depending on geography. The committee is taking his comments under advisement.

c. Director Santo explained the monies rescinded were from preapproved projects and the new funding recommendations are still being used for another pre-approved project, not a new project. Capacity projects have not been totally eliminated, and there is a focus to preserve the condition of existing roads.

7. Next FACMeeting

a. Fall meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2023, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Location TBD

8. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Verkest and seconded by Mary Bednar; motion carried.

b. The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Attachments: Meeting Attendees, Amended Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2023, FAC

Committee meeting

Reviewed By: Roger Safford, Dustin Elliott, HNTB; Scott Wanagat, Chair, MCDR

Submitted By: Danielle Gerlach

CC: File



Meeting Attendees/Agency or Firm Represented

- Brent Bashaw, Sterling Heights
- Bryan Babcock, St. Clair Shores
- Bryan Santo, MCDR
- Crystal Kozak, Macomb Township
- Dan O'Leary, Clinton Township
- Danielle Gerlach, HNTB
- Dustin Elliott, HNTB
- Eric Dimoff, MCDR
- Gordie Wilson, Shelby Township
- Irvin Wyche, MCDR
- James Van Tiflin, Macomb Township
- · Jim Goetzinger, City of Richmond
- Ken Verkest, Harrison Township
- Kyle McKee, Macomb BOC
- Louis Urban, Center Line
- Lynde Oddo, Shelby Township
- Mary Bednar, Clinton Township
- Michael Vigneron, AEW
- Nick Schaefer, City of Center Line
- Paul Gieleghem, Clinton Township Treasurer
- Phil Rode, John James
- Rick Stathakis, Shelby Township
- Roger Safford, HNTB
- Rola Zarife, BOC
- Ryan Kern, AEW
- Sarah Plumer, HRC
- Scott Lockwood, AEW
- Scott Wanagat, MCDR
- Stanley Grot, Shelby Township Clerk
- Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG
- Sylvia Grot, County Commissioner
- Tina Gapshes, City of Warren
- Willie Souaid, MDOT Macomb TSC



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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

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.



- 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 FACMeeting
 - 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.

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



Submitted By: Danielle Gerlach

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- Scott Lockwood, AEW
- Scott Wanagat, MCDR
- Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG
- William Diamond, Utica

EXHIBIT 5A - PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 4.0 OF THE MACOMB FAC GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

4.0 ADMINISTRATION OF THE MACOMB FAC

A representative of the Macomb County Department of Roads (MCDR) serves as a Chair of the Macomb FAC. The Macomb FAC Chair coordinates local federal transportation program planning at the county level through the administration of the Macomb FAC.

The Macomb FAC Chair is responsible to call and preside over FAC meetings, prepare and approve meeting agendas, and prepare and distribute meeting minutes. Macomb FAC meetings will be called by the Chair as needed but will generally be scheduled to meet three (3) times per year, targeted for the Spring, Fall and Winter.

The Macomb FAC Chair will also document minutes and meeting agendas for the public and SEMCOG. The Macomb FAC Chair or delegate will participate in SEMCOG's Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC) and Transportation Technical Team (TTT) meetings.

A Macomb FAC TIP Subcommittee is also hereby established within the Macomb FAC, consisting of <u>up to seven (7) voting members</u>, with at least one (1) <u>but not more than two (2)</u> representatives of each of the following entities: (a) of City government; (b) _ one (1) representative of Township government; (c) _ one (1) representative of County government; (d) _ one (1) representative of a public transit agency; _ and (e) one (1) at-large. <u>Each</u> representative <u>serves</u>, at the discretion of the Chair in consultation with SEMCOG. The Chair of the FAC will also chair the FAC TIP Subcommittee as a non- voting member. <u>TIP Subcommittee members shall serve for at least one (1) full TIP cycle</u>, with at least four (4) of the members serving through at least two consecutive TIP cycles. The Chair may solicit volunteers from the FAC to serve on the TIP Subcommittee. In the event of a surplus of volunteers seeking to represent any given entity or the TIP Subcommittee as a whole, the Chair will call for a vote of the FAC members to determine TIP Subcommittee membership.

In the event there are no volunteers seeking to represent a given entity, interim volunteer(s) representing other entities may be added at the discretion of the Chair so long as the total allowable overall Subcommittee membership is not exceeded. If a volunteer from a non-represented entity is subsequently identified, the Chair may replace the interim volunteer(s) with the subsequently identified volunteer(s) so as to achieve the objective of having each entity represented.

The Macomb FAC will take formal actions to approve meeting minutes, changes to this guidance document, recommended projects for TIP and TIP Amendments, the establishment of any ad hoc subcommittees needed to perform FAC work, along with any other business as needed and as determined by the Chair.

The Macomb FAC TIP Subcommittee work to update the Macomb Federal Aid TIP will be guided by the process described in Appendix C.

AGENDA ITEM 5C - INFORMATION ONLY

Macomb County FAC TIP Subcommittee Proposed TIP/RTP Process Update Work Plan – FY 2024



- 8. January 2025 Final recommendations to Full FAC for approval
- 9. February 2025 Submittal of FY 26-29 TIP Update Projects to SEMCOG

Potential Resource Inputs:

- City of Detroit Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
- <u>SEMCOG Transportation Safety Plan Safety Plan Appendix</u>

Example: High-Level Crash Data – Macomb County

Figure 18

Macomb County Crash Frequency and Injury Severity by Crash Type, 2017-2021

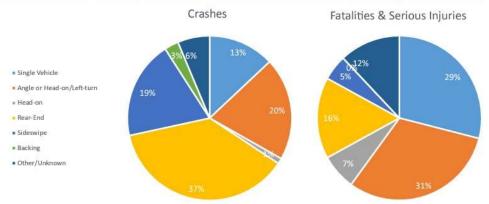


Table 9

Emphasis Area Crash by Involvement in Macomb County, 2017-2021

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | Percent of Crashes 2017-2021 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
| Intersection | 8,971 | 9,000 | 7,967 | 5,845 | 7,079 | 34% |
| Lane Departure | 2,836 | 2,580 | 2,597 | 2,361 | 2,738 | 11% |
| Speeding | 1,090 | 1,071 | 1,021 | 858 | 1,099 | 4% |
| Impairment | 885 | 858 | 822 | 721 | 722 | 3% |
| Unbelted Occupant | 234 | 215 | 192 | 196 | 234 | 1% |
| Pedestrian | 161 | 176 | 166 | 110 | 128 | 1% |
| Bicyclist | 169 | 138 | 130 | 134 | 141 | 1% |
| Motorcycle | 237 | 204 | 192 | 194 | 203 | 1% |

20 | Southeast Michigan Transportation Safety Plan - Appendix



Macomb County FAC TIP Subcommittee

Approved TIP/RTP Process Update Work Plan - FY 2024



1. September 2023

- a. Discuss proposal and draft work plan with TIP Subcommittee
- b. Establish working group with coordination and support from HNTB
- c. Full FAC approval to establish working group within TIP Subcommittee and proceed with work plan to improve the TIP/RTP Update process

2. October 2023

- a. Develop draft white paper and discuss with TIP Subcommittee.
 - i. Core improvement goals include:
 - Improved integration with SEMCOG Regional Goals (Condition, Safety, Mobility, etc.);
 - 2. Integration with proposed RTP rolling updates (Summer meeting);
 - 3. Improved reliance on key regional, county, and local data;
 - 4. Provide more time for member agencies to submit projects; and
 - 5. Leverage best practices from other FAC's and Call For Projects processes (Safety, Bridge, etc.)
- b. Target deadline for roll-out of new process May 2024

3. November 2023 thru March 2024

- a. Monthly work group meetings to develop and refine process and FAC guidelines.
 - i. Inputs:
 - 1. MDOT Safety and Bridge CFP Memos and processes
 - 2. Feedback from FAC Members/SEMCOG
 - ii. Outputs:
 - 1. Revised Guidance Document, CFP Memo, Application Worksheet, Scoring Spreadsheet, etc.
 - 2. Draft Recommendation Memorandum

4. April 2024

- a. Recommendations to TIP Subcommittee Finalize for full FAC approval.
- b. Special Full FAC Meeting end of April for approval of new process

5. May 2024

a. Target roll-out with project candidate proposals due September 2023

6. November 2024

- a. Preliminary evaluation data reviewed by TIP Subcommittee
- b. Special FAC meeting to review preliminary rankings and receive feedback
- 7. December 2024 TIP Subcomittee reviews and develops final recommendations

