MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting: Macomb County – Federal Aid Committee (FAC) Special Spring Meeting

Date & Time: May 2, 2024 – 2:00 PM-4:00PM

Location: Macomb County Verkuilen Building 21885 Dunham Street, Clinton Township – Assembly Rooms A & B

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 2:02PM. He thanked everyone for coming and said everyone should have received a copy of the agenda packet and printed copies were available.
    b. Irvin Wyche, Planning Director, outlined rules of engagement for the meeting.
    c. Director Bryan Santo thanked everyone for attending and welcomed everyone.

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 January 24, 2024
        i. Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Mary Bednar and seconded by Bryan Babcock.
        ii. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

4. **SEMCOG Update** – Steve Brudzinksi and Michele Fedorowicz
    a. FY 26-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update
        i. The FY 26-29 TIP Update Call for Projects (CFP) will open on August 1, 2024.
        ii. FAC Committees will work to determine their project list and submit these to SEMCOG.
        iii. The schedule is accelerated this round to allow for MDOT and federal approval.
            1. Due to some technicalities with JobNet, all TIP projects must be ready and submitted to MDOT not later than July 1, 2025.
        iv. It is expected that MDOT will provide the targets prior to programming; if not, 2026 levels will be utilized and can be adjusted as needed.
        v. A new Surface Transportation Program bill is due in 2027, but given past years, SEMCOG anticipates more resolutions to extend the 2026 levels.
        vi. All projects need to be programmed into JobNet, the statewide database of TIP projects, no later than December 2, 2024.
        vii. SEMCOG will review the submissions between December 2024 and January 2025 to verify eligibility and fiscal constraints.
        viii. The document will be out for public comment on April 1, 2025, for the FY 26-29 TIP.
        ix. The Transportation Council will review throughout April and recommend it to the Executive Committee, who would vote on final approval.
    b. In fall 2024, concurrent to the TIP CFP, the CFP for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction Grants will be held for FY 27-29.

i. 2026 has already been determined for these programs.
ii. The meeting and approval processes will be similar to that of the TIP CFP.
iii. The goal is to have these projects ready for submittal at the same time as the TIP for state and federal review and approval.
iv. Dates can be found on SEMCOG's website and notifications will be sent out periodically.

c. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
i. These plans are required to qualify for federal aid.
ii. Covers all modes of transportation and safety.
iii. The plan is broader than the TIP. It serves more as a policy document whereas the TIP is a list of committed projects in support of those policies.
iv. A public meeting will be held virtually on May 8, 2024. Opportunities to register for the meeting are on SEMCOG's website. Public comment is open through June.
v. There has been extensive public outreach throughout plan development.
vi. There are seven policies in the plan, including the preservation and maintenance of existing infrastructure.
vii. The region is again on track for needs to significantly outpace revenues.
viii. There is no new revenue on the horizon beyond our existing sources highlighted in the plan - federal funds, gas taxes, registration fees etc.

5. **New Business –** Scott Wanagat and TIP Subcommittee
a. Proposed Changes to Macomb County FAC Guidance Document
i. Motion to approve the updated guidance document was made by Jim Van Tiflin and seconded by Brent Bashaw.
ii. Scott Wanagat went over the new TIP Update process and the new Capacity Improvement Investment Policy and the resulting proposed guidance document changes which were recommended by the TIP Subcommittee.
iii. The Chair called for the vote. All were in favor except for Rick Stathakis who voted against the motion. Motion carried.

b. New TIP Subcommittee Members
i. Scott Wanagat talked about the changes to the TIP Subcommittee based on the updated guidance document, expanding to seven voting members.
ii. Only the At-Large and Township Subcommittee seats were required to be put up to a vote because the County and City seats did not have a surplus of interested candidates. Candidates for the TIP Subcommittee seats requiring a vote provided brief verbal statements of interest and qualification.
1. At-Large candidates (1 Representative Needed):
a. Scott Lockwood (incumbent)
b. Sermed Saif
2. Township candidates (2 Representatives Needed):
a. Mary Bednar
b. Jim Van Tiflin (incumbent)
c. Julie Misich
iii. Rick Stathakis requested further discussion on the candidates. He expressed concern with the committee being dominated by engineers and an interest in diversifying the background of members, such as including more planners.
iv. Chairman Brown expressed that there is a lot of development occurring in the county and the subcommittee needs planning and someone that can see the bigger picture and may bring a unique perspective that may add value.
v. Director Bryan Santo stated that he appreciated the work of the current and

previous TIP Subcommittees. He appreciates that more people are looking to participate on the subcommittee. He explained that the process has been moving in a positive direction with increased transparency and communication within the committees and he looks to continue moving in that direction.

vi. The ballots were distributed for voting members to cast their vote and then collected, checked and publicly tallied.

vii. The results of the voting were as follows:
    1. At-Large candidates:
        a. Scott Lockwood - 15
        b. Sermed Saif - 3
    2. Township candidates:
        a. Mary Bednar - 12
        b. Jim Van Tiflin - 13
        c. Julie Misich – 8
    3. Rick Stathakis asked about the process to narrow down TIP Subcommittee members. Scott Wanagat explained that the original four communities that expressed interest in serving on the committee included Macomb Township, Shelby Township, Washington Township, and Clinton Township. Washington Township subsequently withdrew their candidate. No one was dropped or removed prior to the vote.

viii. As a result of the call for expressions of interest and voting the following Macomb FAC representatives will comprise the new TIP Subcommittee:
    1. Scott Wanagat (County)
    2. Irvin Wyche (County)
    3. Brent Bashaw (City)
    4. Tina Gapshes (City)
    5. Jordan VonZynda (Transit)
    6. Scott Lockwood (At-large)
    7. Mary Bednar (Township)
    8. Jim Van Tiflin (Township)

6. **Q&A for FAC Members –** None.

7. **Public Comment –** None.

8. **Upcoming Macomb County FAC Meetings**
    a. Special Summer Meeting: June 26, 2024, 2:00:4:00 PM – Location TBD
    b. Fall Meeting: September 25, 2024 – Time and Location TBD
    c. Special Fall Meeting #1: November 13, 2024 – Time and Location TBD
    d. Special Fall Meeting #2: November 20, 2024 – Time and Location TBD

9. **Additional Items –** None.

10. **Adjourn**
    a. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brent Babcock and seconded by Mary Bednar. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Attachments: Meeting Attendees
Reviewed By:

Submitted By: Danielle Gerlach
CC: File

Meeting Attendees/Agency or Firm Represented

- Adam Wit, Harrison Township
- Aseel Putros, AEW
- Brad Kepster, Chesterfield Township
- Brent Bashaw, Sterling Heights
- Bryan Backcock, St. Clair Shores
- Bryan Santo, MCDR
- Crystal Kozak, Macomb Township
- Dan O'Leary, Clinton Township
- Danielle Gerlach, HNTB
- Darin Paelucci, Eastpointe
- Dennis Champine, City of Center Line
- Don Brown, Macomb BOC
- Drew Buckner, MDOT
- Dustin Elliott, HNTB
- Elaine Leven, Fraser
- Eric Dimoff, MCDR
- Eric Kipp, Spalding DeDecker
- Frank DiGiorgio, Bruce Township
- Irvin Wyche, MCDR
- Jim Van Tiflin, Macomb Township
- John Abraham, MCDR
- Louis Urban, Center Line
- Lynde Oddo, Shelby Township
- Mariah Walton, Eastpointe
- Mary Bednar, Clinton Township
- Melissa Williams, MCDR
- Michael Vigneron, AEW
- Michele Fedorowicz, SEMCOG
- Mike Freckelton, St. Clair Shores
- Paul Gieleghem, Clinton Township
- Paul Kosiara, Chesterfield Township
- Rich Amormino, Washington Township
- Rick Stathakis, Shelby Township
- Roger Safford, HNTB
- Ron Trumbley, City of New Baltimore
- Ryan Kern, AEW
- Scott Chabot, AEW
- Scott Lockwood, AEW
- Scott Wanagat, MCDR
- Sermed Saif, Tri-County Engineering
- Stanley Grot, Shelby Township
- Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG
- Sylvia Grot, Macomb County
- Tina Gapshes, City of Warren
- TJ Connolly, Road Commission of Oakland County
- Willie Souaid, MDOT