MEETING SUMMARY

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

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Macomb County Verkuilen Building
Senior Auditorium
21885 Dunham Street, Clinton Township

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 2:04 PM. He thanked everyone for coming and said everyone should have received an electronic copy of the agenda packet via email and that printed copies are also available if needed.

2. **Introductions –** Scott Wanagat
    a. Introductions were made around the room (See attendance roster).
    b. Bryan Santo welcomed everyone and reminded attendees this meeting is an open meeting highlighting the FAC Subcommittee's TIP project investment recommendations for the full FAC committee to review and provide feedback on.

3. **Old Business –** Scott Wanagat
    a. Minutes from the Summer FAC meeting September 25, 2024
        i. Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Jim Van Tiflin of Macomb Township and seconded by Scott Lockwood of AEW.
        ii. Shelby Township asked if the TIP Subcommittee meetings are open to the public. Scott Wanagat responded by reminding FAC members that full FAC meetings are public meetings while the TIP Subcommittee meetings are not. TIP Subcommittee meetings are intended to be working group meetings that then bring information and recommendations to the full FAC for review, discussion, and approval or denial.
        iii. Scott Wanagat called for a vote on the motion. Shelby Township opposed; all other FAC members present approved. The motion carried and the meeting minutes were approved.

4. **New Business** – Scott Wanagat
    a. **FY 26-29 New TIP Recommended Projects – Macomb FAC TIP Subcommittee**
        i. Scott Wanagat made a presentation on behalf of the FAC TIP Subcommittee, summarizing recommended FY 26-29 TIP Update project investments (See FAC website for a copy of the presentation).
        ii. Scott Wanagat stated during the presentation that the subcommittee reached a strong consensus on the recommendations, including (a) selecting a pool of alternate projects for FAC consideration should additional funding become available; and (b) setting aside $6.6M for Shelby Township's Schoenherr Road project.
        iii. Scott Wanagat also stated that the agenda packet provides information on the basis

for the recommendations, including:

1. A Memorandum of Recommendation;
2. A list of projects recommended for funding;
3. A list of alternate projects for future consideration to be amended into the TIP on a case-by-case basis subject to FAC approval if additional funding becomes available;
4. A list of projects deferred from consideration due to lack of funding;
5. A list of widening projects neither recommended nor deferred pending further evaluation;
6. An analysis of the funding constraints supporting the recommended programmatic allocations;
7. Maps of the projects by investment category and by proposed funding year.

iv. Scott Wanagat provided additional details supporting the actions recommended in the Memorandum:

1. FY 26-29 TIP Project Mix of Fix Summary;
2. $6.6M set aside for capacity improvements;
3. $53.8M available funding allocated to network preservation;
4. 30 total projects for FY 26-29 (11 projects already programmed for FY 26).
5. 19 new projects for FY 27-29 from 13 different agencies were recommended for funding;
6. Six (6) Alternate Projects selected for potential amendment into the new TIP;
7. The 19 projects recommended for funding were distributed across FY 27-29 obligation years based on available funding and applicant preferences;
8. TIP Subcommittee members Brent Bashaw and Jim VanTiflin both spoke in favor of the proposal.

v. Motion to approve the FY 26-29 TIP Project Recommendations was made by Tina Gapshes of Warren and seconded by Irvin Wyche of MCDR.

1. Shelby Township asked about the data collection process and how Shelby Township could improve their project scores. Scott responded by stating that this new process utilized a multitude of available data that applicants attached to their application in an effort to continue to improve upon the FAC's commitment to be more data-driven in our approach.
2. Dustin Elliot noted the evaluation scoring criteria was shared and reviewed multiple times before the full FAC voted and this will continue to be the process in the future.
3. Key data points collected and reviewed included the following: available funding, applicant priority, county-wide importance, MCDR priority, network contribution, safety improvement potential, additional non-FAC funding/ mix of fix considerations, consistency with RTP goals, geographic balance, project support and readiness, multi-modal transportation, and equity considerations.
4. Communities that would like to meet individually with MCDR and discuss their applications are welcome to request such a meeting.
5. There was some discussion about the TEDF Category C funding issue. The original funding targets for FY 2026 included a $2.1M reduction for Macomb County because of an unintended consequence of the 1984 legislation that distributed TEDF C funding according to specific urban county population bands. There is a bill awaiting the Governor's signature which fixes this issue. The current TIP project recommendations assume that the bill will be

signed and Macomb County will receive TEDF Category C funding without any reductions.

6. There was also some discussion about the RTP approval and amendment process with respect to the widening projects awaiting further analysis and the $6.6M in funding set aside for that consideration. The current proposed RTP process will be signified by MDOT and FHWA's approval, expected by October 1, 2025.

vi. Scott Wanagat called for a vote on the motion. Shelby Township opposed; All other FAC members present approved. The motion carried and the FY 26-29 TIP Project Recommendations were approved.

5. **SEMCOG Update** –Steve Brudzinski

b. RTP/TIP updates

iv. The TIP is reviewed and approved by SEMCOG on the same time schedule as the RTP approval process.

v. Changes to the schedule of amendments are for this year only. It should be noted that the last year of the old TIP overlaps with the first year of the new TIP cycle. The 2025 TIP amendment schedule can be viewed here.

vi. The deadline for programming any new FY 26-29 TIP projects into JobNet for SEMCOG review is December 2nd. After SEMCOG's review, it is sent to MDOT and then FHWA for review and approval by October 1, 2025.

vii. SEMCOG's RTP and TIP are both public documents with specified time periods for public review and comment. All comments submitted are reviewed, responded to, and included in the document. More information about the TIP public review and comment process can be found here.

c. CMAQ and Carbon Reduction Grants Program

viii. These FHWA project funding programs are administered regionally by SEMCOG and have a combined aim to reduce congestion and vehicle emissions and to improve air quality throughout Southeast Michigan.

ix. An example project includes improvements in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and enhancements to public transportation.

x. Individual non-Act 51 entities proposing projects must be sponsored by an Act 51 entity in order to receive funding from these sources.

xi. Applications are due December 9, 2024.

xii. More information may be found here.

d. Other Updates

xiii. Michigan is currently not meeting DUI re-offender number goals outlined by the FHWA and from this some funding is required to be used for specific safety-related campaigns.

xiv. With the development of new Electric Vehicles (EV), the need to replace the gas tax with a more robust revenue source has been discussed by MCDR. MCDR has been working with state representatives emphasizing their concerns with funding allocations.

6. MDOT Update – None.

7. **Q&A for FAC Members** – None.

8. **Public Comment** – None.

9. **Upcoming Macomb County FAC Meetings**

- Macomb County FAC Winter Meeting: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM – Location TBD

10. **Adjourn**
    e. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Bednar of Clinton Township and seconded by Irvin Wyche of MCDR.
    f. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Attachments:	Meeting Attendees
Reviewed By:	Danielle Gerlach, Roger Safford
Submitted By:	Brendan Esper
Reviewed By:	Roger Safford
CC:	File

Meeting Attendees/Agency or Firm Represented

- Brendan Esper, HNTB
- Brent Bashaw, Sterling Heights
- Bryan Babcock, St. Clair Shores
- Bryan Santo, MCDR
- Colleen Hill-Stramsak, MCDR
- Crystal Kozak, Macomb Township
- Danielle Gerlach, HNTB
- Darin Paulucci, Eastpointe
- Dustin Elliott, HNTB
- Eric Dimoff, MCDR
- Gordy Wilson, Shelby Township
- Irvin Wyche, MCDR
- Jacob Fenech, Mount Clemens
- Jim Van Tiflin, Macomb Township
- John Abraham, MCDR
- Joseph Paquette, Washington Township
- Julijana Misich-Rasawehr, Shelby Township
- Ken Verkest, Harrison Township
- Louis Urban, AEW
- Mariah Walton, Eastpointe
- Mary Bednar, Clinton Township
- Mike Freckelton, St. Clair Shores
- Mitch O'Connor, Chesterfield Township
- Rick Stathakis, Shelby Township
- Roger Safford, HNTB
- Ryan Kern, Eastpointe
- Scott Lockwood, Roseville/Fraser/St. Clair Shores
- Scott Wanagat, MCDR
- Steve Brudzinski, SEMCOG
- Tina Gapshes, City of Warren
- Willie Souaid, MDOT