MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting: Macomb County – Federal Aid Committee (FAC) RTP Meeting

Date & Time: July 29, 2025 2:00pm- 4:00pm

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
    a. Scott Wanagat, called the meeting to order at 2:07 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.

3. **Old Business- Approval of January 29, 2025, Winter FAC Meeting Minutes**
    a. Motion: Jim VanTiflin
    b. Second: Kelly Vosburg
    c. No discussion, no nays
4. **Macomb County Complete Streets Guidelines - Informational Presentation** – Kayla Mauldin, Spalding Dedecker
    a. The presentation introduced a design framework for street improvements in Macomb County, developed through SEMCOG's Planning Assistance Program. The process included timeline review, plan alignment, data analysis, and drafting. The approach used SEMCOG's Land Use Typologies to define four key corridor types: Rural, Urban, Suburban, and Suburban Core.
    b. The guideline development process followed three key phases and have undergone multiple iterations with input and collaboration from Macomb County staff and stakeholders:
        i. Timeline review
        ii. Identification of applicable county plans
        iii. Data collection and integration
    c. Deliverable**:** A stratified street-use reference manual incorporating land use typologies. This tool is intended to guide cities in determining appropriate street classifications based on the context of a given project.
    d. Key Recommendations:
        i. Prepare and adopt complete streets policies tailored to the Department of Roads' role and responsibilities.
        ii. Revise existing non-motorized policies and right-of-way (ROW) policies to align with the complete streets design guidelines.
        iii. Utilize CORE meetings to disseminate complete streets guidelines within the Department of Roads.

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5. **New Business**- Scott Wanagat
    a. **May 28, 2025 RTP Workshop Overview**
        i. At the prior meeting, the TIP Committee presented preliminary recommendations. These were followed by breakout group discussions, after which the subcommittee developed responses informed by stakeholder input.
        ii. Final engagement materials were presented at today's meeting, and Irvin Wyche provided a high-level overview of the project planning and prioritization process.
    b. **TIP Subcommittee Recommendation Memo**
        i. **Approval of Macomb County FAC RTP Criteria**
            1. Intended to address the "regional significance" requirement by identifying three strategic priority investment areas:
                a. Corridor-focused planning
                b. Regional air quality (AQ) model impacts
                c. [Third priority to be identified]
            2. Recommendation to prioritize corridor-level investments rather than individual projects, with the following exceptions:
                a. Projects identified as national or state priorities
                b. Individual projects that are fully supported by the FAC and are required by policy to go through the RTP process
                c. Capacity-increasing projects must be included in the RTP prior to advancing
            3. Action
                a. Motion: Tina Gapshes
                b. Second: Mitch O'Conner
                c. No discussion, no nays

        ii. **Approval of Macomb County FAC RTP Amendment**
            1. Projects that do not meet the definition of regional significance or are already programmed elsewhere have been removed.
                a. New investments that meet the proposed RTP criteria will be added.
            2. Action
                a. Motion: Jim VanTiflin
                b. Second: Brent Bashaw
                c. No discussion, no nays

        iii. **Approval of Schoenherr Rd (25 to 26 Mile) to be amended into the FY 26-29 TIP as soon as administratively possible**
            1. The committee committed $6.6 million in combined state and federal funds, including Category C and STP-TMA allocations.
            2. A justification summary is provided in Attachment D.
            3. Preliminary recommendations were originally discussed during the Winter 2025 meeting.
            4. Action
                a. Motion: Scott Lockwood
                b. Second: Irvin Wyche
                c. No discussion, no nays

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6. **SEMCOG Update**
    a. The upcoming TIP is scheduled to proceed to federal approval this Friday.
    b. Existing TIP Amendment 253, which includes 25 projects, has been approved and forwarded to MDOT for final authorization. (Note: The last amendment for the FY 2023–2026 TIP was submitted on August 11.)
    c. TIP Change Request 25-4 will not be approved until October, as it will be incorporated into the next official TIP cycle. This request reflects recent changes recommended by the committee.
    d. The FY 26–29 TIP (Change Request 25-5) is currently under development and is expected to be fully reviewed and approved by December.
    e. 2026 marks the final year of funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)—jurisdictions should plan accordingly and remain mindful of this deadline.
7. **Public Comment**
    a. None.
8. **Upcoming FAC Meetings**
    a. Fall Meeting-Wednesday, September 24, 2025-2-4pm-Senior Auditorium, Suite 6, Verkuilen Building, 21885 Dunham, Clinton Township
    b. Winter Meeting-Wednesday, January 28, 2026-2-4pm-Senior Auditorium, Suite 6, Verkuilen Building, 21885 Dunham, Clinton Township
9. **Adjourn**
    a. Motion: Scott Wanagat
    b. Second: David Joseph

Attachments: Meeting Attendees
Reviewed By:
Submitted By:
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Meeting Attendees/Agency or Firm Represented

- Scott Wanagat, MCDR
- Joseph Ray, MCDR
- Roger Safford, HNTB/FAC
- Tina Gapshes, City of Warren
- Irvin Wyche, MCDR
- Dr. John Abraham, MCDR
- Joseph Paquette, Washington Township
- Mitch O'Connor, Chesterfield Township
- Kathy Vosburg, Chesterfield Township
- Crystal Kozak, Macomb Township
- Allison Diehl, Macomb Township
- Frank DiGiorgio, Bruce Township
- Kristen Myers, HRC
- Kayla Mauldin, Spalding Dedecker
- Mike Freckelton, Saint Clair Shores
- Michelle Fedorowicz, SEMCOG
- Lynde Oddo, Shelby Township
- Eric Dimoff, MCDR
- Karen Gharbie, Chesterfield
- Mary Bednar, Clinton Township
- Jordan VonZynda, SMART
- Rick Stathakis, Shelby Township
- Danielle Gerlach, HNTB
- Dustin Elliott, HNTB
- Gabrielle Rush, HNTB

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