



Notice of Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 / 10:30 AM

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Meeting ID: 815 6777 8255

**Action Item*

1. Call to Order	Jeff Franklin
2. Introductions	Jeff Franklin
3. Changes to the Agenda	Jeff Franklin
4. Approval of the November 19th, 2024 Meeting Minutes*	Jeff Franklin
5. Treasurer's Report	Anton Schauerte
6. Education Committee Stay online after the MTPA meeting for the Education Committee meeting.	Jason Latham
7. FHWA / FTA Update	Jenny Staroska
8. TAMC Update	Ryan Buck
9. Finance Committee	Laurel Joseph
10. Policy Committee	Steve Stepek
11. JobNet Tech	Luke Walters
12. MDOT	
SPS General Update	Don Mayle
Other New Business	Jeff Franklin
Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21st (virtual)	Jeff Franklin
13. Adjournment	Jeff Franklin



MEETING MINUTES / November 19, 2024 / 10:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Franklin called the meeting to order virtually at 10:30 AM.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE October 15, 2024 MEETING MINUTES*

A motion was made by Laurel Joseph to approve the October 15, 2024 meeting minutes, supported by Steve Stepek. The motion passed unanimously.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Anton Schauerte reported that the final check from the 2024 conference came in. The current balance is \$21,463.

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jason Latham reported that the meetings of the education committee will take place following MTPA meetings. The conference is scheduled for July 22-25, 2025 in Holland, MI. The Save-the-Date flyers have been emailed. There are limited rooms remaining at the Haworth Hotel; there are additional blocks of rooms reserved/available at other local hotels, reach out to Jason Latham with questions.

7. FHWA/FTA UPDATE

Christina Nicholaides began by encouraging the group to review the information sent out prior to the meeting regarding proposed rulemaking for risk-based asset management plans. Additional highlights include:

- PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program has a deadline of February 24, 2025.
- There have been updates made to the 2024 CMAQ interim guidance, open for public comment until January 6, 2025.

Additional Federal updates included in the meeting packet.

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8. TAMC UPDATE

Ryan Buck reminded the group of the upcoming TAMC MPO RPA coordination meetings.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Laurel Joseph stated that there were no updates.

10. POLICY COMMITTEE

Steve Stepek stated that there will be an availability poll going out to book the next meeting.

11. JOBNET TECH

Luke Walters updated the group on the recent TAP TMA demonstration and will send instructions regarding programming required to transition 2024-2025 projects. The next JobNet Tech meeting set for January 13, 2025.

12. MDOT

SPS General Update:

Don Mayle informed the group about Senate Bill 844 concerning drunk driving penalties, which remains inactive in committee. As available, more information will be sent to the group. Matt Lyle provided an update on the continuing resolution, active until December 20th. There is currently about \$35.1M of obligation authority divided among Trunkline, Local RTF and Non-RTF pots. More obligation authority is expected following the adoption of an additional continuing resolution or appropriations bill. Also, FY 2025 and 2026-2029 estimates have been updated in JobNet.

2020 NFC Review:

David Fairchild reported a productive preliminary meeting with FHWA, as well as plans for distributing guidance materials, including NFC maps for each county. The 2020 Statewide NFC Review is estimated to begin in February 2025, a more detailed schedule to come.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10th, virtual.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Franklin adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.

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Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA)

Meeting Attendance - 11/19/2024

AGENCY	NAME	AGENCY	NAME
SEMCOG	Adam Elghoul	MDOT	Jim Ashman
MACC	Alec Miller	TCRPC	Jim Koenig
MATS	Alicia Williams	MDOT	Jim Sturdevant
SEMCOG	Ally Racisz	WMSRDC	Joel Fitzpatrick
MAP	Amy Jordan	MDOT	John Lanum
GVMC	Andrea Farber	MDOT	Josh Grab
MDOT	Andrea Strach	MDOT	Kelly Travelbee
FHWA	Andy Pickard	SWMPC	Kim Gallagher
WATS	Anton Shauerte	TCRPC	Laura Tschirhart
Networks NW	Barry Hicks	GVMC	Laurel Joseph
MDOT	Ben Dubois	MDOT	Lindsay Dowswell
MDOT	Blake Wright	SCCOTS	Lindsay Wallace
MDOT	Brad Sharlow	MDOT	Luke Walters
WMSRDC	Brian Mulnix	WATS	Maggie Huntley
MDOT	Brian Stark	MATS	Maja Bolanowska
MDOT	Bryan Armstrong	GVMC	Mara Gericke
BayCATS	Bryan Gillett	MDOT	Mark Kloha
MDOT	Cameron Hoard	MDOT	Matt Lyle
FHWA	Christina Nicholaides	MDOT	Max Gierman
MDOT	Clayton Sigmann	GCMPC	Mckenna Dutkiewicz
EMCOG	Cody Bodrie	KATS	Megan Mickelson
MDOT	Craig Newell	MDOT	Meredith Fryer
MDOT	David Fairchild	SEMCOG	Michele Fedorowicz
MDOT	Deanna Donahoo	MDOT	Michele Zawerucha
SATA	Demetra Manley	MDOT	Michelle Weber-Currie
MDOT	Don Mayle	WATS	Nick Sapkiewicz
MDOT	Donna Wittl	SCCOTS	Peter Klomparens
SEMCOG	Ed Hug	MDOT	Richard Bayus
MDOT	Edward Fowler	WATS	Ryan Buck
MACC	Eric Dykstra	TCRPC	Sharion Waithe
FHWA	Grace DeLee	WMRPC	Spencer Nosal
MDOT	Heather Bowden	SEMCOG	Steve Brudzinski
Networks NW	Isha Pithwa	KATS	Steve Stepek
GCMPC	Jacob Maurer	MDOT	Tyler Kent
MDOT	James VanSteel		
MACC	Jason Latham		
BCATS	Jeff Franklin		
FHWA	Jenny Staroska		

Updates from FHWA to MTPA December 10, 2024

Grants - Key NOFO List

Application Deadlines Approaching for Other U.S. DOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities

Please be aware of the approaching application deadlines for the following discretionary grant opportunities from the U.S. DOT:

- [December 16 – National Scenic Byways Program \(NSBP\)](#).
- **January 9, 2025** - [Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Demonstration Program](#)
- **January 30, 2025** - [Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants \(RAISE\)](#)
- **February 24, 2025** - [Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation \(PROTECT\)](#)

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Interim Guidance

2024 CMAQ Interim Guidance was published in the [Federal Register on November 6, 2024](#) and is available for public comment until January 6, 2025.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Asset Management Plan; Management and Monitoring Systems that propose changes to 23 CFR 515. [FR 2024-26200]

This NPRM proposes updates that would amend FHWA's regulations at 23 CFR part 515 governing risk-based asset management plans (AMP), that State DOTs are required to develop under 23 U.S.C. 119(e). Under 23 U.S.C. 119(e), a State DOT is required to develop a risk-based AMP for the National Highway System to improve or preserve the condition of the assets and the performance of the system. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (Public Law 117-58) amended AMP requirements to require State DOTs to take into consideration extreme weather and resilience within their lifecycle cost and risk management analyses. (23 U.S.C. 119(e)(4)(D)). The NPRM is also proposing revisions to the AMP regulations to improve clarity and to reduce burden on State DOTs for implementation.

Comments must be received on or before January 13, 2025. Submit comments via www.regulations.gov, docket number FHWA-2024-0048. Additional information related to the NPRM will be made available at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/asset/guidance.cfm>

U.S. Department of Transportation Launches Climate Action Strategy Playbook to Help Communities Across America Reduce Emissions

On Monday, November 25, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation is releasing a playbook on research-based climate action strategies for State, Tribal, city, and local governments. The "Climate Strategies That Work" playbook includes 28 climate solutions that can help communities reduce carbon pollution and create a more resilient, sustainable, and accessible transportation system for all Americans.

The "Climate Strategies That Work" playbook emphasizes efficient, convenient, and clean transportation solutions that support safe and economically vibrant communities across the United States. Strategies

span infrastructure investments, technology applications, and policy strategies. These include active transportation, electric vehicles, and freight operational efficiencies for use by rural and urban communities. The strategies are informed by the [U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization](#) and include information on achieving greenhouse gas reduction, economic development, and safety benefits, along with implementation funding opportunities and case studies that illustrate the impacts of these strategies in action.

The playbook is a critical step to supporting State, Tribal, regional, city, and local climate action planning as well as philanthropic and private industry climate action strategies. [Explore the playbook here](#) and read more about the U.S. Department of Transportation's [Climate Change Center here](#).

INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$172 Million in Grants for 250+ Communities to Make Local Roads Safer

Since 2022, the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program has funded projects in more than 1,600 communities, supporting roadway safety for around 75% of the U.S. population

Early estimates for the first half of 2024 show that traffic fatalities have declined for more than two years straight

On Friday, November 15, 2024, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced \$172 million in grants to 257 communities through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program created in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This is the third and final round of 2024 awards that will be announced this year through the community-guided grant program, which is a key component of the National Roadway Safety Strategy.

Projects selected for funding today include:

- \$4.8 million to the Romulus Fire Department in Michigan to pilot signal preemption systems throughout Wayne County to clear intersections for emergency vehicles as they are responding to 911 calls.

The Big Deal: On Third Anniversary of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Signing, Biden-Harris Administration Announces Over \$3.4 Billion in Grants to Expand Passenger Rail, Make Roads Safer, Improve Ports, and Strengthen Supply Chains

To date, more than 66,000 projects funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are moving forward in all 50 states, D.C., and U.S. territories

Announcement is paired with a new legacy video highlighting the impact of the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda that will endure for generations

Friday, November 15, 2024, on the third anniversary of the signing of the historic \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg released a new video titled "The Big Deal" highlighting the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda that is investing in workers, neighborhoods, and better transportation like never before.

In honor of today's anniversary, the Biden-Harris Administration released a new [fact sheet](#) and [statement](#) from President Joe Biden.

INVESTING IN AMERICA: USDOT Awards \$1.2 Billion in Grants to Help State Departments of Transportation Utilize Cleaner Construction Materials

On Thursday, November 14, 2024, as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today announced the award of \$1.2 billion to 39

State Departments of Transportation under the Low Carbon Transportation Materials Discretionary Grant Program.

The investments will support continued growth in clean American manufacturing, boosting the competitiveness of clean U.S. industries and the creation of good manufacturing jobs while reducing pollution from the production of concrete, steel, and other bedrock materials of our economy. By catalyzing demand for clean construction materials, the Program complements the Biden-Harris Administration's historic investments to support U.S. manufacturers that are cutting industrial emissions – the source of 30% of U.S. climate pollution.

Upcoming Webinars

Please email Chris Dresser, Christopher.dresser@dot.gov to register.

REGISTER TODAY for this ONLINE INSTRUCTOR LED TRAINING!

FHWA Resource Center Training: Introduction to MOVES5 for NEPA, GHG, and SIP/Regional Conformity Emissions Analysis

February 3-6, 2025

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST

COURSE OVERVIEW

The purpose of this training is to provide attendees with an overview of EPA's MOVES5 mobile source emissions model. We will cover the functionality of the model, input requirements, output processing, and will address relevant EPA and FHWA guidance documents. The course also includes hands-on exercises that will demonstrate several realistic modeling scenarios applicable to GHG, conformity (regional and project-level), and NEPA analyses.

Who should attend: The workshop is intended for those who will be involved with the development of NEPA, SIP, and regional conformity emissions estimates or will be reviewing such analyses. **Participants must have MOVES5 installed on their computer before training begins.** The model is available from EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/moves/latest-version-motor-vehicle-emission-simulator-moves#download>

INSTRUCTORS

Chris Dresser, Federal Highway Administration

Chris works as an Air Quality Modeling Specialist with the FHWA Resource Center's Environment, Air Quality and Realty Team. He provides technical support to FHWA HQ and transportation agency stakeholders on a range of issues including mobile source inventories, near-road air quality modeling, GHG analyses, and transportation conformity implementation. Prior to joining FHWA, Chris worked for the US Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Transportation and Air Quality and the Region 8 (Denver) office. He has degrees in Environmental Science from Penn State and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

George Noel, Federal Highway Administration

George serves as an Air Quality Modeling Specialist for the Resource Center Air Quality Team delivering nationwide services in training, technical assistance and technology deployment. He specializes in transportation air quality and noise modeling. Prior to joining the Resource Center, he worked at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center in the Environmental Measurement and Modeling Division for over 18 years. While at the Volpe Center, he managed various air quality, noise, and other

modeling related projects but his primary specialty was air quality and noise modeling for aviation and highway projects. He has authored papers and articles appearing in multiple conference proceedings and professional journals, including Reliability Engineering & Systems Safety and Journal of Aircraft.

MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Attendance is limited for this training. Please email Chris Dresser, Christopher.dresser@dot.gov to register.

This training course will be held **ONLINE via Teams** and there is NO registration fee.