

HURON VALLEY FEDERAL AID COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 11, 2021– 10:00 A.M.

Livingston County Road Commission

1. Introductions

Steve Wasylk, Managing Director of the Livingston County Road Commission, called the meeting to order via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. It was decided to forego introductions due to the limitations caused by the virtual setting.

2. Call to the Public

No Response.

3. Verification of Voting Members

- FAC Voting Membership

Steve Wasylk verified the voting member and alternate for each organization/community. Mr. Wasylk stated that he would update the contact list and distribute the new list to the membership.

- Funding Committee Membership

Steve Wasylk reviewed the members of the Funding Committee. No changes were made to the membership of the Funding Committee.

4. Status of the 2020-2023 Urban Program

- Clinton and National Streets – 2021

Matt Davis from the City of Howell stated that the project on Clinton and National Streets was currently under construction and progressing on schedule. Mr. Davis added that he believed the project should be completed by November of this year.

- Grand River Avenue - 2022

Marcel Goch from the City of Brighton stated that the project was currently in the design phase and he anticipated construction to begin in the spring of 2022. Mr. Goch added the project encompassed the section of Grand River Avenue between Ore Creek and the City's southern border.

- Old US-23 – 2023

Steve Wasylk stated that the proposed project included widening and reconstruction of the section of Old US-23 between M-59 and Bergin Road. Mr. Wasylk stated that the project would include intersection improvements at Bergin Road in preparation for a future traffic signal at that location.

5. Status of 2020–2023 Rural Program

- Pinckney Road – 2021

Steve Wasylk stated that the project on the section of Pinckney Road between Schafer Road and Swarthout Road included approximately 1 ½ miles of milling and asphalt resurfacing. Mr. Wasylk added that the project will be completed this summer.

- Grand River Avenue - 2021

Steve Wasylk stated that the project on the section of Grand River Avenue between the east limits of the Village of Fowlerville and Burkhart Road included approximately 4 miles of milling and asphalt resurfacing. Mr. Wasylk added that the project was primarily funded with State TEDF Category D money and will be completed this summer.

- Chilson Road – 2022

Steve Wasylk stated that the proposed project on the section of Chilson Road between Latson Road and Crooked Lake Road would include milling and asphalt resurfacing. Mr. Wasylk commented that the project was currently in the design phase.

- Chilson Road - 2023

Steve Wasylk stated that the proposed project on the section of Chilson Road between Crooked Lake Road and Beck Road would include milling and asphalt resurfacing. Mr. Wasylk commented that the project was currently in the design phase.

6. Report from LETS

Greg Kellogg, LETS Director, summarized LETS activities over the past year. Mr. Kellogg commented that COVID-19 had significantly impacted their operations, but it appeared that ridership was beginning to trend upward. Mr. Kellogg provided information on their new software developments which should lead to increased efficiency. Mr. Kellogg also stated that LETS had recently received operational grant money but commented that such funds could not be used for capital improvements.

Lastly, Mr. Kellogg thanked the Committee for the funds allotted to LETS to purchase new vehicles.

7. Report from SEMCOG

Steve Brudzinski presented information to the Committee from SEMCOG. Mr. Brudzinski stated that the TIP for 2023-2026 should be completed by July of 2022. Mr. Brudzinski added that the funding targets for 2023-2026 should be available within the next 3 to 4 months. Mr. Brudzinski also commented that the earmark program was back, but the funding process of the program was ambiguous at this time.

Tom Bruff updated the Committee on several upcoming webinar topics and programs available through SEMCOG. Mr. Bruff reviewed these items and stated that he would send an email detailing the items to Steve Wasylk for distribution to the Committee.

8. Report from MDOT

Kari Martin of MDOT updated the Committee on several upcoming projects. The projects included Phase 2 of the US-23 Flex Route, the reconstruction of the I-96/Grand River Avenue interchange in Brighton, and the construction of a 5-legged roundabout at the M-59/Latson Road intersection. Ms. Martin also commented that MDOT was reviewing a possible future improvement project at the M-59/Burkhart Road interchange.

9. Discussion of FY 2021 HIP Funds

Steve Wasylk presented the Committee with the breakdown of the FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds and asked the Committee for input on utilization of the funds. To start, Mr. Wasylk proposed that the funds from the Detroit UZA be used on the Livingston County Road Commission's 2023 project on Old US-23. The Committee agreed with this proposal.

Discussion then commenced regarding the South Lyon-Howell UZA funds. Nate Geinzer, City of Brighton Manager, stated that the funds could be used on an improvement project on Main Street that the City was considering for 2023. Michael Sedlak from Green Oak Township proposed to use the money to repair the portion of Whitmore Lake Road north of Silver Lake Road. Steve Wasylk added that the Road Commission was supportive of this project and could most likely develop a project for 2022 or 2023 construction. Mr. Geinzer, along with the rest of the Committee, agreed that a project on Whitmore Lake Road was the best use for the South Lyon-Howell UZA funds.

Mr. Wasylk then reviewed the amount of the Rural COVID-Related HIP Funds. Mr. Wasylk commented that the Village of Fowlerville and the Livingston County Road Commission were the only two agencies that could utilize the funds. Mr. Wasylk stated that he would discuss potential projects with the Village of Fowlerville and notify the Committee once a project had been selected.

10. Discussion of 2023-2026 Urban Program

Steve Wasylk indicated that the communities should begin to consider projects for the 2023-2026 TIP. Mr. Wasylk indicated that the Livingston County Road Commission was scheduled to develop projects for 2023, 2024, and 2025. Mr. Wasylk added that the RCOC, Cities, and Villages will be eligible for projects in 2026. Mr. Wasylk added that he would be sending out a call for projects once he received the target amounts for the next TIP.

11. Other Items from Members

Nate Geinzer notified the Committee that the City of Brighton was planning to begin the second phase of their Rickett Road reconstruction this summer. Mr. Geinzer added that the project should be completed in 2021.

12. Call to the Public

No Response.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Steve Wasylk declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.