

**Funding Action Team  
Meeting Notes  
January 21, 2005**

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**Attendance** B. Blaesing, D. Wilson, W. Carley Jr., A. Cooper, J. Deming, C. Erickson, D. Holt, P. Kazmierski, R. Lange, C. Mann, L. Means, E. Mullen, G. Naeyaert, E. Noyola, M. Nystrom, J. Rice, W. Stewart, E. Timpf, C. Van Deuson, T. Petko, S. Maynard

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**Meeting Overview** Theresa gave an overview/summary of the December mini-summit which was a success with many positive comments

**Meeting Notes** The Research & Evaluation Team formed into Michigan Transportation Research Board; Safety Team will merge with Governor's Safety Committee; Asset Management will merge with the existing Transportation Asset Management Council; Communications and Coordination may be merged as they are elements of all teams. A 2005 mini-summit is tentatively being scheduled in December.

Several individuals volunteered to serve on the Funding Action Team who were in attendance at the mini-summit. Ground rules will be reviewed for participation (i.e., miss three sessions and no voice).

Goals for 2005:

- Meeting with new legislators March 8 (coordinated by MITA)
- Continue to push for federal reauthorization
- Educate on funding issues
- Support efforts to increase state and federal funding

The Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association conference held January 13-14, 2005 was also attended by federal representatives. There was extensive discussion on reauthorization but deadline is May 31 and consensus was that nothing will be done by then.

New subcommittee will be established to identify some non-traditional sources of funding for Michigan, i.e., private sector, toll roads.

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FHWA is encouraging state departments of transportation and local governments to look at incorporating or establishing partnerships with the private sector where appropriate in funding major transportation projects.

A goal would be to educate voters in Oakland County and support their efforts to provide funding for transportation. Local citizens are getting the news media involved.

Powerpoint presentation for legislators will be improved and slides updated. Goal is to update to end of 2004 so all slides will be comparable, add multi-modal transit, ports, etc. (overall transportation). Funding Action Subteam to meet this afternoon. Will have preview at next Funding Action Team meeting.

February 18 meeting has been rescheduled to February 25.

Federal reauthorization: T&I committee has been named.

Michigan Chamber of Commerce supports gas tax increase up to 10 percent.

MRBA has merged with AUC to form Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association (MITA). MITA has not endorsed or made any specific proposals but voted to stay together as a coalition and pursue state and local transportation funding initiatives.

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**Action  
Items**

Review goals with new members at next meeting. Propose two additional new goals.

Establish subcommittee at next meeting for investigating innovative funding options.

Presentation to Legislators, March 8, 2005.

Explore non-traditional funding sources – state and local.

Educate other action teams by attending their meetings.

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**Future  
Meeting  
Dates**

1. Friday, February 25, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
2. Friday, March 18, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
3. Friday, April 15, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
4. Friday, May 13, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
5. Friday, June 17, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
6. Friday, July 15, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
7. Friday, August 19, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
8. Friday, September 16, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
9. Friday, October 21, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
10. Friday, November 18, 2005 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing

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Meeting Agenda**

**February 25, 2005  
9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Aeronautics Auditorium  
2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing**

- 1. Introduction of New Members**
- 2. Review Established Goals**
- 3. Second Preview of Funding Action Sub-team  
Presentation to Legislators**
- 4. Federal Reauthorization Update**
- 5. Draft Agenda for Next Meeting**
- 6. Post Critique Meeting**