

JOINT PUBLIC MEETING
of the
MICHIGAN STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
and the
MICHIGAN AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

January 30, 2020, Aeronautics Building, Lansing, Michigan

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Todd A. Wyatt, State Transportation Commission (STC) Chairman
Michael D. Hayes, STC Vice Chair
Stephen F. Adamini, STC Commissioner
Chris J. Yatooma, STC Commissioner
Helen Zeerip, STC Commissioner
Roger Salo, Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC) Chairman
Rick Fiddler, MAC Vice Chair
Russ Kavalhuna, MAC Commissioner
Kelly Burris, MAC Commissioner
Dr. Brian Smith, MAC Commissioner
Laura J. Mester, MAC Commissioner, Michigan Department of
Transportation Designee
F/Lt. Brian Bahlau, MAC Commissioner, Michigan State Police Designee
Brig. Gen. Bryan Teff, MAC Commissioner, Michigan Department of
Military and Veterans Affairs Designee
Kevin Jacobs, MAC Commissioner, Michigan Department of Natural
Resources Designee

Members Absent: George K. Heartwell, STC Commissioner

Also Present: David Brickey, Attorney General, Transportation Division
Jack Cotter, Commission Auditor, Office of Commission Audits
ShuKeyna Thurman, Executive Assistant, Office of Commission Audits
Michael Trout, MAC Director, Office of Aeronautics
Bryan Budds, MAC Advisor, Office of Aeronautics
Alicia Morrison, Executive Assistant, Office of Aeronautics
Troy Hagon, Office of Governmental Affairs
Janie Gallimore, Executive Assistant, Office of Governmental Affairs
Approximately 15 additional attendees, as listed on the attached sign in
sheet.

I. **WELCOME**

- ***Michigan Aeronautics Commissioner – Roger Salo, Chairman***

MAC Chair Salo welcomed everyone and noted that the joint meeting was being hosted by the MAC this year. He asked all commissioners to introduce themselves and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. **PRESENTATIONS**

- ***Michigan Department of Transportation Director’s Report – Director Paul Ajegba***

MDOT Director Paul Ajegba gave the Commissioners a breakdown of MDOT’s fiscal year 2020 enacted budget of \$5.3B, which is as follows:

Local Federal Aid - \$278M	Cities and Villages - \$621.2M
Counties - \$1.1B	State Trunkline - \$1.3B
Local Bridge Program - \$29.1M	Grants to Local Programs - \$33M
Rail Grade Crossing and Surface Improvements - \$6M	

Director Ajegba discussed maintenance investments to support material increases, ancillary structure inspections, non-winter deferred maintenance, and employee economics. He also discussed other capital investments including target industries economic development, rail freight economic development, the Airport Improvement Program, the Rail Grade Separation Project, and building and facilities.

Director Ajegba then presented MDOT's Augmented Program Delivery Plan. He highlighted the goals of having MDOT's people, processes and systems organized, prepared, and aligned to sustainably deliver a capital improvement program two to three times the size of the current program; and MDOT retaining core competencies in engineering, operations, finance, planning, procurement and project management to ensure good stewardship of the public's infrastructure and investments. He then detailed the timeline in which the plan was developed.

Director Ajegba detailed the seven points of focus for the Augmented Program delivery: Policy and Procedures Barriers; Project Management; Long Term Program Management; People First; Risk Mitigation and Resources; Consultants, Contractors and Contracts; and Communications. He discussed the focus and intended outcome of each category.

Director Ajegba concluded by noting this is a living plan which may be modified moving forward, based on process improvements and outcomes, regardless of funding levels. Progress of the plan will be monitored at monthly Leadership Team meetings and reported to the Commissions, as requested.

MAC Chair Salo asked what effect the bond proposal would have on Michigan's economy overall. He stated no full study has been done yet in terms of real dollars, but now that the bond amount had been determined and approved, this would be looked at and would be expected to have a favorable outcome.

- ***Office of Aeronautics Report – Michael Trout***

MAC Director Mike Trout gave an update on unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in Michigan. He stated the UAS Task Force will meet again in April. The Task Force continues to make and review recommendations for UAS use and development. Mr. Trout stated the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Remote Identification and Tracking of UAS. He also noted MDOT Office of Aeronautics will be conducting UAS Training for state employees, February 24-26. Currently, there are approximately 40 people registered to attend.

STC Commissioner Zeerip asked what was being done in terms of security and terrorist prevention with relation to UAS. Mr. Trout responded that this was being explored by the Task Force. MAC Commissioner Bahlau, representing the Michigan State Police (MSP), added that the NPRM for Remote ID Tracking was a great first step in identifying threats.

Both the UAS Task Force and MSP are currently working with the FAA and Federal Government on this issue.

Mr. Trout updated the Commissioners on the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) and PFAS activities in the state. He gave a brief history of MPART's formation and MDOT's designees. He identified major activities of the team, which include identifying airports utilizing firefighting foams, coordinating with federal agencies on regulatory changes to prevent PFAS exposure, and the establishment of a \$400,000 grant program to acquire the E-one Ecologic System. Currently, MPART is planning for the deployment of a \$4,000,000 airport sampling program.

Mr. Trout concluded his presentation highlighting aeronautic upcoming and recent events.

- Women's Aviation Career Symposium, January 25;
 - Michigan Airport Conference, February 19-20;
 - AASHTO/NASAO Washington Briefing, February 25-28.
- ***Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority Update: GRR Soaring Higher – Tory Richardson, A.A.E., President and Chief Executive Officer***

Mr. Tory Richardson presented an update on the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. He presented statistics on the airport, who their primary customers are, and what geographic locations are serviced by the airport.

Mr. Richardson discussed the multi-phased gateway expansion, as well as the terminal apron reconstruction, which held its ribbon cutting ceremony in December 2019

Mr. Richardson concluded with statistics on the growth rate in annual passengers for the airport, as well as plans for future concourse A expansion, future federal inspection station redesign, and recent operational improvements for snow removal.

MAC Commissioner Kavalhuna questioned the development of the federal inspection station and whether GRR met the requirements. Mr. Richardson stated preliminary conversations were being held. Commissioner Kavalhuna then asked if he could elaborate on the plans for a new Active Traffic Control Tower. Mr. Richardson responded that discussion with FAA were happening and GRR is on the list. Commissioner Kavalhuna thanked Mr. Richardson for providing the information.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

MAC Chair Salo asked if anyone would like to make a public comment. There were no public comments made.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT MEETING**

With no further business being before both commissions, MAC Chair Roger Salo declared this meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

V. **REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS OF BOTH COMMISSIONS**

- The STC met in the auditorium prior to this meeting, their minutes can be found at

www.michigan.gov/transcommission.

- The MAC met in the Commission Conference Room prior to this meeting, their minutes can be found at www.michigan.gov/aero.

Roger Salo, Commission Chairman
Michigan Aeronautics Commission

Michael G. Trout, Director
Michigan Aeronautics Commission