

# Local Public Agency Stakeholder Partnering Team Meeting Agenda

**Date:** July 15, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Location:** Teams Meeting

**Attendees:**

Teams Video Call

Tracie Leix, MDOT

Kelly Crannell, MDOT

Eric Mullen, MDOT

Theodore Burch, FHWA

Kris Sullivan, MDOT

Jack Hofweber, MDOT

Demetrius Parker, MDOT

Denise Donohue, County Road Association

Lance Malburg, Dickinson County

Bill Hazelton, St. Clair County

Steve Puuri, County Road Association

Sheryl Siddall, Washtenaw County

Andrew Kilpatrick, City of Lansing

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Introductions\*
2. Action Items
  - a) Tracie to speak with Brad W. and Steve P. after SHPO update today.
    - CRA SHPO Status – A small group meeting will be held July 29 to discuss SHPO. CRA is taking this slow and investigating options. Looking at if outside consultants are best. CRA interviewed 3 teams and is looking at costs and responsiveness. Archeologists and historians have been delayed until Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, although this is not confirmed. The electronic submission portal will not be permanent.
    - MDOT SHPO Status– Working on an RFP for contract services to clear for local agencies. Need update to programmatic agreement that FHWA, SHPO and MDOT have. Until that happens projects still must go through SHPO. This update could take up to 2 years to go through.
  - b) Add to next meeting. - Federal Funding – Cases Study of Other States (Lance)
    - Not in their offices right now and not sure when they will be back. Deferred.
  - c) Tracie to reach out to Bridge section about bridge certifications.
    - BOBs sent out a listserv and Tracie forwarded on to Steve P. Steve sent out in an engineering update. Does this include field testing dates? Lance will reach out to Brian Z.
  - d) Larry reach out to Teresa on RE issues due to COVID 19 impacts. Right of entry.

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- No other impacts. RE is still on track to remove mutual benefit after October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- e) Draft survey.
- 3. 2020 Spec Book
  - a) Electronic Spec Book is close to being completed and is expected to be released by the end of July. Will send link to CRA as to where it is posted once that happens. Hard copy is expected to be printed by the end of the year. Implementation of the Spec Book is the August 2021 letting.
  - b) Do we know when the new HMA mixes will be added to MERL?
    - Once new pay items are available. Still being worked on and can follow up with our Quality Assurance folks that oversee that function. - Tracie to follow up with QA
- 4. Construction Manual – LAP Section Updates
  - a) Updates in works right now. Should be posted on the website this week. Will be in the CRA engineering Update.
- 5. Local Program Peer Exchange (LPPE)
  - a) Group was developed through AASHTO and is in pilot status. LAP section of each state DOT has quarterly webinars to discuss topics of challenge in local agency programs. Hoping to share information to make LA programs stronger and benefit local agencies more.
- 6. Accomplishments 2019 Finalize
  - a) Went out to the group for comment. Mostly done in May, but Tracie will wrap up the last few items. Hope to send out finalized version in the next few weeks.
- 7. Survey to Locals
  - a) Please review the draft and provide comments back to Tracie by August 14, 2020.
  - b) Can roles be as many as apply?
- 8. Partner Updates (Round Table)\*
  - a) Bill H. -
  - b) Denise D.
    - CRA member, Wayne Schoonover, is going to the White House Thursday to represent Michigan county road agencies when Pres. Trump speaks on infrastructure.
    - EGLE Water Quality Implementation Plan for discharges of chloride and sulfides. CRA is working on counties' best practices for road salt.
    - CRA was back in the office as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking at how to move forward with educational programming in the COVID 19 environment.
    - High Water Survey – A High Water Task Force was put together by the Governor, prompting CRA to survey 41 counties with Great Lakes shoreline roads. The survey assessed approximately \$52 million in

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- damage to county roads and ROW. Denise believes that MML identified \$64 million in similar public infrastructure damage. No answers on how to move forward yet from the Governor's office.
- Bridge Bundling kick-off next week – It will be a design-build single contract for 20 bridges. All serious, critical or weight-restricted bridges.
- Oxcart – 49 counties, 1 municipality currently using. Allows employees to approve permits from home office. Oxcart relies on Google maps, but is moving to the state geographic framework for real-time data.
- CRA is applying for a STIC grant from FHWA in partnership with LTAP.
- c) Andy
  - Kudos on working remote with MDOT/LAP.
- d) Lance
  - Additional testing on Crumb Rubber. If MDOT wants to visit testing site, that is available. Working with EGLE. MN test track won't test.
- e) Eric Mullen
  - August Redistribution - Michigan is going to submit for \$98 million request, more than 25% of that is local funds.
- f) Ted B.
  - MI STIC Council meeting was on the 6/22. The membership has expanded. The proposed STIC grant for Local Research Board would be administered through LAP and LTAP.
  - Kim Zimmer presented on use of Virtual Public Involvement. The use of VPI is being accelerated due to the coronavirus.
  - Reauthorization – Expires at the end of September. FHWA had heard little on the specifics. This should not impact fiscal year 2021 targets.
- g) Tracie – MDOT
  - MDOT is unsure we they will move back into their offices and there is no date for return at this time.
  - Some LAP staff have started to get cell phones and turned off their desk phones. Please check email signatures or email employees if you are having trouble reaching through phone communication.
  - RTF Obligation Authority – Approximately \$1,500,000 is left and all projects have been submitted for obligation.
  - Statewide Obligation Authority – Approximately \$400,000 is left and all projects have been submitted for obligation.
  - Mid-Michigan Flooding – Once again new tools have been developed. For this event, MDOT set up a consultant contract that local agencies can also utilize for work on their system.
  - US Fish and Wildlife position cannot be refilled at this point. Looking to revise the agreement for the position. Position is most likely going away in

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its current format.

**Action Items for next meeting:**

- 1. Kris to post May Meeting Minutes online
- 2. Federal Funding – Cases Study of Other States- Deferred (Lance)
- 3. Finalizing the Accomplishments Report.
- 4. All – send in feedback on the survey to Tracie by Aug 14th.

**Next Meeting:**

September 23, 2020	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Teams
November 12, 2020	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Teams