

Michigan
State Transportation Innovation Council
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2018, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Attendance:

In Person: Carol Aldrich (MDOT), Lisa Branch (MDOT), Ted Burch (FHWA), Wayne Harrall (CRA), Russell Jorgenson (FHWA), Laura Mester (MDOT), Andy Pickard (FHWA), Kristin Schuster (MDOT), Mark Van Port Fleet (MDOT)

Via Conference Call: Ron Brenke (ACEC), Ryan Buck (WATS), Glenn Bukoski (MITA), Tim Colling (MTU), Bob Lindbeck (Alger County), Steve Puuri (CRA)

- 1) Welcome
 - a) Russell Jorgenson opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions were made by all attendees, both in person and via conference call.
 - b) Carol Aldrich will now be the lead for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Transportation Innovation Council Meeting (STIC) initiative.
 - c) Mark Van Port Fleet indicated that he is now on the AASHTO panel that selects the STIC Excellence awards and he thinks Michigan should consider submitting nominees this year but may have to recuse himself.
- 2) 2018 STIC Incentive Funding Update
 - a) Project PDF and Digital Delivery – Kristin Schuster provided a presentation
 - i) I-696 in Metro Region and U.S. 2 in Delta County will serve as a pilot projects this year.
 - ii) The Specifications book is near completion in draft form. It will then be given to the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) and the industry for review. The idea is to create a PDF version for ease and that is searchable.
 - iii) This STIC Incentive grant is based on a collaboration between MDOT and MITA.
 - b) M2D2 Guidebook
 - i) Brad Peterson is working as the lead on this.
 - ii) OHM is under contract with a kick off meeting occurring May 7, 2018.
 - c) Solicitation of 2018 Proposals
 - i) There is \$100,000 FY18 funds available and no proposals have been submitted yet.
 - ii) MDOT, Local Agencies and Industry should be solicited on how to advance innovations, both large and small.
 - iii) AASHTOWare vs. APIA. Ron Brenke suggested the APIA program for the locals. Steve Puuri noted that a committee exists with Sheryl Siddall as chair. AASHTOWare committee could conduct live training. A survey will be going out to all local members. Issues are regarding fees and connectivity. There is a cost advantage for statewide APIA licenses, but those costs are unknown. It was suggested that a select few pilot it so a decision can be made. It is very difficult to support two different programs. The decision may ultimately lie with the Department of Technology, Management and Budget and MDOT.
 - iv) It is hoped that Carol can help the Council move forward with this.
 - v) All STIC proposals will go through Carol. They need to be submitted no later than August 2018.

- 3) Every Day Counts-5 Preparations
 - i) The Mid-America Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri in October 2018. Invitations will be sent out same as in the past.
 - 4) Miscellaneous
 - a) Accelerating Innovation Deployment Grant – St. Clair County (\$626,935)
 - i) The maximum for this grant is one million dollars and it is an open rolling submittal process.
 - b) Local Public Agency (LPA) Peer Exchange
 - i) May 1 and 2, 2018 is set for Peer Exchange. Wisconsin, Missouri, Ohio and Michigan share best practices in support of the FHWA/MDOT/LPA Stakeholder Committee.
 - c) Dickinson County Proposal
 - i) Lance Malburg, Dickinson County, submitted an inquiry about Texas Department of Transportation research into strengthening steel girder bridges by inserting sheer studs in non-composite bridge decks. Lance inquired if the STIC will support funding for a bridge in Dickinson County. More details would need to be provided because the STIC Incentive funds are not intended for research. Wayne Harrall was going to contact Lance for more details.
 - d) CRA Annual Conference - The Federal Highway Association (FHWA) and MDOT both had booths at CRA's "Grant Avenue" to provide funding information that were well received.
 - 5) Roundtable Discussion
 - a) Due to technical difficulties, meeting participants missed the beginning of the National STIC Meeting. The recorded session can be found at:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/20180419_live.cfm
 - b) The STIC Excellence award call for nominations is out with a July 1, 2018 deadline for submitting proposals.
 - c) Carol will review the STIC incentive funding proposals and send the information to all Committee members.
- Action Item: Carol to review STIC incentive funding proposals and distribute information to the Committee.*
- 6) Next Meeting Date
 - a) August 2018. Performing a Doodle search/survey on available dates will help nail down a specific date that works best for the majority. If unsuccessful, communication can occur via email.