

**Michigan**  
**State Transportation Innovation Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 4, 2021, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
**Teams Virtual Meeting**

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Attendance

Present: Monica Ackerson (MRPA), Ryan Buck (WATS), Lisa Branch (MDOT), Ron Brenke (ACEC), Gregg Brunner (MDOT), Glenn Bukoski (MITA), Ted Burch (FHWA), Tim Colling (MTU-LTAP), Daniel DeGraaf (MCA), Russell Jorgenson (FHWA), Tony Kratofil (MDOT), Laura Mester (MDOT), Chuck Mills (APAM), Doug Needham (MAA), Jack O'Malley (House of Representatives), Andy Pickard (FHWA), Steve Puuri (CRA of MI), Jean Ruestman (MDOT), Wayne Schoonover (GTCRC), Christine Simon (Senate), Brett Stanton (APAM), Todd White (MDOT), Brad Wieferich (MDOT)

Absent: Paul Ajegba (MDOT), Carol Aldrich (MDOT), Tom Barrett (Senate), Eric Chappell (House of Representatives), Matt Chynoweth (MDOT), Andrea Dewey (FHWA), Denise Donohue (CRA of MI), Wayne Harrall (Kent County), Mary Hoffmeyer (MDOT), Bob Lindbeck (Alger County)

1) Welcome – Tony Kratofil and Ted Burch

Tony opened the meeting with a welcome statement and discussed the new monthly State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) meeting format implemented as a means to increase communication and keep a forward momentum on transportation innovations for the State of Michigan.

2) Plan for STIC meetings and Charter in 2021 – Ted Burch

a) The new 2021 STIC meeting format

Business meetings will occur every other month, and the remaining months will be used for short presentations from STIC members according to the schedule provided at the bottom of this month's meeting agenda. The presentation schedule was created randomly, so if there are any conflicts with assigned dates, please let Carol Aldrich or Ted Burch know so changes can be accommodated (Doug Needham will be presenting in place of Glenn Bukowski; the schedule will be updated accordingly).

Bi-monthly presentations are intended to present any innovations the MI-STIC members or their representatives are implementing. Members are encouraged to invite others who may be interested in presenting, as they are not limited to just EDC-6 topics.

The Transpo Highlights sessions in March and September will be longer presentations on innovations that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is deploying. All MI-STIC members and their representatives are welcome to attend.

## b) Charter Update

Work on the STIC Charter has been paused but will be revisited later this year after an evaluation of the effectiveness of the new meeting format is conducted.

## 3) Every Day Counts-6 (EDC-6) Recap – Ted Burch

State Caucus held after EDC-6 Virtual Summit

- Initiatives adopted include: Digital As-Builts, e-Ticketing, Targeted Overlay Pavement Solutions, Ultra High-Performance Concrete, Virtual Public Involvement
- Initiatives not adopted: Crowd Sourcing, Traffic Incident Management
- Strategic Workforce Development Initiative adoption is pending recommendation by joint Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, Michigan Concrete Association, MDOT, Federal Highway Association (FHWA) team
- Baseline Reports and workplans are being coordinated with the new team members
- The need to finalize the baseline reports as they are due by the end of January 2021

## 4) STIC Incentive Funded Project Status – Ted Burch and anyone with an update

- Tracking spreadsheet (Carol Aldrich is the keeper of this spreadsheet)
- Current status of various projects
- CRA is revising proposal for Emergency Relief “Tool Box” to address FHWA comments
- Eligibility – keep submitting ideas; please do not wait until August to submit

## 5) Open Discussion

Tony discussed briefly the month-long virtual Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting and the various sessions available. If anyone has questions about the conference and/or sessions, please reach out to Carol Aldrich at [aldrichc@michigan.gov](mailto:aldrichc@michigan.gov) or 517-282-6590.

Russ Jorgensen reminded attendees that the summit sessions were recorded and are available for viewing for the year. The recordings can be accessed by using the same user name & password that you used to register for the summit. The Link is: [Federal Highway Administration - Everyday Counts 6 Virtual Summit \(labroots.com\)](https://www.fhwa.gov/ep/EverydayCounts6VirtualSummit).

Ted recapped:

- Presentation expectations
- Conflicts with presentations and who to contact
- STIC incentive funding
- The need to submit STIC Incentive Funding ideas early rather than later
- The Transpo Highlights workshops
- He will reach out to FHWA leads for initiatives that have incomplete EDC-6 baseline reports that need to be submitted