



Meeting Notes
MI State Transportation Innovation Council
July 31, 2023, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. EST
Business Meeting

Present:

Marcus Anderson (DBE) Ron Brenke (ACEC) Gregg Brunner (MDOT) Beckie Curtis (MDOT) Daniel DeGraff (MCA) Andrea Dewey (FHWA)	Penny Hunt (MDOT) Bob Lindbeck (CRA) Laura Mester (MDOT) Chuck Mills (APAM) Dee Parker (MDOT)	Jean Ruestman (MDOT) Brett Stanton (APAM) Michael Townley (MDOT) Rachael Tupica (FHWA) Rachelle VanDeventer (MITA)
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Absent:

Monica Ackerson (MRPA) Ryan Buck (MIWATS) Ted Burch (FHWA) Eric Chappell (MI House) Tim Colling (LTAP)	Denise Donohue (CRA) Wayne Harrall (CRA) Mary Hoffmeyer (MDOT) Andy Pickard (FHWA) Steve Puuri (CRA)	Doug Needham (MAA) Brittney Rocha (MI Senate) Wayne Schoonover (NACE) Terri Slaughter (MDOT) Brad Wieferrich (MDOT)
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1. Opening Remarks: Rachael Tupica welcomed the group. Rachael congratulated the group for the Wrong Way Driving that MDOT received. She reminded everyone the deadline is August 7, 2023, for any additional STIC Incentive Grants and to submit to Michael. She thanked Michael for the write-up and the team for their support of the STIC Excellence Award nomination being submitted. Gregg Brunner reiterated Racheal’s comments and thanked everyone for their commitment to this group.

2. STIC Incentives Grant Applications:
 - a. 2023: Wrong Way Driving Implementation Grand Rapids (\$92,000 was awarded to put up signs on the highway). There was a funded Peer Exchange a while back, and this is the next step with the LED warning signs that will be going up this fall as well as directional marking. A section of 131 near 28th was studied, where there has been significant wrong way driving events.
 - b. 2024: Applications open Oct 1, 2023 – Michael has had an inquiry (no application yet): Bill Hazelton, St. Claire County, wants to put in an UHPC Cast in place bridge deck (ultra high-performance concrete) – that will be a big job to take on and it is currently not being done.

3. STIC Incentives Grant Updates – currently at \$990,000 worth of projects have been funded with grant money so far, with a match of over \$300,000. Michael displayed the STIC Incentive Project Update spreadsheet. Gregg commented the Wrong Way Driving initiative did not start out as a STIC project initially, it started out as a problem and they were trying to find ways to fund the solution, so keep in mind during day-to-day operations that these types of situations may be a STIC Incentive opportunity.

4. Michigan STIC Excellence Award Nomination – this is a national award, which we won in 2021, and it recognizes significant impact that we do to sponsor a strong culture of innovation. As Michal looked through what was accomplished last year, there were many initiatives that were wrapped up and a huge success (example: Disaster Recovery Playbook, Virtual Public Involvement Community Profiling Tool, Wrong Way Driving Peer Exchange-going into implementation phase), STIC Highlights presentations, Innovations website, and presentations made during the STIC Presentation meetings for the past year.

5. Innovation Highlights Event: September 13, 9:00 – 12:00
 - a. Presentation ideas – looking for 15 minutes presentations, send ideas to Penny by the end of the week. Gregg suggested sharing attendance information with industry groups so that we get a wide audience.

6. Open Discussion – is the TEAMS event link out yet? No, a hold the date is on your calendars, but a TEAMS LIVE event will be sent out within a few weeks.

Next meetings:

August 28, 2023, Presentation Meeting led by Tim Colling - LTAP
September 25, 2023, Business Meeting