



**Michigan
State Transportation Innovation Council
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2021, 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Teams Virtual Meeting**

Present:

Carol Aldrich (MDOT) Brenden Allen (MI Senate) Lisa Branch (MDOT) Ron Brenke (ACEC) Ted Burch (FHWA) Eric Chappell (MI House)	Daniel DeGraaf (MCA) Jim Gaus (MDOT) Wayne Harrall (CRA) Tony Kratofil (MDOT) Chuck Mills (APAM) Andy Pickard (FHWA)	Terri Slaughter (MDOT) Brett Stanton (APAM) Rachelle VanDeventer (MITA) Brad Wieferich (MDOT)
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Absent:

Monica Ackerson (MRPA) Paul Ajegba (MDOT) Tom Barrett (MI Senate) Gregg Brunner (MDOT) Ryan Buck (WATS) Matt Chynoweth (MDOT)	Tim Colling (LTAP) Andrea Dewey (FHWA) Denise Donahue (CRA) Mary Hoffmeyer (MDOT) Bob Lindbeck (CRA) Laura Mester (MDOT)	Doug Needham (MAA) Jack O'Malley (MI House) Steve Puuri (CRA) Jean Ruestman (MDOT) Wayne Schoonover (NACE)
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1) Opening Remarks – Ted Burch and Tony Kratofil

- Russell Jorgenson of the Federal Highway Association has retired.
- The passage of the Infrastructure and Jobs Act was briefly discussed.

2) Presentation on the Green Strobe Light Research Project – Jim Gaus

- Jim provided a PowerPoint presentation (https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/STIC_Green_Lights_11192021_Presentation_OoC_REV_10-26-21_741729_7.pptx) and a video ([MDOT Research - Green Strobes of Snowplows - YouTube](#)) and discussed highlights from each.

3) Should the Michigan State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) expand membership? If so, how? – Tony Kratofil

- There's been an increase of interest in joining the STIC.
- Seeking current member perspectives on expanding membership.

- The last time we had an increase in membership was approximately two years ago.
- A poll was provided to attendees asking if we should consider expanding membership. The majority voted yes.
- Consensus on membership being industry-wide representation, not vendor specific.
- To consider: Does more membership equate to a better council? Would membership be granted via an invite only or allow anyone who asks to join? Should we implement a specific screening process? Should it be a group representation rather than individuals?

4) 2022 STIC Presentation List – Carol Aldrich

- Carol shared a draft presentation list for 2022 (see attached) for those taking the lead at the 2022 STIC Presentation meetings.
- If there is a conflict with the dates, please let Carol know.

5) STIC Incentive Funded Project Status – Carol Aldrich

- Reminder to get an early start on STIC Incentive project submissions. There is \$100,000 available each fiscal year.
- Wayne Harrall gave an update on the Local Road Research Board Peer Exchange he attended. Representatives from Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Indiana all presented their programs at the peer exchange. There are only a few states that have a Local Research Board established.
- Carol shared a copy of the STIC Incentive Project tracking spreadsheet.

6) Open Discussion – All

- Carol shared a video of Michael Townley's national award for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' President's Transportation Award for Research.
- Wayne Harrall inquired as to the actual number of current STIC members. Carol referred to the MI-STIC Council website where this information can be found.
- The call for research ideas has gone out, so please submit them if you have them. The submission portal can be found at: Program Development Portal (arcgis.com). The deadline is December 3, 2021.

2022 STIC Presentation Meeting Leads:

February 18, 2022 – Ryan Buck (WATS)

April 25, 2022 –Monica Ackerson-Ware - MRPA

June 20, 2022 – Senator Tom Barrett - Senate

August 29, 2022 – Representative Jack O'Malley - House

October 24, 2022 – Rachelle VanDeventer (MITA)

December 19, 2022 – Wayne Harrall, Bob Lindbeck, Wayne Schoonover (Counties)