



Meeting Notes

MI State Transportation Innovation Council November 20, 2023, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. EST via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Monica Ackerson (MRPA)	Mary Hoffmeyer (MDOT)	Wayne Schoonover (NACE)
Marcus Anderson (DBE)	Penny Hunt (MDOT)	Heidi Spangler (MDOT)
Ron Brenke (ACEC)	Laura Mester (MDOT)	Brett Stanton (APAM)
Tim Colling (LTAP)	Doug Needham (MAA)	Michael Townley (MDOT)
Andrea Dewey (FHWA)	Dee Parker (MDOT)	Rachael Tupica (FHWA)
Wayne Harrall (CRA)	Steve Puuri (CRA)	Rachelle VanDeventer (MITA)
	Jean Ruestman (MDOT)	

Absent:

Gregg Brunner (MDOT)	Denise Donohue (CRA)	Dee Parker (MDOT)
Ryan Buck (MIWATS)	Bob Lindbeck (CRA)	Terri Slaughter (MDOT)
Ted Burch (FHWA)	Chuck Mills (APAM)	Brad Wieferich (MDOT)
Eric Chappell (MI House)	Andy Pickard (FHWA)	
Beckie Curtis (MDOT)	Brittney Rocha (MI Senate)	
Daniel DeGraff (MCA)		

1. Opening Remarks:

Michael Townley welcomed the team and gave brief overview of agenda topics for the meeting. **Rachelle Tupica, filled in for Ted** indicated Ted would be acting in a different position for the next few months, so Rachelle would likely be covering for him more during this timeframe.

2. STIC Incentive Grants Updates-Progress of Grants and Current Applications: Heidi Spangler

provided update of active projects. Three are still active:

- a. Noise Abatement Peer Exchange (FY 2022)-peer exchange conducted July 11 & 12, final report has been submitted and is currently being reviewed, draft handbook is in progress @ 75% complete. Question on if pavement noise studied, but without the final report they are not aware if pavement noise was looked at or just wall.
- b. Green Strobe Lights for Fleet Safety (FY 2022)-all materials have been purchased, MDOT is currently installing the purchased green lights, an Innovative Spotlight is being created to educate the public on the new standard, outside of the grant, MDOT will be installing green lights on additional maintenance vehicles to create consistency for the travelling public.
- c. Wrong Way Driving Deterrents (US-131 Grand Rapids) (FY 2023)-some materials have been purchased and are being installed along the US-131 corridor in Grand Rapids as a deterrent to wrong way driving, remaining materials are on order, target date of installation is by early

January 2024. Steve asked if there was a reason this corridor was targeted: Heidi explained there are a few comment factors: nighttime, elderly drivers, but they have not been able to pinpoint the exact reason for the increased in wrong way driving in this area. There is also a PELL study going on in that area due to the confusion of the motoring public of proper access to the highway.

There have been no additional applications. Per Rachael, it looks like the STIC Incentive Grant cap is being increased to \$125,000.

3. **Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration Grant – Michael Townley**

AID Program Grants

- Grant was inactive for a couple of years and has opened back up, and this is a good opportunity to look for innovations we are interested in to make the state a better, safer place for driving public. FHWA has released the AID Grant Notice of Funding opportunity.
- Grants will range from \$100,000 - \$1,000,000 which will require a 20% State/local funding match.
- Focus on Every Day Counts (EDC) 4-7.
- Aligns with Visionary Value of the MDOT Strategic Plan.
- Due date to submit application is November 27 (with MDOT)
- Submit application on your own (without MDOT) is due December 12.
- FHWA will accept applications for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.
- Heidi highlighted past MDOT grants, as examples.
 - Statewide Bridge Bundling Project
 - Second Avenue Network Arch Super Structure Project
 - Bridge Slide

4. **STIC Highlights Meetings – Heidi Spangler**

- April 10, 2024
- September 18, 2024
- We are looking to issue out a Best Innovation Award, voted on by the attendees. Award would be presented at a STIC business meeting. Team thought it was a good idea.
- Below is the QR code to submit ideas for the STIC Highlights or you can email her.



5. **2024 STIC Meeting Schedule – Michael Townley/Heidi Spangler**

- Below is the initial schedule for 2024.
- Brett Staton, APAM can not present on February 26, 2024, due to conference. Monica may be able to take February and will confirm with Heidi.

2024 STIC Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Type of Meeting	Lead Person/Agency
Monday, January 29 th	10:30 - 11:15 am	Business	MDOT/FHWA
Monday, February 26 th	10:30 - 11:30 am	Presentation	Brett Staton, APAM
Monday, March 25 th	10:30 - 11:15 am	Business	MDOT/FHWA
Wednesday, April 10 th	9:00 am - 12 pm	Transportation Highlights	MDOT
Monday, April 29 th	10:30 - 11:30 am	Presentation	Ryan Buck (WATS)
Tuesday, May 28 th	10:30 - 11:15 am	Business	MDOT/FHWA
Monday, June 24 th	10:30 - 11:30 am	Presentation	Monica Ackerson-Ware (MRPA)
Monday, July 29 th	10:30 - 11:15 am	Business	MDOT/FHWA
Monday, August 26 th	10:30 - 11:30 am	Presentation	Rachelle VanDeventer (MITA)
Wednesday, September 18 th	9:00 am - 12 pm	Transportation Highlights	MDOT
Monday, September 30 th	10:30 - 11:15 am	Business	MDOT/FHWA
Monday, October 28 th	10:30 - 11:30 am	Presentation	Wayne Harrall, Bob Lindbeck, Wayne Schoonover (Counties)
Monday, November 25 th	10:30 - 11:15 am	Business	MDOT/FHWA
Monday, December 16 th	10:30 - 11:30 am	Presentation	Marcus Anderson/DBE Roundtable

Next meetings:

December 18, 2023, Presentation Meeting led by Denise Donohue/CRA

January 29, 2024, Business Meeting

