



MI State Transportation Innovation Council
Business Meeting
November 21, 2022, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. EST
via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Monica Ackerson (MRPA) Carol Aldrich (MDOT) Marcus Anderson (DBE) Ron Brenke (ACEC) Gregg Brunner (MDOT) Ted Burch (FHWA) Tim Colling (LTAP)	Beckie Curtis (MDOT) Daniel DeGraff (MCA) Mary Hoffmeyer (MDOT) Penny Hunt (MDOT) Bob Lindbeck (CRA) Chuck Mills (APAM)	Doug Needham (MAA) Steve Puuri (CRA) Jean Ruestman (MDOT) Brett Stanton (APAM) Michael Townley (MDOT) Rachelle VanDeventer (MITA)
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Absent:

Paul Ajegba (MDOT) Tom Barrett (MI Senate) Ryan Buck (MIWATS) Eric Chappell (MI House) Andrea Dewey (FHWA) Denise Donohue (CRA)	Wayne Harrall (CRA) Laura Mester (MDOT) Jack O'Malley (MI House) Dee Parker (MDOT) Andy Pickard (FHWA)	Brittney Rocha (MI Senate) Wayne Schoonover (NACE) Terri Slaughter (MDOT) Rachael Tupica (FHWA) Brad Wieferich (MDOT)
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1. Opening Remarks – Gregg Brunner & Ted Burch

- Gregg started out thanking Carol for leading the STIC team to where it is today and congratulate her on her retirement. He Congratulated Michael Townley on his promotion to Carols replacement
- Ted expressed appreciation for Carol’s work on this team and thanked her on behalf of the Michigan STIC and STIC across the nation. He spoke of when Mark VanPortFliet and he tried to manage this group, with limited express, and decided they need to have someone take over and take ownership of this group. That is when Carol joined and has done an outstanding job, and we would not have gotten the STIC leadership award without Carol’s leadership, commitment to advancing innovation, as well as, helping us stay organized. Carol is recognized nationally for her leadership on this group and advancing innovation across the country.
- Carol thanked everyone and her team (Michael, Mary, Andre), and the STIC group for assisting her in moving STIC forward.

Ted Updates

- Everyday Counts 6 (EDC-6) is wrapping up. At the end of December, the team leads will be providing a report for the ED6 initiatives, where we are as far as status, and next steps. That will be compiled into the ED6 final report which will be issued likely about March 2023.
- Everyday Counts 7 (EDC-7) – getting ready to roll out on December 22 (executive section). Ted will send link to everyone for registration and information. Open to everyone involved. Can't tell what the innovations are yet, but the three themes driving EDC-7 are Including Safety for all Road Users, Building Sustainable Infrastructure for the Future, and Growing an Inclusive Workforce. December 2 he will send the link out. No firm date yet, but here is going to be a virtual summit for all EDC-7 initiatives in February 2023. We have the opportunity to submit up to six state or local initiatives that we want to highlight. Tim Colling is the point of contact for that and encourages us show off some of the things that Michigan has done that other agencies/local agencies can make use of. Once initiatives are identified, there are templates for the presentations; fill in the blank type of template. Per Carol, Mary Hoffmeyer has helped put the templates together in the past.

2. Build a Better Mousetrap National video - Carol [BABM Showcase 2022 with audio description - YouTube](#)

Similar to the Build a Better Mousetrap event, there is a Great Ideas Challenge that we have in Michigan and the ideas are submitted to Federal, Build a Better Mousetrap. A couple of years ago, we won back-to-back entries.

3. State Innovation Forum for STIC Coordinators (September 2022) - Carol



State Innovation
Forum - STIC.pptx

4. STIC Incentive Projects Update – Michael

- Reminder, \$100,000 is awarded for innovations within MDOT. Michael displayed a list of projects and gave brief overview.



STIC Initiatives
Updated 11.16.2022

- **Steve Purri (CRA):** Emergency Recovery Playbook update: Work activities completed, final invoice should be soon (primarily printing charges for binders being made for all stakeholders), and a webinar training event has taken place. There will be a break-out session at the March CRA meeting that will discuss the Playbook. Training event also included a PR person to advise on what the public would like to see. CRA is trying to get the legislature to move on a bill that would them have a capped fund that can be used in the declaration of a disaster. Mostly what we see are disasters hitting smaller areas and that can wipe out funds for disaster relief in a hurry. The idea with this bill would be fund these disasters until the state and federal disaster declarations are made.
- Regarding the Cone Penetration Peer Exchange, STIC funds need to be obligated in 6 months, and final payment within two years. Michael to follow up with Ryan Snook, for the status of that as final payment would be now.

5. **Open Discussion**

- **Carol:** Next round of presentation meetings. Marcus Anderson is going to lead the February meeting. From that point forward, we will just start with everyone again.

Next meeting: December 19, 2022, Presentation meeting led by Denise Donohue and Steve Puuri, CRA: Emergency Recovery Playbook