



# Meeting Notes

## MI State Transportation Innovation Council

October 30, 2023, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. EST

via Microsoft Teams

**Present:**

Monica Ackerson (MRPA)	Wayne Harrall (CRA)	Dee Parker (MDOT)
Marcus Anderson (DBE)	Mary Hoffmeyer (MDOT)	Steve Puuri (CRA)
Ron Brenke (ACEC)	Penny Hunt (MDOT)	Jean Ruestman (MDOT)
Gregg Brunner (MDOT)	Bob Lindbeck (CRA)	Heidi Spangler (MDOT)
Ted Burch (FHWA)	Laura Mester (MDOT)	Brett Stanton (APAM)
Daniel DeGraff (MCA)	Chuck Mills (APAM)	Michael Townley (MDOT)
Andrea Dewey (FHWA)	Doug Needham (MAA)	Rachelle VanDeventer (MITA)

**Absent:**

Ryan Buck (MIWATS)	Denise Donohue (CRA)	Terri Slaughter (MDOT)
Eric Chappell (MI House)	Andy Pickard (FHWA)	Rachael Tupica (FHWA)
Tim Colling (LTAP)	Brittney Rocha (MI Senate)	Brad Wieferrich (MDOT)
Beckie Curtis (MDOT)	Wayne Schoonover (NACE)	

Guests: Jordan Stol (Great Lakes Aggregates), Michael Pelletier (Edward C. Levy Company), Jeff Lauria (LJ – electrical), Keith Childress (Great Lake Aggregates)

- Opening Remarks:** Michael Townley welcomed the group and announced a new Accelerated Innovation Demonstration (AID) Program grant that FHWA announced late last week. You can apply for \$100,000-\$1,000,000 to implement highway innovations (planning to delivery phase). There will be a couple Local Agency grants and one FHWA grant application that are open. More information: [AID Program Grants](#)

Ted Burch talked about a celebration he attended regarding the Second Avenue Bridge – which is a great example and significant example of innovation for Michigan. It also received a \$1,000,000 AID grant and Michigan is the leader in grant funds. Both MDOT and Local Agencies have received AID grants. It is a reminder of the good things going on in the state, taking a new approach to solving transportation problems.

Gregg Brunner reiterated that grants were important funding opportunities and anything we can do to be proactive, those go a long way. People always ask about the Michigan STIC, and that is due to the collaboration with this team the good works that Michigan does – and kudos for keeping us moving forward.

2. **Presentation: Doug Needham (MAA)**, coordinated presentations from four different sectors of the industry. Presentation is located: [State Transportation Innovation Council \(STIC\) \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/stic)

How the Aggregate Industry Demonstrates Being a Good Neighbor Through Innovation and Technology

Jordan Stol (Great Lakes Aggregates)

Michael Pelletier (Edward C. Levy Company)

Jeff Lauria (LJ – electrical)

Keith Childress (Great Lake Aggregates)

3. **Open Discussion: Heidi Spangler** reminded everyone of the next meeting, November 20, and asked that agenda items be sent to her. She also reminded everyone of the April 10, 2024, and September 18, 2024, MDOT/STIC Highlights Presentations that are on calendars. Announced that a poll will be taken after each meeting and an award will be given to the “best innovation” that is present at the meeting (as voted on by the attendees).

**Next meetings:**

**November 20, 2023, Business Meeting**

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