

**Michigan Infrastructure Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Q2 Meeting June 11, 2020**

**Meeting was held electronically using Microsoft Teams**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm with a quorum established.

**I. Welcome/Introductions**

John Weiss, Chairperson, welcomed everyone present.

Larry Steckelberg will no longer be representing the Michigan Department of Treasury as a non-voting member of the Council. Joyce Parker, Deputy State Treasurer of the Michigan Department of Treasury, will be taking his place. Larry was thanked for his many contributions and Joyce was welcomed by John Weiss and the Council.

**II. Attendance**

Roll Call – Amber Hicks

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
John Weiss, Chairperson	X		Eric Swanson, DTMB		X
Kathleen Lomako, Vice-Chairperson	X		Kenneth McFarlane, MDARD	X	
Marco Bruzzano	X		Aaron Keatley, EGLE	X	
John Daly, III	X		Sharon Schafer, MDNR	X	
Daniel Fredendall	X		Laura Mester, MDOT	X	
Jon Kangas	X		Joyce Parker, Treasury	X	
Erin Kuhn	X		Ryan Laruwe for Sally Talberg, MPSC	X	
Palencia Mobley	X		Joanna Johnson, TAMC	X	
David Wresinski	X		Scott House for Sue McCormick, WAMC	X	

**Support Staff Present:**

Jessica Moy, MIC Executive Director  
Amber Hicks, Treasury/MIC  
Roger Belknap, TAMC/MDOT  
Kelly Green, EGLE  
Todd White, MDOT

**Public Present:**

Brian Clark, Khoury, Johnson, & Leavitt  
Laura Arnold, Miss Digg  
Bruce Campbell, Miss Digg  
Charyl Kirkland, MPSC  
Jeff Parker, Consumers Energy  
Yuna Kim, Asset Management Free Agent

**III. Approval of December 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** by Dan Fredendall to approve the December 12, 2020 meeting minutes

**Seconded** by Jon Kangas

A roll call vote was held, and the motion was carried.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
John Weiss, Chairperson	X		
Kathleen Lomako, Vice-Chairperson	X		
Marco Bruzzano			X
John Daly, III	X		
Daniel Fredendall	X		
Jon Kangas	X		
Erin Kuhn	X		
Palencia Mobley	X		
David Wresinski	X		

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** by Palencia Mobley to approve the agenda

**Seconded** by Kathleen Lomako

A roll call vote was held, and the motion was carried without dissent.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
John Weiss, Chairperson	X		
Kathleen Lomako, Vice-Chairperson	X		
Marco Bruzzano	X		
John Daly, III	X		
Daniel Fredendall	X		
Jon Kangas	X		
Erin Kuhn	X		
Palencia Mobley	X		
David Wresinski	X		

**V. Public Comments**

There were no public comments

**VI. Definitions and Standards Subgroup Update**

John Daly III provided an update on behalf of the Definitions and Standards subgroup. Work is moving ahead in the development of an asset management glossary. Amber Hicks compiled a list of approximately 1500 terms and definitions from a variety of sources that will be discussed and reviewed by the group. Subgroup membership was reviewed by Jessica Moy – no changes to the composition were requested.

## **VII. AM Readiness Assessment Scale Subgroup Update**

Ken McFarlane and Erin Kuhn provided an update on behalf of the AM Readiness Assessment Scale subgroup. Due to the Coronavirus, the Scale activities were effectively put on hold from mid-March through early-June. On June 9, a refresher webinar was presented to the Michigan Association of Regions (MAR) partners by MIC vendor, Iain Cranston. The refresher webinar was recorded and will be posted for ongoing partner use. Not all regions are positioned to virtually guide their constituents through the Scale at this time. Therefore, there will be two data collection periods this year: one September 30, 2020 and one at the end of December 2020.

## **VIII. Project Portal Subgroup Update**

Amber Hicks provided an update on behalf of the Project Portal subgroup. Implementation will be delayed due to impacts from the Coronavirus, but development is underway, and progress is being made. Amber Hicks is working with state agencies and external partners to collect geospatial data files for scheduled communications, utilities, water, and transportation projects. A meeting of the Project Portal Subgroup will be scheduled later this summer.

## **IX. Standing Reports**

Executive Director Report- Jessica Moy

- Despite the challenges of the last several months, MIC is still meeting legislative requirements. Jessica thanked everyone for their continued participation and dedication to MIC initiatives.
- The potential recipients of the Connecting Michigan Communities (CMIC) grant awards were announced. This program will provide \$20 million in broadband grants and is managed through DTMB. The awards will be in comment and objection period through July 27, 2020. Final recipients will be announced after that date.
  - House Bill 4288, The Michigan Broadband Extension Act, introduced in 2019, provides for the expansion of funding for broadband projects in unserved areas. Those present were encouraged to read through the bill.
- Efforts are underway to improve cross-agency collaboration (Treasury, MDOT, and EGLE) to support coordinated asset management activities.

Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) Report – Joanna Johnson

- The FY 2019 Annual Report has been published. Along with the standard data, the report also contains new information on bridges.
- TAMC is expecting the submission of asset management plans in October.
- TAMC has reviewed their training and data collection schedules in light of the Coronavirus. Training sessions have been canceled. They are proceeding with data collection but are not prescribing a process. TAMC is allowing road raters previously certified in 2019 to participate in data collection.
- A culvert survey was sent out.

Water Asset Management Council (WAMC) Report – Scott House

- WAMC has not met since January 2020.
- Efforts are being made to finalize the Asset Management Plan templates and send letters to the affected agencies required to complete an asset management plan.

Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Report – Ryan Laruwe

- Utilities are continuing to submit integrated resource plans regarding decarbonization. They are looking at renewable infrastructure development in many areas including solar and wind power.
- MPSC has focused on customer protection and access to broadband during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- A map of public WiFi hotspots was published to assist those lacking Internet access.

## **X. Closing Remarks**

Before adjourning the meeting, John Weiss invited council members to provide relevant updates or comments.

- Erin Kuhn reported that there will be CARES Act money coming to the regions. MAR is working with local governments to determine eligible economic development projects.
- Aaron Keatley provided a brief update on the private dam failures along the Tittabawassee River and subsequent flooding in the Midland area. EGLE and the federal government are investigating and addressing the cleanup. Next steps include an independent investigation.
- Laura Mester and Todd White stated that there was an estimated \$28 million in damage to roads due to the Midland area flooding. MDOT is addressing damage to their roadways and working with the affected local agencies to address the local system.
- John Weiss offered his congratulations to Palencia Mobley on an article regarding a collaborative effort between the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Michigan State University, and the Great Lakes Water Authority to track Coronavirus through raw sewage.

## **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm.

**Next Meeting:** September 10, 2020

Constitution Hall – Atrium Level – Conference Rooms A & B