



Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study

March 2016 Committee Meetings

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 17, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn, Ballroom A

1307 E. Market St., Akron

POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 24, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn, Ballroom A

1307 E. Market St., Akron



**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Policy Committee
Ballroom A - Hilton Garden Inn
1307 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio**

Thursday, March 24, 2016
1:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
 - A. Determination of a Quorum Oral
 - B. Audience Participation*

2. **Minutes**
 - A. January 28, 2016 Meeting - **Motion Required** Attachment 2A

3. **Staff Reports**
 - A. Financial Progress Report - **Motion Required** Attachment 3A
 - B. Technical Progress Report Oral
 - C. AMATS Federal Funds Report Attachment 3C

4. **Old Business**

5. **New Business**
 - A. AMATS Funding Policy Workshop Summary - **Discussion Only** Attachment 5A

 - B. ODOT Asset Management Programs - **Discussion Only** Attachment 5B

6. **Resolutions**
 - A. **Resolution 2016-05** – Approving Amendment #5 to the Transportation Program FY 2016-2019 to add two new projects and revise the funding and schedule to one project. - **Motion Requested** Attachment 6A

7. **Other Business**
 - A. Subcommittee on AMATS Director Selection Process Oral

8. **Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, May 19, 2016 - 1:30 PM
Ballroom A - Hilton Garden Inn
1307 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio

* Any individual or representative of a group may take three (3) minutes to address the Policy Committee on any topic on the agenda. Anyone desiring more time than provided herein shall notify the Director by the Friday preceding the committee meeting so that they may be placed on the agenda for a maximum of five (5) minutes.



**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Technical Advisory Committee
Ballroom A - Hilton Garden Inn
1307 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio**

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Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, May 12, 2016 - 1:30 PM
Ballroom A - Hilton Garden Inn
1307 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio

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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Policy Committee
Thursday, January 28, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes of Meeting

Recordings of AMATS committee meetings are available in the Podcast section of the agency web site at www.amatsplanning.org/category/podcasts/.

I. Call to Order

A. Chairman Broska called the meeting to order in Grand Ballroom C of the Quaker Square Inn. The attending members constituted a quorum.

B. Audience Participation

None.

II. Minutes – Motion Required

A. Approval of Minutes

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting.

Steve Rebillot clarified comments that he made during the December 10, 2015 TAC meeting that were included in the TAC minutes. **Mr. Rebillot** stated that he did not intend to convey that ODOT has decided to utilize additional funds under the FAST Act into the state's TRAC funding program. **Mr. Rebillot** said that the department has made no such decision and is still orienting itself to the funding implications for ODOT of the FAST Act.

Motion

Frank Hairston made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by William Judge, Jr. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

III. Staff Reports

A. Financial Progress Report

Curtis Baker presented Attachment 3A.

Motion

Bobbie Beshara made a motion to approve the Financial Progress Report and it was seconded by Amy Mohr. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

B. Technical Progress Report

Mr. Baker said that the AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant Program has started. The Connecting Communities Planning Grant Task Force had its first meeting on January 26. A Notice of Funds Available should be forthcoming in late spring or early summer.

ODOT has informed AMATS that the agency is unlikely to receive an increase in its STP funding resulting from the FAST Act as such an increase would likely result in a reduction in the amount of STP discretionary funds that the agency receives.

C. AMATS Federal Funds Report

Victor Botosan presented Attachment 3C and attached tables concerning Funding Program and Balances dated January 13, 2016.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

A. Existing Congestion Study 2015.

Amy Prater presented Attachment 5A.

Mayor Kline asked if Tallmadge Circle was included in the list. **Ms. Prater** explained that it was not included as Tallmadge Circle is not an intersection or a segment, but added that AMATS does analyze the adjacent segments around the circle. **Mayor Kline** noted that ODOT has assigned an LOS of F- to Tallmadge Circle.

Motion

***Frank Hairston** made a motion to approve the Existing Congestion Study 2015 and it was seconded by **Joe Paradise**. The motion was approved.*

B. Draft FY 2017 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget.

Jeff Gardner presented Attachment 5B.

Motion

***David G. Kline** made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget and it was seconded by **Eric M. Czetli**. The motion was approved.*

C. 2016 Freight Plan.

Mr. Gardner presented Attachment 5C.

VI. Resolutions – Approval Requested

A. Resolution 2016-01 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the CMAQ Funding Program.

Mr. Botosan presented Attachment 6A.

Gene Roberts asked if the Greater Akron area's CMAQ funding totals were about the same as in previous years when CMAQ funds were locally allocated compared to this year's total, which was allocated by the state. **Mr. Botosan** said yes and noted that the main difference is the extra step of obtaining state approval.

Motion

David Gasper made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-01 and it was seconded by Gene Roberts. The motion was approved.

B. Resolution 2016-02 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the STP Program and Adding these Projects to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2016-2019 (Amendment #4).

Resolution 2016-03 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the TAP Program.

Resolution 2016-04 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Resurfacing Program.

Mr. Botosan presented Attachment 6B.

Mr. Rebillot asked whether the state would make CMAQ funding available this year or would wait another year. **Mr. Botosan** said that the state is indicating that it will make funding available in two years.

Motion

William Judge, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-02 and it was seconded by Frank Hairston. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Motion

Jane Howington made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-03 and it was seconded by William Judge, Jr. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-04 and it was seconded by John Trew. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Mr. Baker asked the members if they wanted to re-evaluate *AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines* and related practices. **Mr. Baker** suggested that the Policy Committee schedule workshops to address funding issues. **Mayor Kline**

expressed support for Mr. Baker's suggestion that the Policy Committee re-evaluate funding policies and practices. **Mr. Baker** said that workshops could be open to interested Policy Committee members rather than limited to a specific subcommittee. **Mayor Beshara** volunteered the Village of Richfield's Town Hall as a workshop location.

VII. Other Business

- A. **Mr. Roberts** offered a motion for the consideration of the Policy Committee that the committee send a delegation to meet with Akron Planning Director Jason Segedy regarding the AMATS directorship succession process as was discussed under the New Business item during the committee's Dec. 17, 2015 meeting. **Mr. Roberts** proposed that the delegation consist of Policy Committee Chairman Glenn Broska, Vice Chairwoman Bobbie Beshara, Portage County Engineer Michael Marozzi and Summit County Engineer Alan Brubaker. **Mayor Judge** asked whether community officials will have opportunities to meet with the county engineers prior to a meeting with Mr. Segedy. **Mr. Roberts** said yes and noted that Mr. Segedy stated during the December meeting that community officials could meet him individually.

Motion

*Gene Roberts made a motion that four Policy Committee members meet with Akron Planning Director Jason Segedy to define how the next AMATS executive director will be selected and it was seconded by **Bobbie Beshara**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

Chairman Broska said that a meeting with Akron Planning Director Jason Segedy would be arranged.

- B. **Mr. Roberts** said that the Policy Committee may want to review the bylaws of the committee. **Mr. Baker** noted that the last update of the committee bylaws occurred in 1988.

Motion

*Gene Roberts made a motion that the Policy Committee consider revising the committee bylaws and it was seconded by **Bobbie Beshara**.*

Chairman Broska asked whether the bylaws issue should be considered by the full Policy Committee or a subcommittee. **Mayor Kline** suggested that the issue be postponed until a permanent AMATS director is selected.

Motion

*Lou Betrand made a motion that the motion to revise the committee bylaws be tabled and it was seconded by **David G. Kline**. The motion was approved.*

Chairman Broska said that Mr. Roberts' motion that the Policy Committee consider revising the committee bylaws would be tabled until a new AMATS director is selected.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion

David G. Kline made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Frank Hairston. The motion was approved.

The next regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting will be at **1:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, March 24, 2016** in **Hilton Garden Inn, Ballroom A** located at **1307 E. Market St.** in **Akron.**

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE
2016 ATTENDANCE**

M Denotes Member Present	Jan	Mar	May	July	Sept	Dec
A Denotes Alternate Present	28	24	19	21	22	15
AKRON - Mayor Dan Horrigan (Gasper) (Hardy)						A
AURORA - Mayor Ann Womer Benjamin (Trew)						A
BARBERTON - Mayor William Judge, Jr. (Stefan) (Vinay)						M
BOSTON HEIGHTS - Mayor Bill Goncy (Polyak)						
BRADY LAKE - Mayor Hal Lehman (Carlson) (D. McGee)						A
CLINTON - Mayor Al Knack						
CUYAHOGA FALLS - Mayor Don Walters (Czetli)						A
DOYLESTOWN - Mayor Terry Lindeman (Marti)						
FAIRLAWN - Mayor William Roth (Spagnuolo) (Staten)						
GARRETTSVILLE - Mayor Rick Patrick (Klamer)						
GREEN - Mayor Gerard Neugebauer (Oberdorfer) (Molnar)						A
HIRAM - Mayor Lou Bertrand (J. McGee)						M
HUDSON - Jane Howington (Comeriato) (Richardson) (Sheridan)						M
KENT - City Mgr. David Ruller (Roberts) (Bowling)						A
LAKEMORE - Mayor Rick Justice (Fast)						M
MACEDONIA - Mayor Joseph Migliorini (Gigliotti) (Sheehy)						
MANTUA - Mayor Linda Clark (Iafelice) (Frola)						
METRO - Ms. Saundra M. Foster (Enty) (Harris)						
MOGADORE - Mayor Michael Rick						
MUNROE FALLS - Mayor Frank Larson (DiCola)						
NEW FRANKLIN - Mayor Al Bollas (Gehm)						
NORTHFIELD - Mayor Jesse Nehez (Greenlee)						
NORTON - Mayor Mike Zita						
ODOT - Allen Biehl (Rebillot)						A
PARTA - Rick Bissler (Amrhein) (Hairston) (Manning) (Trautman)						A
PENINSULA - Mayor Douglas Mayer						
PORTAGE COUNTY COMM. - Maureen Frederick (Greener)						A
PORTAGE COUNTY COMM. - Vicki Kline (Long)						
PORTAGE COUNTY COMM. - Kathleen Chandler (Hairston)						A
PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER - Michael Marozzi (Zumbo)						
RAVENNA - Mayor Frank Seman (Englehart) (Finney)						
REMINDEVILLE - Mayor Sam Alonso (Krock)						
RICHFIELD - Mayor Bobbie Beshara (Frantz) (Darwish)						M
RITTMAN - Mr. Larry Boggs						
SILVER LAKE - Mayor Bernie Hovey (Housley)						
STOW - Mayor Sara Drew (Kurtz) (McCleary) (Rayman)						A
STREETSBORO - Mayor Glenn Broska						M
SUGAR BUSH KNOLLS - Mayor John Guidubaldi						
SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER - Alan Brubaker (Fulton) (Paradise)						A
SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE - Russell Pry (Genet)						
SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. & ECON. DEV. - Connie Krauss						M
SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. & ECON. DEV. - Ryan Sellman						M
TALLMADGE - Mayor David Kline (Sauner)						M
TWINSBURG - Mayor Ted Yates (Mohr) (Finch)						A
WAYNE COUNTY COMM. BOARD - Dominic Oliverio (Gleason)						
WINDHAM - Mayor Robert Donham						

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE
2016 ATTENDANCE**

OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Ms. Kim Mondora	ODOT
Mr. Tony Urankar	MSG
Mr. Curtis Baker	AMATS
Ms. Krista Beniston	AMATS
Mr. Victor Botosan	AMATS
Mr. Jeffrey Gardner	AMATS
Ms. Amy Prater	AMATS
Mr. Kerry Prater	AMATS
Mr. Dave Pulay	AMATS

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes of Meeting

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I. Call to Order

- A. **Chairwoman Amy Mohr** called the meeting to order in Grand Ballroom C of the Quaker Square Inn. The attending members constituted a quorum.

II. Minutes – Motion Required

A. **Approval of Minutes**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting.

Motion

David White made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by David Gasper. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

III. Staff Reports

A. **Financial Progress Report**

Curtis Baker presented Attachment 3A.

Motion

David White made a motion to approve the Financial Progress Report and it was seconded by Tony Demasi. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

B. **Technical Progress Report**

Mr. Baker described changes in funding and policies under the new Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act that will impact AMATS.

Work is progressing on several products related to the update of the long-range Regional Transportation Plan, which is due in May 2017.

C. **AMATS Federal Funds Report**

Victor Botosan presented Attachment 3C and tables concerning Funding Program and Balances dated January 13, 2016.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

A. Existing Congestion Study 2015.

Amy Prater presented Attachment 5A.

David Gasper noted that the 2015 analysis showed fewer congested segments than the 2010 analysis. **Mr. Gasper** asked what caused this reduction. **Mrs. Prater** said that the reduction was due to lower peak hour traffic volumes and various improvements to reduce congestion.

Mr. Baker said that, while AMATS takes a "fix-it-first" approach to planning policies, the agency recognizes that congested areas remain in its system. **Mr. Baker** said that those highly ranked congested areas should be considered by the members during the scoring and ranking process for project funding.

David Pulay observed that, while ADT totals at intersection and freeway locations may not be dropping, peak hour traffic volumes are. **Mrs. Prater** concurred.

Motion

David White made a motion to approve the Existing Congestion Study 2015 and it was seconded by Jim Bowling. The motion was approved.

B. Draft FY 2017 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget.

Jeff Gardner presented Attachment 5B.

Joe Hadley asked whether the FAST Act would impact the work load of the AMATS Staff. **Mr. Gardner** said that the FAST Act continues the requirement of performance measures from the previous transportation bill, MAP-21. Incorporating these measures into the planning process has become a major activity for the Staff and that is expected to continue into 2016 and 2017 as the FHWA is expected to issue new regulations related to performance measures.

Motion

David White made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget and it was seconded by Tony Demasi. The motion was approved.

C. 2016 Freight Plan.

Mr. Gardner presented Attachment 5C.

Mr. Baker asked the communities to relay any freight-related issues concerning truck or rail transport to AMATS and cited traffic delays stemming from a Hines Hill Road rail crossing in Hudson as an example of the type of issue that the agency should be notified about.

Mr. Demasi asked whether the plan would identify dedicated truck routes. **Mr. Gardner** said that the plan could address that issue.

VI. Resolutions

A. Resolution 2016-01 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the CMAQ Funding Program.

Mr. Botosan presented Attachment 6A.

Motion

David White made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-01 and it was seconded by Wayne Wieth. The motion was approved.

B. Resolution 2016-02 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the STP Program and Adding these Projects to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2016-2019 (Amendment #4).

Mr. Pulay presented Attachment 6B.

Brian Frantz said that the TAC should re-evaluate the project funding scoring criteria and how points are allocated. **Mr. Frantz** said that he would suggest to Richfield Mayor Bobbie Beshara that she make the same suggestion to the Policy Committee. **Mr. Frantz** said that, under the present STP criteria, the Village of Richfield's project application for the reconstruction of Wheatley Road will never score high enough to be awarded funding. **Mr. Pulay** said that AMATS is constantly updating its funding policies and added that he is compiling notes regarding issues that should be addressed. **Mr. Pulay** said that the next re-evaluation of AMATS funding policies is scheduled in two years.

Mr. Hadley asked why AMATS would program projects whose costs exceed available funding. **Mr. Pulay** explained that the agency overprograms projects due to potential project delays and to avert penalties for unused project funding.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-02 and it was seconded by Chris Papp. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Resolution 2016-03 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the TAP Program.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-03 and it was seconded by Jeff Olson. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Resolution 2016-04 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Resurfacing Program.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-04 and it was seconded by Jeff Olson. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Mr. Pulay said that TAP and Resurfacing projects do not require a formal amendment for inclusion in the FY 2016-2019 TIP as they are being programmed for FYs 2021 and 2022 and are outside of the fiscal years covered by the current TIP.

VII. Other Business

None.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be at **1:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, March 17, 2016** in **Hilton Garden Inn, Ballroom A** located at **1307 E. Market St.** in **Akron.**

**AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2016 ATTENDANCE**

M Denotes Member Present A Denotes Alternate Present	Jan 21	Mar 17	May 12	July 14	Sept 15	Dec 8
AKRON ENGINEERING BUREAU - Michael J. Teodecki (DiFiore)	M					
AKRON PLANNING DEPT. - Helen Tomic (Ashley)						
AKRON TRAFFIC ENGINEERING - David Gasper (Lupica)	M					
AURORA - John E. Trew	M					
BARBERTON - Joseph Stefan (Vinay)	M					
CUYAHOGA FALLS - Fred Guerra (Sugar)	M					
CUYAHOGA FALLS - Tony V. Demasi (Marko)	M					
DOYLESTOWN - Eng. Assoc. - Ronny Portz						
FAIRLAWN - Nicholas Spagnuolo (Staten)						
GREEN - Wayne Wiethe (Haring)	M					
GREEN - Paul Pickett (Schemansky)						
HUDSON - Chris Papp (Sheridan)	M					
HUDSON - Greg Hannan (Kosco)	M					
KENT - Eugene Roberts (Giaquinto)						
KENT - Jim Bowling	M					
LAKEMORE – Mayor Rick Justice (Fast)						
MACEDONIA - Michael Hlad (Gigliotti) (Sheehy)	M					
METRO - Kris Liljeblad (Bacon)	M					
MOGADORE – Vacant						
MUNROE FALLS – Vacant						
NEFCO - Joe Hadley (Chinn-Levy)	M					
NEW FRANKLIN - Jeff Olson (Kepler)	M					
NORTHFIELD - Richard S. Wasosky						
NORTON - David White	M					
ODOT - John Picuri (Rebillot) (Root)	A					
PARTA – Claudia Amrhein (Hairston) (Manning) (Popik) (Trautman)	A					
PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER - Michael Marozzi (Zumbo)						
PORTAGE CO. REG. PLANNING COMM. - Todd Peetz (James)(McGee)						
PORTAGE COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES – Vacant						
PORTAGE COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC – Greener (Kovacich)	M					
RAVENNA - Bob Finney (Jeffers)						
RICHFIELD - Brian Frantz (Baker)	M					
RITTMAN – Larry Boggs						
SILVER LAKE – John Tutak						
STOW – James McCleary (Donovan)						
STOW – Sheila Rayman (Kurtz)						
STREETSBORO – John H. Cieszkowski, Jr. (Broska)	M					
SUMMIT CO. COMM. & ECON. DEV. - Ryan Sellman (Krauss)						
SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER - Alan Brubaker (Fulton) (Paradise)	A					
SUMMIT COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES - Mayor Allen Knack						
SUMMIT COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC. - Richard Reville (Funk)	A					
TALLMADGE - Pat Sauner	M					
TWINSBURG - Dan Moczadlo (Mohr)	A					
WINDHAM - Mayor Robert Donham						

* Richard Enty attended as METRO representative.

**AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

AKRON CANTON AIRPORT - Rick McQueen	
AKRON REG. AIR QUALITY MGT. DISTRICT – Sam Rubens	
AMATS - Curtis Baker	M
CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK - Rob Bobel	
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY REP. - Kurt Princic	
GREATER AKRON CHAMBER - Gregg Cramer (West)	
OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION – Anthony Yacobucci	
PORTAGE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY – Vacant	
PORTAGE PARK DISTRICT - Christine Craycroft	
PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER (CYC) – Deb Stolfo	
RAILROAD INDUSTRY REP. - William A. Callison	
SUMMIT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY – Vacant	
SUMMIT METRO PARKS – Mark Szeremet (Hauber) (King)	M
TRUCKING INDUSTRY – Vacant	

OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mr. Brian Craven	Civil Science, Inc.
Mr. Terry Fercana	Environmental Design Group
Mr. Joe Gigliotti	Macedonia
Mr. Tom Likavec	LJB, Inc.
Mr. Don Sheehy	Macedonia
Mr. Tony Urankar	MSG
Ms. Krista Beniston	AMATS
Mr. Victor Botosan	AMATS
Ms. Heather Davis Reidl	AMATS
Mr. Jeff Gardner	AMATS
Mr. Kerry Prater	AMATS
Mr. Dave Pulay	AMATS

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Citizens Involvement Committee
Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

Recordings of AMATS committee meetings are available in the Podcast section of the agency web site at www.amatsplanning.org/category/podcasts/.

Attendees:

Dustin Baker

Joel Helms

Fred Wise

Staff:

Curtis Baker, Planning Administrator
Krista Beniston, Planning Coordinator
Jeff Gardner, Transportation Planner

Seth Bush, GIS Coordinator
Heather Davis Reidl, Mobility Planner
Eugene Paczelt, Transportation Engineer

I. Welcome

Curtis Baker welcomed the attendees to the AMATS Citizens Involvement Committee (CIC) meeting.

II. Discussion Items

A. Technical Progress Report

Mr. C. Baker said that, as AMATS Director Jason Segedy will be leaving his position to become the new planning director for the city of Akron, he will be serving as the interim agency director. AMATS will continue development of the upcoming long-range regional transportation plan.

B. Funding recommendations for highway, bike and pedestrian projects.

Mr. C. Baker presented Attachments 6A and 6B.

The attendees discussed the five bike and hike trail projects listed in Table 2 - 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program Project Summary of Attachment 6B.

There was discussion regarding funding levels for AMATS and the region under the new federal Fix America's Surface Transportation Act.

Joel Helms expressed concerns regarding the city of Green not including bicycle facilities as part of its four roundabout projects listed in Attachments 6A and 6B.

There was discussion regarding Mr. Helms' concerns. There was discussion regarding roundabouts throughout the Greater Akron area.

C. 2016 Bike Plan

Krista Beniston described the preliminary development of the *2016 Bike Plan*. **Ms. Beniston** referred to an outline concerning the *2012 Bike Plan* and an information sheet entitled *Four Types of Transportation Cyclists in Portland*.

Fred Wise suggested that development of the *2016 Bike Plan* should focus on Class 2 and Class 3 cyclists as listed in the information sheet. **Mr. Wise** suggested that the plan encourage the connection of on-road and off-road facilities with clearly marked lanes visible to cyclists and motorists. There was discussion regarding the differences between recreational and commuting cyclists and their respective facility needs.

Dustin Baker expressed support for clearly marked on-road facilities that safely separate cyclists and motorists. **Mr. D. Baker** suggested that an inventory be compiled of former canalway, trolley line and gas line rights-of-way (ROWs), which could be used for bicycle facilities as these ROWs sometimes crisscross roadways. **Ms. Beniston** said that AMATS compiled an inventory of former trolley lines. **Mr. C. Baker** noted that ownership issues frequently arise when alternative uses are considered for such ROWs.

D. 2016 Freight Plan

Jeff Gardner presented Attachment 5C.

Mr. Wise asked if AMATS would identify locations on which trucks travel on narrow roads. **Mr. C. Baker** said that the agency would consider traffic mix, existing truck routes and where trucks are allowed and not allowed to travel. **Mr. C. Baker** said that a Technical Advisory Committee member asked if AMATS intends to map locations that limit truck traffic. **Mr. C. Baker** said that the agency would discuss the topic in broad terms in the *2016 Freight Plan*.

IV. Open Discussion

None.

V. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the CIC will be **6:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, April 14** in **Meeting Room 1** of the **Akron-Summit County Public Library - Main Library** located at **60 South High Street** in **Akron**.

FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT
AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
February 29, 2016

Description	Annual Budget	Year-to-Date Expenses	% Budget Expended	February Expenses
I. Short Range Planning	\$409,831	\$210,907	51%	\$13,127
FY2015 Carryover	14,000	13,950		0
FY2016	395,831	196,957		13,127
II. Transportation Improvement Program	\$125,000	\$162,505	130%	\$18,694
FY2016	125,000	162,505		18,694
III. Continuing Planning & Data Collection	\$252,400	\$140,129	56%	\$23,867
Transportation System Update				
FY2015 Carryover	2,400	2,368		0
FY2016	150,000	111,242		16,807
Physical, Social, Economic & Environmental Characteristics Update				
FY2016	100,000	26,519		7,060
IV. Long Range Plan Activity	\$281,031	\$179,768	64%	\$20,874
FY2016	281,031	179,768		20,874
V. Service	\$300,000	\$119,042	40%	\$9,182
FY2016	300,000	119,042		9,182
VI. Planning Supplemental Funding	\$70,000	\$17,506	25%	\$5,332
FY2016	70,000	17,506		5,332
VII. OhioRideshare and AQ Advocacy	\$100,000	\$34,708	35%	\$12,644
FY2016 OhioRideshare	40,000	18,845		4,394
FY2016 Air Quality	60,000	15,864		8,250
VIII. Local	\$30,000	\$9,013	30%	\$0
AMATS local Costs	30,000	9,013		0
IX. AMATS Transportation Quarterly	\$40,000	\$24,199	60%	\$4,411
FY2016	40,000	24,199		4,411
X. GRAND TOTAL AMATS BUDGET	\$1,608,262	\$897,778	56%	\$108,132

AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Policy Committee
Technical Advisory Committee
Citizens Involvement Committee

FROM: AMATS Staff

RE: AMATS Federal Funds Report

DATE: March 10, 2016

Fiscal Year 2016

Fiscal year 2016 is shaping up to have the highest expenditures in the history of AMATS with about \$40 million in project costs. The previous highest was in FY 2013 with about \$27 million. For FY 2016, the majority of the projects, about \$30 million worth, are scheduled in the fourth quarter which is the April through June timeframe.

Last year, during the lockdown for these projects, sponsors and their consultants expressed their commitment to delivering their projects on schedule. If any of these projects fail to meet their commitment dates, they will be rescheduled out to a future fiscal year so as not to impact or jeopardize other projects that have met their schedule.

A project review meeting has been scheduled for March 18 as a final verification of the schedules of the FY 2016 projects and will also include a review of all other AMATS funded projects. Any changes to project schedules and their impact on the over-all funding program will be presented at the TAC and Policy Committee meetings.

Recently Approved Project Funding – Next Steps

In January, the Policy Committee approved 22 projects (out of 118 applications) totaling approximately \$26 million in new funding. Funding availability for these new projects is in FY 2021 and FY 2022.

Project sponsors should have already submitted programming packages to ODOT for initial programming into Ellis. The next step for these projects is to complete a scope meeting. Scope meetings will be scheduled by ODOT and include a visit to the project site with the sponsors and AMATS Staff. These scope meetings will be held over the course of this spring and summer.

AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Policy Committee
Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: AMATS Staff

RE: AMATS Funding Policy Workshop Summary

DATE: March 9, 2016

AMATS held its first Funding Policy Workshop on March 1, 2016 at the Richfield Village Hall. The purpose of the Funding Policy Workshop was to familiarize members of the Policy Committee with the Funding Policy Guidelines and discuss any issues or concerns members have regarding the current policy. Forty-two representatives from many municipalities in the AMATS region attended. Issues discussed during the workshop included fair share, the TAC TIP Subcommittee, scoring concerns, Connecting Communities Planning Grants, capacity adding projects and others. Descriptions regarding these discussion topics are below:

TAC TIP Subcommittee

Many concerns were raised regarding the composition of the TAC TIP Subcommittee. Chief among these concerns was the population threshold necessary for a community to have a representative on the TAC TIP Subcommittee. Several representatives of smaller communities expressed concerns that the current structure gave the communities with a representative on the TAC TIP Subcommittee an unfair advantage in securing project funding. These representatives said that smaller communities should have more representation during the funding process. Some suggested remedies included adding more members to represent the smaller communities on the subcommittee or creating a new subcommittee for more Policy Committee representation. It was also suggested that the Policy Committee use workshops to discuss issues before they come to a vote and that AMATS develop a workshop before the funding application process begins to educate communities on how to apply.

Scoring Concerns

Many attendees expressed concern about how the Funding Policy Guidelines penalized small communities because of a scoring focus on average daily traffic. Several representatives noted that ODOT would not program their projects without adequate funding already allocated making it difficult to complete Stage III plans to receive more points. There was discussion of providing additional points for small communities or creating a separate pot of funds for which small communities could compete. Attendees also discussed that currently there are no additional funding points for being prioritized on the AMATS long range transportation plan, Transportation Outlook 2035.

Capacity-Adding Projects

There was discussion that capacity-adding projects are severely penalized under the current Funding Policy Guidelines. Concerns were raised that some communities still are growing and require some expansion of the roadway system. Several community representatives suggested looking at congestion on a sliding scale where high levels of congestion would receive more points and lower levels of existing congestion would receive fewer points to avoid building unnecessary capacity projects.

Resurfacing Program

There was discussion regarding how appropriate a resurfacing program is when funding will not be programmed for five years. Some communities felt that a resurfacing program needs to have a two year cycle from award to construction to really be effective. There were concerns that communities with existing bad pavement conditions should not wait multiple years to resurface a road.

Connecting Communities Planning Grant

Comments were made that the projects recommended in Connecting Communities Planning Grants should receive more points because they have been vetted more than other project applications. It was also suggested that more, albeit smaller, grants be awarded so that more communities could benefit from the program.

Fair Share

Fair share tables showing all funds expended by AMATS to communities were distributed to the attendees. There was a discussion of how far back AMATS should go with its fair share table to determine project points. There was concern among the attendees that projects awarded more than 30 years ago are past their useful life and questions were raised if it made sense for the fair share tables to go back to 1972. Members suggested the staff provide a more detailed look at different tables that go back 10, 15 or 20 years. There was also discussion on communities with over 100% fair share should receive any additional points in the Funding Policy Guidelines.

Transportation Alternatives Program

There was discussion about the Safe Routes to Schools program and the difficulty funding those types of projects through both ODOT and AMATS.

Recommendation

At the Funding Policy Workshop, many members suggested that the Policy Committee create a Funding Policy Subcommittee to discuss these issues in more depth and edit the Funding Policy Guidelines as necessary. The Staff recommends the Policy Committee consider developing a subcommittee that would be made up of representatives of communities both large and small to consider revisions to the agency's funding practices.

AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Policy Committee
Technical Advisory Committee
Citizens Involvement Committee

FROM: AMATS Staff

RE: Resolution 2016-05 - Approving Amendment #5 to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2016-2019 to add two new projects and revise the funding and schedule to two projects.

DATE: March 10, 2016

The following requests have been made to amend the TIP FY 2016-2019:

SR 14 – is a NEW reconstruction project in Streetsboro. Engineering is scheduled in 2017 and 2018 using \$744,500 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Funds.

Freedom Trail – Add \$1,271,300 to local funding and move construction from FY 2018 to FY 2016.

Seiberling Way Demolition – Add \$753,600 additional AMATS STP funds to demolition. These funds are being transferred from Seiberling Way Phase 1 and are part of the Goodyear group of projects.

I 76/Central Interchange - is a NEW project to reconstruct and realign three of the ramps at the interchange of SR 8, I 76 and I 77 in Akron. Engineering is scheduled in FY 2017 and FY 2018 using \$2.7M in HSIP funds and \$3.6M in funds approved by the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC). Right-of-way is scheduled in FY 2019 using \$900,000 in HSIP funds.

STAFF COMMENTS

As with all TIP amendments, considerations with respect to public participation, financial capability, air quality, environmental justice and Plan consistency are important. Sufficient funding is forecasted from federal and state sources for this amendment. The new as well as the existing projects listed meet all amendment requirements mentioned above. Therefore this amendment does not cause any negative impact.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Attached to this memo is Resolution Number 2016-05. This Resolution approves the amendment to the TIP FY 2016-2019. The Staff recommends approval.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-05

**OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

Approving Amendment #5 to the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2016-2019 to add two new projects and revise the funding and schedule to two projects.

WHEREAS, the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials in Summit and Portage Counties and the Chippewa Township and Milton Township areas of Wayne County and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Committee to develop and maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and,

WHEREAS, this Committee has been requested to amend the AMATS FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for the following projects as discussed in the accompanying memorandum:

1. **POR-SR 14** (PID 102234) – add new reconstruction project in Streetsboro. Engineering is scheduled in FY 2017 and 2018 using \$744,500 in HSIP funds.
2. **SUM-Freedom Trail** (PID 97855)– revise local funding by adding \$1,271,300 and move construction from FY 2018 to FY 2016.
3. **SUM-Seiberling Way Demolition** (PID 95566) – revise AMATS STP funding by adding \$753,600 for a total of \$1,224,000.
4. **SUM-IR 76 Central Interchange** (PID 101402) – is a new project in Akron to realign and reconstruct three ramps at the interchange of SR 8, I 76 and I 77. Engineering is scheduled in 2017 and 2018 using \$2.7 M in HSIP funds and \$3.6M in funds approved by TRAC. Right-of-way is scheduled in 2019 using \$900,000 in HSIP funds.

WHEREAS, the necessary public involvement has been carried out as described in the AMATS Public Participation Plan and,

WHEREAS, the amendment has been judged to be air quality neutral and is, therefore, excluded from additional regional air quality conformity analysis and,

WHEREAS, the environmental justice impacts of this amendment has been considered consistent with “Executive Order 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations” and,

WHEREAS, this Committee has analyzed this request and found this amendment to be consistent with Transportation Outlook, the Regional Transportation Plan, and with the availability of federal funds forecasted for the AMATS area.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-05 - Continued

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Committee amends the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2016-2019 as previously specified.
2. That this Committee considers the necessary public involvement has been carried out as described in the AMATS Public Participation Plan.
3. That this Committee affirms that sufficient federal funding is expected to be available for the Akron Urbanized Area to maintain financial constraint.
4. That this Committee reaffirms the air quality conformity determination of Transportation Outlook, the Regional Transportation Plan.
5. That this Committee affirms conformity with environmental justice requirements.
6. That this Committee affirms consistency with Transportation Outlook, the Regional Transportation Plan.
7. That this Committee authorizes the Staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mayor Glenn Broska, 2016 Chairman
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

Date

AMENDMENT # 5 - 3/24/16
AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY 2016-2019
TABLE H-3
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Map #	PID #	CO-RTE-SECTION	LENGTH	LOCATION & TERMINI	TYPE OF WORK	FUND TYPE	PHASE	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL PROJECT COST (\$000)	PROJECT SPONSOR	AIR QUALITY STATUS
	102234	POR-SR 14-3.65 (New Project)	1.71	STREETSBORO SR 14 FROM PORTAGE POINT DR TO DIAGONAL RD	TWO WAY LEFT TURN LANE SIDEWALK	HSIP LOCAL HSIP LOCAL	P P P P		491.4 54.6		253.1 28.1	7,064.0	STREETS- BORO	EXEMPT
24	97855	SUM-FREEDOM TRAIL (Phase 3) (Revise Funding and Schedule)	2.00	AKRON MILL ST TO EASTWOOD AVE	MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL	TAP-A LOCAL	C C	500.0 1,471.3		500.0 200.0		1,971.3 4,046.0	SUMMIT COUNTY METRO PARKS	EXEMPT
28	95566	SUM-SEIBERLING WAY-Demolition (Revise Funding)	N/A	AKRON SEIBERLING WAY FROM ENGLEWOOD AVE TO EAGLE ST	DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURE	STP-A LOCAL	C C	1,224.0 470.4 117.6 306.0				1,530.0 670.4	AKRON	EXEMPT
	101402	SUM-IR 76-Central Interchange (New Project)	0.10	AKRON CENTRAL INTERCHANGE	RECONSTRUCT AND REALIGN THE WESTBOUND TO SOUTHBOUND RAMP, THE EASTBOUND TO NORTHBOUND RAMP AND THE WESTBOUND TO NORTHBOUND RAMP	HSIP STATE TRAC STATE HSIP STATE	P P P P R R		1,800.0 200.0 3,600.0 400.0	900.0 100.0		55,250.0	ODOT	EXEMPT

Resolution 2016-05