

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Policy Committee
Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes of Meeting

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I. Call to Order

- A. Chairman Jenkins** called the meeting to order. The attending members constituted a quorum.
- B. Chairman Jenkins** introduced himself as the Portage County engineer and the 2024 AMATS Policy Committee chair. **Chairman Jenkins** invited new Policy Committee members to introduce themselves. **Mayors Sciliano-Kilway, Yeargin,** and **Mavrides** introduced themselves.

C. Audience Participation

Matt Stewart presented comments from **Dave Mangold** regarding Greater Akron area rail corridors. Mr. Mangold made his comments during the Jan. 18 virtual meeting of the AMATS Citizens Involvement Committee.

In his comments, Mr. Mangold cautioned the region and its municipalities to not permanently give away or formally abandon any rail corridors that are not currently formally abandoned.

Mr. Mangold specified the Erie Lackawanna line (Freedom Trail) and the Akron Secondary line (Veterans Trail) as rail corridors that should not be abandoned.

Mr. Mangold stated that removing the possibility of rail service would be detrimental to the region's future economic competitiveness. Mr. Mangold expressed his support for the future of rail freight and possibly electrified commuter rail corridors.

Mr. Mangold noted that he is not opposed to recreational trails within rail corridors, but that he does advocate for rails *with* trails. Mr. Mangold noted that there are several examples of this across the nation.

II. Minutes – Motion Required

A. Approval of Minutes

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 meeting.

Motion

William B. Judge made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by **Carol Siciliano-Kilway**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

III. Staff Reports

A. Financial Progress Report

Curtis Baker presented Attachment 3A.

Motion

Paul Adamson made a motion to approve the Financial Progress Report and it was seconded by **William B. Judge**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

B. Technical Progress Report

Mr. Stewart said that grant applications to the AMATS Connecting Communities Program are due Feb. 9.

Mr. Stewart introduced Mr. Matt Mullen, a new Transportation Planner with the AMATS Technical Staff.

C. AMATS Federal Funds Report

Amy Prater presented Attachment 3C.

Ms. Prater presented tables concerning STBG, CRP, CMAQ, and TASA Funding Program and Balances dated January 8, 2024.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

A. *Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022).*

Mr. Stewart presented Attachment 5A.

Motion

Carol Siciliano-Kilway made a motion to approve the *Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022) Technical Memorandum* and it was seconded by **Justin Czekaj**. The motion was approved.

B. *Active Transportation Plan Update.*

Heather Davis Reidl presented Attachment 5B.

C. Draft FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget.

Ms. Davis Reidl presented Attachment 5C.

Motion

Claudia Amrhein made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget and it was seconded by Amy Mohr. The motion was approved.

VI. Resolutions

A. Resolution 2024-01 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Carbon Reduction program (CRP).

Resolution 2024-02 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Resurfacing program.

Resolution 2024-03 – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) program.

Resolution 2024-04 – Approving Transportation Alternative Set Aside Supplemental Project List for Possible Future Funding.

Ms. Prater presented Attachment 6A.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 and it was seconded by William B. Judge. The motion was approved.

Motion

Jim Bowling made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 and it was seconded by Carol Siciliano-Kilway. The motion was approved.

Motion

Bob Finney made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 and it was seconded by Rocco Yeargin. The motion was approved.

Motion

Diane Miller-Dawson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 and it was seconded by William B. Judge. The motion was approved.

B. Resolution 2024-05 – Approving the 2024 Update of the AMATS Area Federal Functional Classification of Highways.

Seth Bush presented Attachment 6B.

Chairman Jenkins said that the Portage County Engineer’s office appreciated AMATS updating the AMATS Area Federal Functional Classification of Highways. **Chairman Jenkins** said that the update was timely.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 and it was seconded by Paul Adamson. The motion was approved.

C. Resolution 2024-06 – Approving the AMATS Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan.

Jeff Gardner presented Attachment 6C.

Motion

Paul Adamson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 and it was seconded by Carol Siciliano-Kilway. The motion was approved.

VII. Other Business

None.

VIII. Adjournment

A. Motion

Paul Adamson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Claudia Amrhein. The motion was approved.

The next regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024.**

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE
2024 ATTENDANCE**

M Denotes Member Present	Jan	Mar	May	Aug	Sept	Dec
A Denotes Alternate Present	25	28	16	8	26	12
AKRON – Mayor Shammias Malik (DiFiore) (Vollman)	A					
AURORA - Mayor Ann Womer Benjamin (Stark) (Januska)						
BARBERTON - Mayor William B. Judge (Teodecki) (Wearstler)	M					
BOSTON HEIGHTS – Mayor Ron Antal (Maccarone)						
CLINTON - Mayor William C. McDaniel						
CUYAHOGA FALLS - Mayor Don Walters (Zumbo)	A					
DOYLESTOWN - Mayor Terry Lindeman (Kerr)						
FAIRLAWN - Mayor Russell Sharnsky (Staten) (Visca)						
GARRETSVILLE - Mayor Rick Patrick (Klamer)						
GREEN - Mayor Rocco Yeargin (Wax Carr)	M					
HIRAM - Mayor Ann Haynam (McGee)						
HUDSON – Thomas Sheridan (Comeriato)	M					
KENT – City Mgr. David Ruller (Baker) (Bowling)	A					
LAKEMORE – Mayor Richard Cole (Fast)	A					
MACEDONIA - Mayor Nick Molnar (Gigliotti) (Sheehy)						
MANTUA - Mayor Tammy Meyer (Klemm)						
METRO – Dawn Distler	M					
MOGADORE - Mayor Michael Rick						
MUNROE FALLS - Mayor Allen Mavrides (Bowery)	M					
NEW FRANKLIN - Mayor Paul Adamson (Ganoe) (Kepler)	M					
NORTHFIELD – Mayor Jenn Domzalski (Hipps)						
NORTON – Administrative Officer Dennis Loughry (Binsley)	A					
ODOT – Gery Noirrot (Phillis) (Root)	M					
PARTA – Claudia Amrhein (Baba) (Forbes) (Proseus) (Schrader)	M					
PENINSULA - Mayor Daniel R. Schneider, Jr.						
PORTAGE COUNTY COMM. - Anthony J. Badalamenti (Mann)						
PORTAGE COUNTY COMM. – Mike Tinlin (Long)						
PORTAGE COUNTY COMM. - Sabrina Christian-Bennett (Hlad)						
PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER – Larry Jenkins (Steigerwald)	M					
RAVENNA - Mayor Frank Seman (Finney) (DiSalvo)	A					
REMINDEVILLE - Mayor Sam Alonso (Krock)						
RICHFIELD - Mayor Michael Wheeler (Frantz) (Waldemarson)	A					
RITTMAN – City Mgr. Bobbie Beshara (Robertson) (Neumeyer)						
SILVER LAKE – Mayor Therese Dunphy (Housley)						
STOW - Mayor John Pribonic (McCleary)	A					
STREETSBORO - Mayor Glenn M. Broska (Cieszkowski) (Czekaj)	A					
SUGAR BUSH KNOLLS - Mayor Jeffrey A. Coffee						
SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER -Al Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber) (Paradise)	A					
SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE - Ilene Shapiro (Tubbs)						
SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. & ECON. DEV. – Diane Miller-Dawson	M					
SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. & ECON. DEV. – David Lukas						
TALLMADGE - Mayor Carol Siciliano-Kilway (Kidder)	M					
TWINSBURG - Mayor Sam Scaffide (Mohr)	A					
WAYNE COUNTY COMM. BOARD - Dominic Oliverio (Broome)						
WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER – Scott A. Miller (Jones)						
WINDHAM – Mayor Lawrence Cunningham, Jr.						

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE
2024 ATTENDANCE**

OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mr. Curtis Baker	AMATS
Mr. Seth Bush	AMATS
Ms. Heather Davis Reidl	AMATS
Mr. Jeff Gardner	AMATS
Mr. Matt Mullen	AMATS
Ms. Amy Prater	AMATS
Mr. Kerry Prater	AMATS
Mr. Matt Stewart	AMATS
Mr. Rick Bohan	Signal Akron
Mr. Lawrence Hall	Federal Highway Administration
Ms. Tatia M. Harris	METRO
Mr. Chuck Hauber	Summit County Engineer's office
Ms. Megan Pitman	Village of Lakemore
Mr. Ken Simpson	CTL Engineering
Mr. Sam Wallace	Federal Highway Administration
Ms. Gert Wilms	METRO