

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 18, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes of Meeting

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I. Call to Order

- A. Chairman Finney** called the meeting to order. The attending members constituted a quorum.

II. Minutes – Motion Required

A. Approval of Minutes

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting.

Motion

Jim McCleary made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by *Wayne Wiethe*. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

III. Staff Reports

A. Financial Progress Report

Curtis Baker presented Attachment 3A.

Motion

Wayne Wiethe 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

Matt 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.

Joe Hadley asked if there was a reason as to why 2018 was the low point for fatalities. Mr. Stewart noted that fatalities were trending down until the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mr. Stewart said that an explanation regarding the downward trend was not readily available. Mr. Hadley asked if law enforcement data was available that could provide some insight regarding the peaks and valleys in totals. Mr. Stewart said that such data may not be available on a large scale.

Joe Paradise asked if inquiries could be made of ODOT as to whether the department is working on any projects within the identified high-crash sections and intersections. Mr. Stewart said that he was unaware of any ODOT projects. Ms. Prater noted that ODOT has a “hot-spot” analysis and maintains top lists of troublesome locations. Mr. Baker said that AMATS could contact ODOT and determine if any projects are planned in locations identified in the *Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022)* report.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve the *Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022) Technical Memorandum* and it was seconded by **Bobbie Beshara**. 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

Wayne Wiethe 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

Tony Demasi made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 and it was seconded by Wayne Wieth. The motion was approved.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 and it was seconded by Amy Mohr. The motion was approved.

Motion

Joe Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 and it was seconded by Wayne Wieth. The motion was approved.

Motion

Jim Bowling made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 and it was seconded by Bradley Kosco. 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.

Mr. Hadley asked whether a roadway must be in an urban cluster to be eligible for federal functional classification. Mr. Bush said no and noted that there are rural and urban classifications.

Motion

Bobbie Beshara made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 and it was seconded by Joe Paradise. 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

Jim Bowling made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 and it was seconded by Tony Demasi. The motion was approved.

VII. Other Business

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be at **1:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, March 21, 2024.**

Chairman Finney reminded the members of the TAC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee to remain for the subcommittee meeting immediately following the TAC meeting.

Motion

Wayne Wiethe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by **Jim McCleary**. The motion was approved.

**AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2024 ATTENDANCE**

M Denotes Member Present	Jan	Mar	May	Aug	Sept	Dec
A Denotes Alternate Present	18	21	9	1	19	5
AKRON ENGINEERING BUREAU - Christine Jonke (Solomon)	A					
AKRON PLANNING DEPT. – Helen Tomic (Garritano)	A					
AKRON TRAFFIC ENGINEERING - Michael Lupica (Meyer)	M					
AURORA - Harry Stark (Cooper)	A					
BARBERTON – Mike Teodecki (Shreve)	M					
BARBERTON – Pete Wearstler						
CUYAHOGA FALLS – Rob Kurtz (Paul)	A					
CUYAHOGA FALLS - Tony V. Demasi (Kaser)	M					
DOYLESTOWN - Eng. Assoc. - Ronny Portz						
FAIRLAWN – Geary Visca (Staten)	A					
GREEN - Wayne Wiethe (Haring)	M					
GREEN - Paul Pickett (Ciocca)	M					
HUDSON – Nick Sugar (Hannan)	M					
HUDSON – Brad Kosco (Rapp)	M					
KENT - Jim Bowling	M					
KENT - Jon Giaquinto (Baker)						
LAKEMORE – Mayor Richard Cole, Jr. (Fast)	A					
MACEDONIA - Joseph Gigliotti (Sheehy)						
METRO –	A					
MOGADORE – Vacant						
MUNROE FALLS – Vacant						
NEFCO – Joseph Hadley, Jr. (Lautzenheiser)	M					
NEW FRANKLIN – Bryan Kepler (Ganoe)	M					
NORTHFIELD – Daniel J. Collins						
NORTON – Brian Binsley (Hess)	M					
ODOT – Chad Root (Bruner) (Phillis)	A					
PARTA – Claudia Amrhein (Baba) (Forbes) (Proseus) (Schrader)	A					
PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER – Mike Collins (Vermes)	M					
PORTAGE CO. REG. PLANNING COMM. – Gail Gifford (Peetz)	M					
PORTAGE COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES – Tom Hardesty						
PORTAGE COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC – John Kovacich (Derthick)						
RAVENNA - Robert Finney (DiSalvo)	M					
RICHFIELD – Scott Waldemarson (Frantz) (Neumeyer)	M					
RITTMAN – Bobbie Beshara (Neumeyer) (Robertson)	M					
SILVER LAKE – John Tutak						
STOW – Jim McCleary (Simpkins)	M					
STOW – Mike Jones (Cowan)	M					
STREETSBORO – John H. Cieszkowski, Jr. (Broska) (Czekaj)	M					
SUMMIT CO. COMM. & ECON. DEV. – Diane Miller-Dawson (Tubbs)						
SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER - Alan Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber) (Paradise)	A					
SUMMIT COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES – Brian Gorog	M					
SUMMIT COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC. - Richard Reville (Funk)						
TALLMADGE - Andrea Kidder (Rorar)	M					
TWINSBURG - Amy Mohr (Jeffers)	M					
WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER – Scott A. Miller (Jones)						
WINDHAM – Deborah Blewitt (Brown)						

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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

AKRON CANTON AIRPORT - Renato Camacho

AKRON REG. AIR QUALITY MGT. DIST. – Sam Rubens (Brown) (Vadas)

AMATS - Curtis Baker M

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK – Vacant

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY REP. - Kurt Princic

GREATER AKRON CHAMBER - Gregg Cramer (Carpenter)

GREATER AKRON CHAMBER – Dennis West

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION – Anthony Yacobucci

PORTAGE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY – Vacant

PORTAGE PARK DISTRICT - Christine Craycroft

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER (CYC) - Mark Posten (Stolfo) M

RAILROAD INDUSTRY REP. - William A. Callison (Davis)

SUMMIT METRO PARKS – Mark Szeremet (King) (Saunier) M

TRUCKING INDUSTRY – Vacant

OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mr. Ryan Gillespie	Michael Baker International
Mr. Larry D. Jenkins, Jr.	Portage County Engineer’s office
Ms. Megan Pitman	Lakemore
Mr. David Pulay	EDG
Mr. Drew Reilly	City of Stow
Mr. Kevin Westbrooks	GPD Group
Ms. Gert Wilms	METRO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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