



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

Thursday, December 16, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Agenda

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

2. **Minutes**
 - A. September 23, 2021 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. Draft Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Resurfacing and Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) Program Project Application Scoring Review. – **Motion Requested** Attachment 5A

6. **Resolutions**
 - A. **Resolution 2021-16** – Approving Projects to be Funded under the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. – **Motion Required** Attachment 6A

 - B. **Resolution 2021-17** – Approving Amendment 14 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to revise 14 projects. – **Motion Required** Attachment 6B

7. **Other Business**
 - A. 2022 Officer Nominations – **Motion Requested** Oral

 - B. Award to Chair.

8. **Adjournment**

**Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, January 27, 2022 - 1:30 PM
Ballroom A - Hilton Garden Inn
1307 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio**

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

Thursday, December 9, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Agenda

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7. **Other Business**
 - A. 2022 Officer Nominations – **Motion Requested** Oral

 - B. Award to Chair.

 - C. **REMINDER - ITS Survey Meeting Immediately following TAC meeting.**

8. **Adjournment**

**Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, January 20, 2022 - 1:30 PM
Ballroom A - Hilton Garden Inn
1307 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio**



**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Citizens Involvement Committee
Meeting Room 3
Akron-Summit County Public Library – Akron Main Public Library
60 South High Street, Akron, Ohio**

Thursday, December 9, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. **Welcome**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Item**
 - A. Discussion of Draft Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Resurfacing and Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) Program Project Application Scoring Review.
 - B. Discussion of Projects to be funded under the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program.
4. **Open Discussion**
5. **Adjournment 7:45 P.M.**

Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, January 20, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Policy Committee
Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes of Meeting

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I. Call to Order

A. Vice-Chairman Neugebauer called the meeting to order. 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 August 12, 2021 meeting.

Motion

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

III. Staff Reports

A. Financial Progress Report

Curtis Baker presented Attachment 3A.

Motion

Jim Bowling made a motion to approve the Financial Progress Report and it was seconded by ***Larry Jenkins***. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

B. Technical Progress Report

Mr. Baker summarized developments related to the proposed bipartisan infrastructure bill being considered by Congress.

Mr. Baker said that the AMATS Staff has initiated the planning process to update *Transportation Outlook*, the Greater Akron area's long-range plan, to the

year 2050. The Staff began the update of the agency's *Public Participation Plan* known as *3P* and started data collection for the next long-range plan.

C. AMATS Federal Funds Report

David Pulay presented Attachment 3C.

Mr. Pulay presented tables concerning STBG, CMAQ, TASA and CRRSAA Funding Program and Balances dated August 2, 2021.

IV. Old Business

A. *AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines.*

Mr. Pulay presented Attachment 4A.

Joe Paradise stated that the Summit County Engineer's office remained opposed to the proposed changes to the *AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines* with regards to reducing the limit of projects funded per sponsor from three to two for each funding category. **Mr. Paradise** indicated that he preferred to see a reduction of points awarded to priority projects rather than limiting the number of projects that may receive funding. **Mr. Paradise** asked that the Policy Committee consider modifying the proposed two-project limit with a different scoring system, which would permit third projects to be evaluated and possibly awarded.

Mr. Baker said that Mr. Paradise' suggestion is feasible, but added that the committee would have to determine how to address fourth or fifth-level priority projects. **Mr. Baker** noted that another possibility would be for AMATS to implement a funding cap limiting the total amount of funding available. **Mr. Baker** said that the Policy Committee would have to decide whether to approve such changes or to accept the current proposed changes that are pending before the committee.

Bryan Herschel asked if it was permissible for townships to submit applications for county-supported projects rather than the Summit County Engineer's office in order to avert the funding-limitation scenarios that Mr. Paradise was describing. **Mr. Baker** said that applications by townships may be permissible for TASA projects.

Mr. Baker said that he would like to put the question before the TAC TIP Subcommittee for consideration as to what should qualify as a county or township resurfacing project on the functionally classified system. **Mr. Baker** said that eliminating the two-project limit for TASA projects was acceptable to him, but that he had concerns with regards to roadway projects. **Mr. Paradise** said that there are no township-sponsored roadway projects.

Vice-Chairman Neugebauer asked, as a point of clarification, that Mr. Baker stated that the AMATS Staff could support eliminating the two-project limit for

TASA applicants. **Mr. Baker** said yes. **Vice-Chairman Neugebauer** asked if the TASA projects were the type of projects that concerned Mr. Paradise. **Mr. Paradise** said that TASA projects were his primary concern, but added that he still held concerns regarding the other funding categories. **Mr. Paradise** said that he would like AMATS to fund highway projects based on need using such criteria as traffic, pavement conditions and number of accidents rather than based on an equitable funding distribution among applicants.

Vice-Chairman Neugebauer suggested that AMATS could exempt TASA projects from the project limitations as presented in the proposed funding policy changes. **Vice-Chairman Neugebauer** said that it was explained to him that AMATS has historically limited the awarding of funding to three projects. **Vice-Chairman Neugebauer** said that the decision to implement the two-project limit was the result of various discussions and meetings between AMATS members. **Vice-Chairman Neugebauer** said that the limit has been in effect for some time prior to the proposed policy changes. **Mr. Paradise** said that the two-project limit was presented during the latest proposed changes.

Vice-Chairman Neugebauer asked if the project limits for TASA projects could be removed from the proposed AMATS *Funding Policy Guidelines*. **Mr. Baker** said that a motion would be required that AMATS re-write the policy guidelines to incorporate such a change.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve the AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines with the change that TASA projects be removed by AMATS from the two-limit requirement of selection and it was seconded by Jim Bowling. The motion was approved with Robert Finney voting “No.”

V. New Business

None.

VI. Resolutions

- A. Resolution 2021-13 – Approving Amendment #12 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to combine several groups of projects that are in the same area and adjacent to each other for economies of scale and easier management. This amendment will also revise the construction of an existing resurfacing project, add a new resurfacing project to FY 2022 and cancel a resurfacing project programmed in FY 2022.**

Mr. Pulay presented Attachment 6A.

Motion

Larry Jenkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13 and it was seconded by Amy Mohr. The motion was approved.

B. Resolution 2021-14 – To Add ODOT and Ohio EPA Funds in FY 2022 for METRO RTA (FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #13).

Jeff Gardner presented Attachment 6B.

Motion

Bryan Herschel made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 and it was seconded by Claudia Amrhein. The motion was approved.

C. Resolution 2021-15 – Approving the FY 2021 Year End Completion Report.

Heather Davis-Reidl presented Attachment 6C.

Motion

Clarissa Allega made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-15 and it was seconded by Jim Bowling. The motion was approved.

VII. Other Business

A. Formation of 2022 Nominating Committee.

Mr. Baker asked for two volunteers to serve with Chairwoman Clark on the 2022 Nominating Committee, which will present nominees to serve as chair and vice chair of the Policy Committee during 2022. Amy Mohr and Robert Finney agreed to serve with Chairwoman Clark.

B. 2022 AMATS Meeting Calendar.

Mr. Baker presented Attachment 7B.

Motion

Bobbie Beshara made a motion to approve the 2022 AMATS Meeting Calendar and it was seconded by Lou Bertrand. The motion was approved.

VIII. Adjournment

A. Motion

Bryan Herschel made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Lou Bertrand. The motion was approved.

The next regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021.**

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE
2021 ATTENDANCE**

	Jan 28	Mar 25	Apr 22	May 20	Jun 24	Aug 12	Sept 23	Dec 16
M Denotes Member Present								
A Denotes Alternate Present								
AKRON - Mayor Dan Horrigan (DiFiore) (Vollman)	A	A		A		A	A	
AURORA - Mayor Ann Womer Benjamin (Stark) (Januska)	A	A						
BARBERTON - Mayor William B. Judge (Hunt) (Tracy)			A	A	A	M		
BOSTON HEIGHTS - Mayor Bill Goney (Polyak)				M				
CLINTON - Mayor Clarissa Allega					A	M	M	
CUYAHOGA FALLS - Mayor Don Walters (Zumbo)	A	A	A	A	A		A	
DOYLESTOWN - Mayor Terry Lindeman (Kerr)		A						
FAIRLAWN - Mayor William Roth (Spagnuolo) (Staten)	A			A				
GARRETTSVILLE - Mayor Rick Patrick (Klamer)								
GREEN - Mayor Gerard Neugebauer (Wax Carr)	M	M	A	M	A	M	M	
HIRAM - Mayor Lou Bertrand (J. McGee)			M			M	M	
HUDSON - City Mgr. Jane Howington (Comeriato) (Hannan) (Sheridan)	A	A	A	A	A	A		
KENT – City Mgr. David Ruller (Baker) (Bowling)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
LAKEMORE – Mayor Richard Cole (Fast)		A		A			A	
MACEDONIA - Mayor Nick Molnar (Gigliotti) (Sheehy)								
MANTUA - Mayor Linda Clark (Iafelice) (Trew)	M	M	M	M	M	M		
METRO – Dawn Distler (Shea)	M	M		M	M	M	A	
MOGADORE - Mayor Michael Rick			A					
MUNROE FALLS - Mayor James W. Armstrong (Bowery)								
NEW FRANKLIN - Mayor Paul Adamson (Kepler) (Kochheiser)	M	M	M	M	A	M	M	
NORTHFIELD – Mayor Jesse Nehez (Magistrelli)								
NORTON – Administrative Officer Robert Fowler (Slaga)	M	M	M			M	M	
ODOT – Gery Noirot (Phillis) (Root)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
PARTA – Claudia Amrhein (Baba) (Popik) (Schrader)	M	M	A	A	A	M	M	
PENINSULA - Mayor Daniel R. Schneider, Jr.								
PORTAGE COUNTY COMM. - Anthony J. Badalamenti (Mann)								
PORTAGE COUNTY COMM. – Vicki Kline (Long)								
PORTAGE COUNTY COMM. - Sabrina Christian-Bennett (Hlad)	A	A	M				A	
PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER - Michael Marozzi (Jenkins)	A	M	M	M	M		A	
RAVENNA - Mayor Frank Seman (Finney)	A		A	A	A	A	A	
REMINDEVILLE - Mayor Sam Alonso (Krock)								
RICHFIELD - Mayor Michael Wheeler (Darwish) (Papp)			M					
RITTMAN – City Mgr. Bobbie Beshara (Robertson)	A	M	M	M	M	M	M	
SILVER LAKE - Mayor Bernie Hovey (Housley)								
STOW - Mayor John Pribonic (McCleary)	A		A	A		A		
STREETSBORO - Mayor Glenn M. Broska (Cieszkowski) (Czekaj)	A	A	M	M				
SUGAR BUSH KNOLLS - Mayor John Guidubaldi								
SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER-Al Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber) (Paradise)	A	A	A	A		A	A	
SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE - Ilene Shapiro (Miller-Dawson)			A					
SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. & ECON. DEV. – Bryan Herschel				M		M	M	
SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. & ECON. DEV. – Stephen Knittel								
TALLMADGE - Mayor David G. Kline (Kidder)	M	M	A	M		M	A	
TWINSBURG - Mayor Ted Yates (Mohr) (Finch)		A	A	A	A	A	A	
WAYNE COUNTY COMM. BOARD - Dominic Oliverio (Broome)								
WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER – Scott A. Miller (Jones)	M	M	M	A			M	
WINDHAM - Mayor Deborah Blewitt								

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE
2021 ATTENDANCE**

OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mr. Farhad Ahmadzai	AMATS
Mr. Curtis Baker	AMATS
Ms. Heather Davis Reidl	AMATS
Mr. Jeff Gardner	AMATS
Mr. Darryl Kleinhenz	AMATS
Mr. Kerry Prater	AMATS
Mr. David Pulay	AMATS
Mr. Chuck Hauber	Summit County Engineer's Office
Mr. Matt Mullen	METRO

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Technical Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 16, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes of Meeting

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I. Call to Order

- A. **Chairman John H. Cieszkowski, Jr.** 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 August 10, 2021 meeting.

Motion

Jim McCleary made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by John Kovacich. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

III. Staff Reports

A. **Financial Progress Report**

Curtis Baker presented Attachment 3A.

Motion

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

B. **Technical Progress Report**

Mr. Baker summarized developments related to the proposed five-year, \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill being considered by Congress. **Mr. Baker** noted that the legislation has been approved by the U.S. Senate and is pending in the U.S. House of Representatives.

C. **AMATS Federal Funds Report**

David Pulay presented Attachment 3C.

Mr. Pulay presented tables concerning STBG, CMAQ, TASA and CRRSAA Funding Program and Balances dated August 2, 2021.

Bradley Kosco asked whether actual funding application forms would be available from AMATS. **Mr. Pulay** said that forms should be available on the AMATS web site – amatsplanning.org – following Policy Committee approval of the Draft *AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines*.

IV. Old Business

A. *AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines.*

Mr. Pulay presented Attachment 4A.

Joseph Hadley, Jr. asked if there were certain requirements that an applicant must meet to secure AMATS funding when a project will require a bridge or road closure. **Mr. Pulay** said that AMATS does not have specific requirements for such projects other than showing that such a structure has failed or is unsafe. **Mr. Pulay** noted that AMATS would not likely provide funding if a structure or road is closed permanently.

Mr. Hadley cited a road closure by a township's trustees or a county engineer's office due to an overnight landslide as an example of such a project in need of emergency funding. **Mr. Baker** said that, in such a case, AMATS would require documentation of continued erosion and that such documentation is incumbent upon project sponsors. **Mr. Baker** noted that AMATS does not engage in emergency-type funding as the agency's project funding is scheduled five years in advance. **Mr. Baker** noted that similar documentation would be required for bridge projects.

Motion

Jim Bowling made a motion to approve the AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines and it was seconded by Joseph Hadley, Jr. The motion was approved.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Resolutions

- A. **Resolution 2021-13 – Approving Amendment #12 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to combine several groups of projects that are in the same area and adjacent to each other for economies of scale and easier management. This amendment will also revise the construction of an existing resurfacing project, add a new resurfacing project to FY 2022 and cancel a resurfacing project programmed in FY 2022.**

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Jeff Gardner presented Attachment 6B.

Motion

Tony Demasi made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 and it was seconded by Amy Mohr. The motion was approved.

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Heather Davis-Reidl presented Attachment 6C.

Motion

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VII. Other Business

A. Formation of 2022 Nominating Committee.

Mr. Baker asked for two volunteers to serve with Chairman Cieszkowski on the 2022 Nominating Committee, which will present nominees to serve as chair and vice chair of the TAC during 2022. Robert Finney and Jim McCleary agreed to serve with Chairman Cieszkowski.

B. 2022 AMATS Meeting Calendar.

Mr. Baker presented Attachment 7B.

Mr. Demasi asked if the 2021 AMATS Annual Meeting has been cancelled. Mr. Baker said yes.

Motion

John Kovacich made a motion to approve the 2022 AMATS Meeting Calendar and it was seconded by Robert Finney. The motion was approved.

VIII. Adjournment

A. Motion

Tony Demasi made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jim Bowling. The motion was approved.

The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be at **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021.**

**AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2021 ATTENDANCE**

	Jan 21	Mar 18	Apr 21	May 13	Jun 17	Aug 10	Sept 16	Dec 9
M Denotes Member Present								
A Denotes Alternate Present								
AKRON ENGINEERING BUREAU- Michael J. Teodecki (Jonke)	M	M	M	M				
AKRON PLANNING DEPT. – Helen Tomic (Garritano)								
AKRON TRAFFIC ENGINEERING - Michael Lupica	M	M	M	M		M		
AURORA - Harry Stark (Cooper)	M	M	A	A				
BARBERTON – Trevor Hunt (Halter)	M	M	M		M		M	
BARBERTON – Greg Tracy								
CUYAHOGA FALLS – Adam Paul								
CUYAHOGA FALLS - Tony V. Demasi (Marko)	M	M		M	M	M	M	
DOYLESTOWN - Eng. Assoc. - Ronny Portz								
FAIRLAWN - Nicholas Spagnuolo (Staten)	A							
GREEN - Wayne Wiethe (Haring)	M	M	M	M				A
GREEN - Paul Pickett (Schemansky)			M					
HUDSON – Nick Sugar (Hannan)	M	M	M	M				
HUDSON – Brad Kosco (Wonsick)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
KENT - Jim Bowling	M	M	M		M	M	M	
KENT - Jon Giaquinto (Baker)								
LAKEMORE – Mayor Richard Cole, Jr. (Fast)				A	A			
MACEDONIA - Joseph Gigliotti (Sheehy)	M		M	M	M	M	M	
METRO – Valerie Shea (Baarson) (Mullen)	M	M	M	M	M	M	A	
MOGADORE – Vacant								
MUNROE FALLS – Vacant								
NEFCO – Joseph Hadley, Jr. (Lautzenheiser)	A	A	A	A	A	M	M	
NEW FRANKLIN – Bryan Kepler (Ganoe)	M	M		M		M	M	
NORTHFIELD - Richard S. Wasosky								
NORTON – Josh Slaga (Hess)				A	A			
ODOT – Chad Root (Bruner) (Phillis)	M	M	M	A	A	M	M	
PARTA – Claudia Amrhein (Baba) (Popik) (Schrader)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER – Larry Jenkins (Kusner)	M	M	M	M	A	A	M	
PORTAGE CO. REG. PLANNING COMM. - Todd Peetz (McGee)								
PORTAGE COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES – Tom Hardesty								
PORTAGE COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC – John Kovacich (Greener)	M	M				M	M	
RAVENNA - Robert Finney (Jeffers)	M	M	M	M	M		M	
RICHFIELD - Chris Papp (Frantz) (Neumeyer)	M		M	M		M		
RITTMAN – Bobbie Beshara (Robertson)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
SILVER LAKE – John Tutak								
STOW – Jim McCleary	M	M	M	M		M	M	
STOW – Nate Leppo (Jones)								
STREETSBORO – John H. Cieszkowski, Jr. (Broska) (Czekaj)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
SUMMIT CO. COMM. & ECON. DEV. – Dennis Tubbs	A		A	A				
SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER - Alan Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber) (Paradise)	A	A	A	A		A	A	
SUMMIT COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES – Brian Gorog	M	M	M	M				
SUMMIT COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC. - Richard Reville (Funk)	A							
TALLMADGE - Andrea Kidder (Kline)		M	M	M		M		
TWINSBURG - Amy Mohr (Muter)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER – Scott A. Miller (Jones)								
WINDHAM – Deborah Blewitt (Brown)								

**AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2021 ATTENDANCE**

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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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

OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mr. George Maki	E.L. Robinson Eng.
Mr. Matt Mullen	METRO
Mr. Steve Rebillot	CTL Engineering
Mr. Andrew Timco	AECOM

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Farhad Ahmadzai	AMATS
Ms. Heather Davis Reidl	AMATS
Mr. Jeff Gardner	AMATS
Mr. Darryl Kleinhenz	AMATS
Mr. Kerry Prater	AMATS
Mr. David Pulay	AMATS

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Citizens Involvement Committee
Thursday, September 16, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

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Attendees:

Betty Sepe
Bill Sepe
Andrew Timco

Staff:

Curtis Baker, Director
Heather Davis Reidl, Mobility Planner

Jeff Gardner, Transportation Planner
Darryl Kleinhenz, Planner

I. Welcome

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

II. Discussion Items

- A. Mr. Baker** presented Attachment 4A - *AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines*.
- B.** The attendees briefly discussed the METRO Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study.
- C. Bill Sepe**, the co-director of TASCforce LLC, the Trail Advocates of Summit County, presented a written statement addressing the positions of the Summit County Executive's office regarding repurposing portions of the Akron Secondary Line as a multi-purpose trail (See ATTACHMENT).

The attendees discussed developments in the Greater Akron area concerning Phases 1 and 2 of the proposed Veterans Trail.

Mr. Baker said that Mr. Sepe's written statement would be included in the meeting materials for the December AMATS committee meetings.

III. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the CIC is scheduled for **6:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, December 9, 2021.**

Comments at AMATS CIC Meeting – 09/16/21

Good evening, everyone. My name is Bill Sepe and I live at 2021 Stonebridge Crossing in Stow, Ohio. I am co-director of TASCforce LLC, the Trail Advocates of Summit County. As you know, we are currently advocating for the Veterans Trail.

On Tuesday August 31st, TASCforce Co-Director Ron Brubaker attended a Metro RTA Board Meeting and, in the public comments portion of that meeting, encouraged Metro to move forward with an application to the Federal Transit Administration (or the STB Surface Transportation Board), to repurpose the entire Akron Secondary Line as a multi-purpose trail. He also reported that TASCforce had two meetings with the Summit County Executive's Chief of Staff who told us that they had completed their "due diligence" investigation and found no viable justification for supporting the reactivation of rail service.

But at that same meeting Deb Matz, Law Director for Summit County, also made public comments immediately after Ron's, saying that the County Executive supported Phase 1 of the trail up to Springdale Road but recommended that approval for Phase 2 from Springdale to Barlow Road not be requested. TASCforce thinks that the County Executive's explanation for this recommendation contains significant misunderstandings, and we strongly disagree with it for the following reasons:

1. With the exception of the 1.4-mile section in Stow, the funding, plans, and timelines for Phase 1 are no more (or less) advanced than for Phase 2. That is not a valid reason to exclude Phase 2 and any decision to do that would most certainly delay building that portion of the trail far, far into the future – if it ever happened.
2. The cities of Hudson and Stow have both expressed their strong desire for a trail to be built on the right-of-way. Elected officials from both cities have written letters of support on numerous occasions and both city councils have unanimously passed resolutions supporting the trail. And neither community sees an economic benefit from reactivating the rail line and both know it will be unpopular with their citizens.
3. One of strongest selling points for the Veterans Trail is that it will connect 5 communities – not just 3 and a half as the Executive proposes. TASCforce has discussed the Veterans Trail with many Summit County trail users and they are very excited about the whole trail, not just half of a trail.
4. Summit Metro Parks has stated that they have not, to date, agreed to maintain another trail in this area. That is unfortunate because the Veterans Trail will intersect with two branches of the SMP Bike and Hike trail and provide superb connectivity to all the other trails throughout northern Summit County. Unless SMP changes its position on this issue, funding and maintenance of the Veterans Trail from Springdale north may have to be done by Hudson and Stow. But TASCforce is willing to help with this by organizing volunteer work projects to clear, build, and even maintain the trail.

5. Metro RTA has told us that any lease for this right-of-way for a multipurpose trail would include a provision to convert it back to rail service - if there was a valid need. In the extremely unlikely scenario where future rail service was needed, it could be provided. In fact, TASCforce suspects that it would be far easier to reactivate rail service on a trail that had been maintained than on a rail line that had sat abandoned for another 25 years. Essentially, the decision to build a trail is reversible.

So, TASCforce would respectfully like to request that AMATS continue to support all of the Veterans Trail and we would like to make the following points:

1. We are being told that Hudson and Stow will be submitting a combined TASA application for the Phase 2 of the Veterans Trail north of Springdale Road. We feel that this is a key piece of the trail because, along with the portion in Stow that was approved in 2019, this new section will result in a continuous trail from Barlow Road in Hudson, through all of Stow, and connect to the southern fork of existing SMP Bike & Hike in Silver Lake.
2. The Phase 1 portion will intersect with the northern fork of the SMP Bike & Hike, and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy has already set aside land to build that intersection.
3. It's also noteworthy that the southern end of the previously approved portion also provides a connection to the pedestrian bridge over Route 8 and will connect residents in western Cuyahoga Falls to the newly created continuous section of trail.
4. Lastly, connecting Phase 2 to the previously approved portion paves the way for a future TASA grant to extend the trail from that pedestrian bridge, across the Cuyahoga River on that beautiful stone bridge, and follow along the east side of the river for a half mile in Cuyahoga Falls. In TASCforce's opinion, this will quite likely be the most scenic and interesting section of the whole trail and connect yet another pedestrian bridge over the Cuyahoga leading to neighborhoods in eastern Cuyahoga Falls.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to speak today. We respect the support AMATS has already provided to make the Veterans Trail a reality and TASCforce stands ready to help in any way that we can.

**FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT
AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
October 31, 2021**

Description	Annual Budget	Year-to-Date Expenses	% Budget Expended	October Expenses
I. Short Range Planning	\$360,000	\$91,573	25%	\$30,940
FY2021 Carryover	85,000	84,898		30,940
FY2022	275,000	6,675		0
II. Transportation Improvement Program	\$228,450	\$91,374	40%	\$17,042
FY2020 Carryover	53,450	53,440		0
FY2021	175,000	37,934		17,042
III. Continuing Planning & Data Collection Transportation System Update	\$224,000	\$42,909	19%	\$31,278
FY2021 Carryover	44,000	42,909		31,278
FY2022	180,000	0		0
IV. Long Range Plan Activity	\$464,500	\$131,583	28%	\$31,115
FY2021 Carryover	64,500	64,424		0
FY2022	400,000	67,159		31,115
V. Service	\$528,900	\$48,171	9%	\$11,870
FY2021 Carryover	98,900	48,171		11,870
FY2022	430,000	0		0
VI. OhioRideshare and AQ Advocacy	\$246,500	\$95,598	39%	\$20,270
FY2021 OhioRideshare Carryover	45,500	22,511		4,575
FY2022 OhioRideshare	80,000	0		0
FY2021 Air Quality Carryover	21,000	19,218		0
FY2022 Air Quality	100,000	53,868		15,694
VII. Local	\$25,000	\$32,363	129%	\$0
AMATS local Costs**	25,000	32,363		0
VIII. AMATS Transportation Quarterly	\$23,785	\$14,075	59%	\$3,604
FY2021 Carryover	14,150	14,075		3,604
FY2022	9,635	0		0
IX. GRAND TOTAL AMATS BUDGET	\$2,101,135	\$547,645	26%	\$146,119

**Moving expenses for AMATS offices (unexpected)

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: December 2, 2021

We will soon be half way through FY 2022 and there are a lot of projects left to sell in the third and fourth quarter. In STBG, 98 percent of the funding, or \$15.7 million, is still unencumbered. There are 24 projects remaining to sell, 11 in the third quarter and 13 in the fourth. Out of the 13 in the fourth quarter eight of them were new resurfacing projects that were added from our special round of funding. Having a project sell the fourth quarter leaves almost no time to address irregularities that could arise during the bidding process. Between the labor and material shortage, and rising petroleum prices, we expect costs to keep rising. Although we just had a Project Review Meeting, please let us know if you have any concerns about a project.

AMATS has just concluded another round of funding and will be discussing the projects and scoring later in this meeting. We would like to thank all the sponsors who submitted applications. We received a total of 66 applications requesting \$78.6 million of AMATS federal funding. Unfortunately there is only \$30.0 million available (which includes overfunding). This was the first funding cycle where sponsors could take advantage of our new Project Delivery Incentive Program (PDIP). This option reduces the local share to 10 percent if the project is developed within a certain timeline. The maximum PDIP amount permitted is \$100,000.

**AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
STBG Funding Program and Balances**

November 29, 2021

ODOT PID	STBG PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	PHASE	FY 2022	Quarter	FY 2023	Quarter	FY 2024	Quarter	FY 2025
	Sold									
106875	AV/CV Data System Analysis		P	\$90,001	1					
112487	Romig Rd BRT Study	METRO	P	\$80,000	2					
	Pending									
102701	E. Exchange St-complete street	Akron	R(C)	\$240,000						
102742	SR 93/162 9.10/7.26	Akron	C	\$150,000	3					
108200	White Pond Dr resurfacing	Summit Co Eng	C	\$600,000	3					
112754	Johnson Rd Resurfacing	Norton	C	\$380,652	3					
112756	S Chestnut St/Riddle St Resurfacing	Ravenna	C	\$392,000	3					
113169	Munroe Falls Av Resurfacing	Munroe Falls	C	\$261,190	3					
112549	S Main St (CR 57-2.62) Resurfacing	Rittman	C	\$336,588	3					
112543	E Ohio Av (CR 57-3.91) Resurfacing	Rittman	C	\$459,662	3					
112755	New Milford Rd/Tallmadge Rd Resurfacing	Portage Co Eng	C	\$1,814,326	3					
112583	Ravenna Rd Resurfacing	Twinsburg	C	\$432,000	3					
106539	Wooster Rd/State St reconstruction	Barberton	C	\$1,329,680	3					
115336	Barber Rd Resurfacing	Norton	C	\$662,923	3					
108454	Olde Eight Road Resurfacing	Summit Co Eng	C	\$700,000	4					
108467	Cleveland Massillon Rd Part 1 Resurfacing	Summit Co Eng	C	\$700,000	4					
108468	Cleveland Massillon Rd Part 2 Resurfacing	Summit Co Eng	C	\$700,000	4					
108140	Ravenna Rd Part 1 Resurfacing	Summit Co Eng	C	\$700,000	4					
113168	W Steels Corners Rd Ph 2 Resurfacing	Cuy Falls	C	\$700,000	4					
115334	Broad Blvd Resurfacing	Cuyahoga Falls	C	\$800,000	4					
115313	Arlington St Resurfacing	Akron	C	\$800,000	4					
115299	Eastern Rd/Gates St Resurfacing	Wayne Co	C	\$606,887	4					
115305	Eastern Rd Resurfacing	Rittman	C	\$465,712	4					
115339	E. Mennonite Rd Resurfacing	Aurora	C	\$572,000	4					
115340	Main St/S. Water St Resurfacing	Kent	C	\$799,200	4					
115338	Brecksville Rd (north) Resurfacing	Richfield	C	\$800,000	4					
115341	Frost Rd Resurfacing	Streetsboro	C	\$508,712	4					
108453	Akron Cleveland Rd Resurfacing	Summit Co Eng	C			\$700,000	1			
112745	Gilchrist Rd Ph 1 Resurfacing	Mogadore	C			\$356,264	1			
115351	N Cleveland Massillon Rd Resurfacing	Clinton	C			\$573,764	1			
106416	SR 43 Widening	Streetsboro	C			\$731,225	2			
112743	Terex Rd Resurfacing	Hudson	C			\$506,000	3			
113176	Swartz Rd Resurfacing	Summit Co	C			\$500,000	3			
108084	Portage Trail Extension Turn Lane	Cuy Falls	C			\$3,649,197	3			
115357	Eastern Rd Resurfacing	Norton	C			\$642,240	3			
102701	E. Exchange St-complete street	Akron	(R)C			\$3,600,000	4			
115348	Riverview Rd+ Resurfacing	Akron	C			\$700,000	4			
115350	4th St Resurfacing	Barberton	C			\$323,728	4			
115352	E Sanitarium Rd Resurfacing	Lakemore	C			\$100,000	4			
115353	Mogadore Rd Resurfacing	Mogadore	C			\$506,040	4			
115354	Cleveland Massillon Rd Resurfacing	New Franklin	C			\$562,132	4			
115356	Cannon Rd Resurfacing	Twinsburg	C			\$540,000	4			
115954	Ohio Ave Resurfacing	Rittman	C			\$496,852	4			
108141	Valley View Rd Resurfacing	Summit Co Eng	C					\$300,000	1	
112741	Hopocan Av Resurfacing	Barberton	C					\$281,696	1	
112735	Snyder Av Resurfacing	Barberton	C					\$611,976	1	
112740	Wooster Rd W Resurfacing	Barberton	C					\$231,808	3	
108240	Wooster Rd West Reconstruction	Barberton	C					\$5,507,836	3	
84397	Seiberling Way Ph 1	Akron	(P)(R)C					\$4,118,390	4	
115358	Canton Rd Resurfacing	Summit Co Eng	C					\$528,000	4	
115359	Old Forge Rd Resurfacing	Portage Co Eng	C					\$628,362	4	
115360	N Chestnut St Resurfacing	Ravenna	C					\$504,000	4	
112716	N Main St Complete Streets	Akron	(R)C							\$6,000,000
112026	SR 59-2.14 (E Main St)	Kent	C							\$3,600,000
113175	Ravenna Rd Part 2 Resurfacing	Summit Co	C							\$600,000

P = Engineering
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C = Construction

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Annual STBG Expenditures	\$16,157,496	\$14,487,442	\$12,712,068	\$10,200,000
Annual STBG Allocations	\$14,323,403	\$10,633,414	\$10,633,414	\$10,633,414
Balance	-\$1,834,093	-\$3,854,028	-\$2,078,654	\$433,414

**AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CMAQ Funding Program and Balances**

November 29, 2021

ODOT PID	CMAQ PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	PHASE	FY 2022	Quarter	FY 2023	Quarter	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Sold								
111426	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS		\$100,000	1				
111431	Rideshare Program	AMATS		\$80,000	1				
	Pending								
111777	CNG Bus Buy 2022 (2 buses)	PARTA	C	\$920,000	1				
103172	Massillon Rd/Corporate Woods Cir/Boettler	Green	C	\$5,433,799	4				
106445	SR 91-13.53 (SR 91 South Widening Project)	Hudson	C	\$2,500,000	4				
111428	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS				\$100,000	1		
111432	Rideshare Program	AMATS				\$80,000	1		
112270	CNG Bus Buy (3 buses)	METRO	C			\$1,560,000	1		
106416	SR 43 Widening	Streetsboro	C			\$3,300,775	2		
108084	Portage Trail Extension Turn Lane	Cuy Falls	C			\$267,202	3		
112797	Valley View & Olde Eight Improvements	Summit Co Eng	R(C)			\$32,000			
111429	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS						\$100,000	
111433	Rideshare Program	AMATS						\$80,000	
112245	METRO CNG Replacements (3 buses)	METRO	C					\$1,260,000	
112244	PARTA 2 replacement clean diesel buses	PARTA	C					\$779,253	
113165	Ravenna & Shephard Improvements	Macedonia	R(C)					\$80,000	
113161	Highland & Valley View Improvements	Macedonia	R(C)					\$104,000	
112797	Valley View & Olde Eight Improvements	Summit Co Eng	(R)C					\$228,000	
112716	N Main St Complete Streets	Akron	C						\$900,000
112026	SR 59-2.14 (E Main St)	Kent	C						\$6,000,000
113161	Highland & Valley View Improvements	Macedonia	(R)C						\$1,704,811
113165	Ravenna & Shephard Improvements	Macedonia	(R)C						\$1,289,288

P = Engineering
R = Right-of-Way
C = Construction

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Annual CMAQ Expenditures	\$9,033,799	\$5,339,977	\$2,631,253	\$9,894,099
Annual CMAQ Allocations	\$6,418,442	\$5,591,127	\$5,591,127	\$5,591,127
Balance	-\$2,615,357	\$251,150	\$2,959,874	-\$4,302,972

**AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
TASA Funding Program and Balances**

November 29, 2021

ODOT PID	TASA PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	PHASE	FY 2022	Quarter	FY 2023	Quarter	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Pending								
107814	Darrow Rd (SR 91) Sidewalks*	Stow	(R)C	\$9,707					
106539	Wooster Rd/State St reconstruction	Barberton	R	\$13,000	3				
106539	Wooster Rd/Robinson (Towpath Trail connector)	Barberton	C	\$337,200	3				
107797	CVNP Ped Bridge & Trail	Summit Co Eng	C	\$805,000	3				
112788	Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk	Summit Co Eng	P(R)(C)	\$102,000	4				
112788	Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk	Summit Co Eng	P(R)(C)			\$18,000	1		
112788	Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk	Summit Co Eng	(P)R(C)			\$32,000	3		
99729	Raber Rd sidewalks	Green	C			\$500,000	3		
105556	The Portage Trail - Ravenna Rd Bridge	Portage Parks	(P)C			\$313,600	4		
112788	Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk	Summit Co Eng	(P)(R)C					\$368,000	
107930	Freedom Trail Phase 4	MetroParks	C					\$700,000	
102796	Freedom Trail/Portage Trail Connector	MetroParks/Tallma	C					\$700,000	
113160	Rubber City Heritage Trail East Side Seg B	Akron	C						\$700,000
113016	Stow Silver Lake Cuyahoga Falls Bike Connector	Stow	C						\$700,000

P = Engineering
R = Right-of-Way
C = Construction

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Annual TASA Expenditures	\$1,355,214	\$863,600	\$1,768,000	\$1,400,000
Annual TASA Allocations	\$1,477,270	\$1,063,342	\$1,063,342	\$1,063,342
Balance	\$122,056	\$199,742	-\$704,658	-\$336,658

**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: Project summaries of new projects to be funded under the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Resurfacing Program, and Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) Program.

DATE: December 2, 2021

Applications for new STBG, Resurfacing and TASA funded projects were received by AMATS at the end of October. We appreciate all the sponsors who submitted applications. As usual the demand for funding far exceeded the amount that was available.

The TAC TIP Subcommittee met on December 7th to review the recently submitted applications and the points that were awarded to each project. The project summaries include total project scores based on criteria contained in AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines. At this time these lists are for your review only while formal approval is planned at our January meetings. Please let us know if you have any concerns that we can discuss with you before the formal approval. Next they will added to the existing 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program or to the next upcoming TIP depending on the project schedule.

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

The attached Table 1 summarizes all 16 projects that were submitted under the STBG funding program. A total of \$47.8 million of STBG funding was requested from AMATS and \$14.0 million is available. These are typically larger projects with an average request of nearly \$3.0 million. With a maximum request of \$6.0 million allowed these funds are used up quickly.

Resurfacing Program

The attached Table 2 summarizes all 33 projects that were submitted under the Resurfacing program. A total of \$20.5 of resurfacing funding was requested and \$14.0 million is available. This ratio will enable AMATS to fund many of the new resurfacing projects. The average request was for \$620,900. This program is very popular for both large and small communities.

Transportation Alternatives Set Aside

The attached Table 3 summarizes all 13 projects that were submitted under the TASA funding program. A total of \$10.2 million of TASA funding was requested while \$2.0 million is available. The average request was \$683,788.

**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 2021-16 - Approving New Projects to be Funded under the CMAQ Funding Program.

DATE: December 1, 2021

The statewide CMAQ Program Committee approved 52 new projects worth over \$140.4 million from the eight largest MPO's around the state. The Committee reviews the projects after each MPO evaluates and ranks their own projects based on the approved program funding policy.

AMATS received over \$12.6 million for seven new projects. The seven new projects are listed below:

Project	Location	Phase	CMAQ \$ Requested	Proposed FY	Improvement
SR 303/SR 14	Streetsboro	C	\$459,517	2026	Intersection Improvement
METRO RTA	Summit Co.	C	\$1,464,750	2026	Electric Buses
PARTA	Portage Co.	C	\$1,600,000	2026	Clean Diesel Buses
Arlington Rd	Green	R	\$762,124	2025	Roundabouts
		C	\$3,305,666	2026	
Darrow Rd	Stow	C	\$1,197,690	2025	Signal Improvements
Kent Rd	Stow	C	\$1,520,145	2025	Signal Improvements
Downtown Hudson	Hudson	C	\$2,316,939	2026	Signal Improvements

As part of the development of the next TIP, these projects will undergo public involvement and be analyzed for financial constraint, environmental justice, air quality and consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan. Attached to this memo is Resolution Number 2021-16 approving the new projects to be funded under the statewide CMAQ funding program. The TAC TIP Subcommittee and the AMATS Staff recommend approval.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-16

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

Approving New Projects to be Funded under the CMAQ Funding Program.

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, this Committee has been requested to approve CMAQ funding for the following new projects as discussed in the accompanying memorandum:

1. SR 303/SR 14 , Intersection Improvement, Complete Streets, Streetsboro	\$459,517
2. METRO , Bus Purchase, Summit Co.	\$1,464,750
3. PARTA , Bus Purchase, Portage Co.	\$1,600,000
4. Arlington Rd , Roundabouts, Green	\$4,067,790
5. Darrow Rd , Signal Improvements, Stow	\$1,197,690
6. Kent Rd , Signal Improvements, Stow	\$1,520,145
7. Downtown Hudson , Signal Improvements, Hudson	\$2,316,939

WHEREAS, the necessary public involvement has been carried out as described in the AMATS 3P Public Participation Plan 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Committee agrees to fund the previously described projects with federal CMAQ funds.
2. That this Committee considers the Citizens Involvement Committee meeting held on December 9, 2021 as adequately providing for public involvement.
3. That this Committee affirms consistency with Transportation Outlook.
4. 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 Linda Clark, 2021 Chairwoman
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

Date

**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 2021-17 -Approving Amendment 14 to the FY 2021-2024
Transportation Improvement Program to revise 14 projects as described
below.

DATE: December 1, 2021

Revise the schedule of the following projects:

1. **PID 105556 (POR-RAVENNA RD (CR 145) BRIDGE)** is a bridge replacement and bike and hike trail relocation project in Portage County. A request has be made to move it from FY 2022 to FY 2024. Construction is funded with \$313,600 of Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) funds.
2. **PID 115357 (SUM-CR 150-6.95 (EASTERN RD))** is a resurfacing project in the City of Norton. A request has be made to move it from FY 2024 to FY 2023. Construction is funded with \$642,240 of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds.
3. **PID 102796 (SUM-FREEDOM TRAIL MIDDLEBURY)** is a multi-purpose trail project in the Cities of Tallmadge, Stow, and Kent. A request has be made to move it from FY 2022 to FY 2024. Construction is funded with \$700,000 of TASA funds.
4. **PID 107930 (SUM-FREEDOM TRAIL PH 4)** is a multi-purpose trail project in the City of Akron. A request has be made to move it from FY 2023 to FY 2024. Construction is funded with \$700,000 of TASA funds.

Revise the funding of the following projects:

1. **PID 107797 (SUM-CVNP PED BRIDGE AND TRAIL)** is a new pedestrian bridge over the Cuyahoga River in Summit County. Construction is funded in FY 2022. TASA funds have increased from \$700,000 to \$805,000 in FY 2022.
2. **PID 108084 (SUM-PORTAGE TRAIL EXT.)** is a project adding a two way left turn lane in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. Construction is funding in FY 2023. Originally it was funded with \$3,649,197 of STBG funding. A request has been made to change \$3,389,704 to CRRSAA funds, while \$259,493 remains in STBG.

3. **PID 113168 (SUM-STEELS CORNERS RD PH 2)** is a resurfacing project in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. Construction is funding in FY 2022. A request has been made to change \$700,000 from STBG funds to CRRSAA funds.

Revise the funding and scope of the following projects:

1. **PID 108467 and PID 108468 (SUM-CLEVELAND MASSILLON RD (CR 17) PART 1 AND PART 2)** are resurfacing projects in Copley Township, Summit County. These projects are adjacent to each other on Cleveland Massillon Road. A request has been made to combine the construction phase of PID 108468 (Part 2) with PID 108467 (Part 1). The new project will be funded with \$1,400,000 of STBG funds (\$700,000 from each project) and construction is scheduled in FY 2022.
2. **PID 106539 (SUM-WOOSTER RD/ROBINSON AVE)** is an intersection improvement project in the City of Barberton. PID 108370 (Wooster Rd/State St) was combined with this project but the two now need to be separated for right of way reasons. Right of way and construction are scheduled in FY 2022. The PID 108370 portion of this project has been removed.

Add the following projects to the FY 2021-2024 TIP:

1. **PID 113169 (SUM-MUNROE FALLS AVE)** is a resurfacing project that was tentatively scheduled in FY 2025 and not programmed in the current FY 2021-2024 TIP. A request has been made to move it from FY 2025 to FY 2022 and therefore into the current TIP. Construction is funded with \$261,190 of STBG funds.
2. **PID 115954 (WAY-CR 580-0.58 (W OHIO AVE))** is a resurfacing project that was selected during a special funding round that now needs added to the current FY 2021-2024 TIP. Construction is scheduled in FY 2023 and is funded with \$496,853 of STBG funds.
3. **PID 113160 (SUM-RUBBER CUTY HERITAGE TRAIL (SEGMENT B))** is a multi-purpose trail project in the City of Akron that was tentatively scheduled in FY 2025 and not programmed in the current FY 2021-2024 TIP. A request has been made to move it from FY 2025 to FY 2024 and therefore into the current TIP. Construction is funded with \$700,000 of TASA funds.
4. **PID 108370 (SUM-WOOSTER RD/STATE ST)** is an intersection improvement project that replaces all the concrete pavement at the intersection. This project was previously combined with PID 106539 but now needs to be separated for right of way reasons in the other project. This project is rescheduled to FY 2023 and is funded with \$1,329,680 of STBG 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 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 2021-17. This Resolution approves the amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The Staff recommends approval.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-17

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

Approving Amendment #14 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to revise the construction year of four existing projects, revise the funding for three projects, add a new resurfacing project in FY 2022, and add a new multi-purpose trail project in FY 2023.

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 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to make the following changes:

1. **PID 105556 (POR-RAVENNA RD (CR 145) BRIDGE)** is a bridge replacement and bike and hike trail relocation project in Portage County. A request has be made to move construction from FY 2022 to FY 2024. It is funded with \$313,600 of Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) funds.
2. **PID 108467 and PID 108468 (SUM-CLEVELAND MASSILLON RD (CR 17) PART 1 AND PART 2)** are resurfacing projects in Copley Township, Summit County. These projects are adjacent to each other on Cleveland Massillon Road. A request has been made to combine the construction phase of PID 108468 (Part 2) with PID 108467 (Part 1). The new project will be funded with \$1,400,000 of STBG funds (\$700,000 from each project) and construction is scheduled in FY 2022.
3. **PID 115357 (SUM-CR 150-6.95 (EASTERN RD))** is a resurfacing project in the City of Norton. A request has be made to move construction from FY 2024 to FY 2023. It is funded with \$642,240 of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds.
4. **PID 107797 (SUM-CVNP PED BRIDGE AND TRAIL)** is a new pedestrian bridge over the Cuyahoga River in Summit County. Construction is funded in FY 2022. TASA funds have increased from \$700,000 to \$805,000 and the total cost from \$975,000 to \$1,222,000.
5. **PID 102796 (SUM-FREEDOM TRAIL MIDDLEBURY)** is a multi-purpose trail project in the Cities of Tallmadge, Stow, and Kent. A request has be made to move construction from FY 2022 to FY 2024. It is funded with \$700,000 of TASA funds.
6. **PID 107930 (SUM-FREEDOM TRAIL PH 4)** is a multi-purpose trail project in the City of Akron. A request has be made to move construction from FY 2023 to FY 2024. It is funded with \$700,000 of TASA funds.

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7. **PID 113169 (SUM-MUNROE FALLS AVE)** is a resurfacing project that was tentatively scheduled in FY 2025 and not programmed in the current FY 2021-2024 TIP. A request has been made to move it from FY 2025 to FY 2022 and therefore into the current TIP. Construction is funded with \$261,190 of STBG funds.
8. **PID 108084 (SUM-PORTAGE TRAIL EXT.)** is a project adding a two way left turn lane in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. Construction is funded in FY 2023. Originally it was funded with \$3,649,197 of STBG funding. AMATS is requesting to change \$3,389,704 to CRRSAA funds, while \$259,493 remains in STBG.
9. **PID 113160 (SUM-RUBBER CUTY HERITAGE TRAIL (SEGMENT B))** is a multi-purpose trail project in the City of Akron that was tentatively scheduled in FY 2025 and not programmed in the current FY 2021-2024 TIP. A request has been made to move it from FY 2025 to FY 2024 and therefore into the current TIP. Construction is funded with \$700,000 of TASA funds.
10. **PID 113168 (SUM-STEELS CORNERS RD PH 2)** is a resurfacing project in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. Construction is funding in FY 2022. AMATS is requesting to change \$700,000 from STBG funds to CRRSAA funds.
11. **PID 108370 (SUM-WOOSTER RD/STATE ST)** is an intersection improvement project that replaces all the concrete pavement at the intersection. This project was previously combined with PID 106539 but now needs to be separated for right of way reasons in the other project. This project is rescheduled to FY 2023 and is funded with \$1,329,680 of STBG funds.
12. **PID 106539 (SUM-WOOSTER RD/ROBINSON AVE)** is an intersection improvement project in the City of Barberton. PID 108370 (Wooster Rd/State St) was combined with this project but the two now need to be separated for right of way reasons. Right of way and construction are scheduled in FY 2022. The PID 108370 portion of this project has been removed.
13. **PID 115954 (WAY-CR 580-0.58 (W OHIO AVE))** is a new resurfacing project that was selected during a special funding round and now needs to be added to the current FY 2021-2024 TIP. Construction is funded with \$496,853 of STBG 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.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Committee amends the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2021-2024 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 Linda Clark, 2021 Chairwoman
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

Date

AMENDMENT #14 - 12/2/21
AMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY 2021-2024

PID #	CO-RTE-SECTION	LENGTH (MILES)	LOCATION & TERMINI	TYPE OF WORK	FUND TYPE	PHASE	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL PROJECT COST (\$000)	PROJECT SPONSOR	AIR QUALITY STATUS
105556	POR-RAVENNA RD (CR 145) BRIDGE (Revise Schedule)	0.01	RAVENNA AND ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIPS RAVENNA RD OVER NORFOLK SOUTHERN RR	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT RELOCATE BIKE AND HIKE TRAIL	FED TASA LOCAL	C C C		1,067.0 343.6 78.4		1,067.0 313.6 78.4	1,512.1	PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER	EXEMPT
108467	SUM-CLEVELAND MASSILLON RD (CR 17)-10.68 PART 1 AND PART 2 (Revise Funding and Scope) (Add Part 2 (108468) to this project)	4.77 3.27	COPLEY TOWNSHIP NORTON N CORP LIMIT TO 0.4 MILES N OF MINOR RD RIDGEWOOD RD (SOUTH INTERSECTION)	RESURFACING	STBG LOCAL	C C		1,400.0 700.0 400.0 846.8			4,149.8 2,246.8	SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER	EXEMPT
108468	SUM-CLEVELAND MASSILLON RD (CR 17)-12.79 PART 2 (Add to Part 1 (108467))	1.50	COPLEY TOWNSHIP 0.4 MILES N OF MINOR RD TO RIDGEWOOD RD (SOUTH INTERSECTION)	RESURFACING	STBG LOCAL	C C		700.0 446.5			1,167.1	SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER	EXEMPT
115357	SUM-CR 150-6.95 (Eastern Rd) (Revise Schedule)	1.51	NORTON EASTERN RD FROM SR 21 TO CLEVELAND MASSILLON RD	RESURFACING	STBG LOCAL	C C			642.2 175.6	642.2 175.6	817.8	NORTON	EXEMPT
107797	SUM-CVNP PED BRIDGE AND TRAIL (Revise Funding)	0.02	BOSTON TOWNSHIP SOUTHEAST OF BOSTON MILLS RD AND RIVERVIEW RD	NEW PED BRIDGE OVER CUYAHOGA RIVER	TASA LOCAL	C C		805.0 700.0 17.5 417.0			975.8 1,222.0	SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER	EXEMPT
102796	SUM-FREEDOM TRAIL MIDDLEBURY (Revise Schedule)	0.35	TALLMADGE/STOW/KENT PORTAGE HIKE & BIKE TO EXISTING END POINT OF FREEDOM TRAIL	MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL	TASA LOCAL	C C		700.0 748.2		700.0 748.2	2,700.3	SUMMIT METRO PARKS	EXEMPT
107930	SUM-FREEDOM TRAIL PH 4 (Revise Schedule)	1.30	AKRON MILL ST TO ROSA PARKS BLVD	CONSTRUCT 10' PAVED MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL INCLUDING NEW PED BRIDGE OVER S BROADWAY ST	TASA LOCAL	C C			700.0 3,428.7	700.0 3,428.7	4,277.4	SUMMIT METRO PARKS	EXEMPT
113169	SUM-MUNROE FALLS AVE (Add New Project)	0.57	MUNROE FALLS WEST CORP LINE TO MAIN ST (SR 91)	RESURFACING	STBG LOCAL	C C		261.2 65.3			326.5	MUNROE FALLS	EXEMPT
108084	SUM-PORTAGE TRAIL EXT. (Revise Funding)	0.73	CUYAHOGA FALLS ALBERTSON PKWY TO STATE RD	ADD TWO WAY LEFT TURN LANE	HSIP LOCAL HSIP LOCAL CRRSAA STBG	P P R R C C	80.1 8.9 737.6 82.0				927.2 1,015.3 3,389.7 3,649.2 259.5	CUYAHOGA FALLS	EXEMPT

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113160	SUM-RUBBER CITY HERITAGE TRAIL SEGMENT B (Add New Project)	0.89	AKRON ALONG ABANDONED RAIL LINE BETWEEN 3rd AVE AND EXCHANGE ST	CONSTRUCT MULTI PURPOSE TRAIL	TASA LOCAL	C C				700.0 838.2	1,593.7	AKRON	EXEMPT
113168	SUM-W STEELS CORNERS RD PH 2 (Revise Funding)	2.35	CUYAHOGA FALLS STEELS CORNERS RD FROM AKRON PENINSULA RD TO NORTHAMPTON RD	RESURFACING	STBG CRRSAA LOCAL	C C C		700.0 700.0 475.0 723.6			894.0 1,423.6	CUYAHOGA FALLS	EXEMPT
106539	SUM-WOOSTER RD/ROBINSON AVE (Revise Funding and Scope)	0.16	BARBERTON WOOSTER RD W FROM ROBINSON AVE TO 4TH ST	ELIMINATE WB OUTSIDE LANE IMPROVE INTERSECTION SIGNAL COORDINATION CONSTRUCT SHARED USE PATH	TASA LOCAL TASA HSIP STATE LOCAL	R R C C C C		13.0 3.3 337.2 607.5 150.0 151.8			1,565.9	BARBERTON	EXEMPT
108370	SUM-WOOSTER RD/STATE ST (Add New Project)	0.38	BARBERTON WOOSTER RD/STATE ST INTERSECTION	RECONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE PAVEMENT AT INTERSECTION	STBG LOCAL	C C			1,329.7 1,162.3		2,888.5	BARBERTON	EXEMPT
115954	WAY-CR 580-0.58 (W. OHIO AVE) (Add New Project)	0.63	RITTMAN W. OHIO AVE FROM METZGER AVE TO MAIN ST	RESURFACING	STBG LOCAL	C C			496.9 187.8		684.7	RITTMAN	EXEMPT