



**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Policy Committee
Virtual Meeting**

Thursday, June 16, 2022
1:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
 - A. Determination of a Quorum Oral
 - B. Audience Participation
2. **Minutes**
 - A. May 19, 2022 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**
6. **Resolutions**
 - A. **Resolution 2022-11** – Approving Amendment #18 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to add two new projects. Attachment 6A
– **Motion Required**
 - B. **Resolution 2022-12** – Approving FY 2022 Elderly and Disabled Program Project Awards (FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #19). Attachment 6B
– **Motion Required**
 - C. **Resolution 2022-13** – Resolution to approve a 15 percent cost increase for three projects over the AMATS funding cap. – **Motion Required** Attachment 6C
7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, August 11, 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
Virtual Meeting**

Thursday, June 9, 2022
1:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
 - A. Determination of a Quorum Oral
2. **Minutes**
 - A. May 12, 2022 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
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7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, August 4, 2022 - 1:30 PM
Ballroom A - Hilton Garden Inn
1307 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio

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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Citizens Involvement Committee
Virtual Meeting**

Thursday, June 9, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. **Welcome**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Item**
 - A. Discussion regarding an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add two new projects.
4. **Open Discussion**
5. **Adjournment 7:45 P.M.**

Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday, August 4, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

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**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Policy Committee
Thursday, May 19, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes of Meeting

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I. Call to Order

A. Vice Chairman Marozzi 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 March 24, 2022 meeting.

Motion

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

III. Staff Reports

A. Financial Progress Report

David Pulay presented Attachment 3A.

Motion

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

B. Technical Progress Report

Mr. Baker said that the Staff recently mailed correspondence to the Greater Akron area’s state and federal legislative delegations stating the AMATS Policy Committee’s opposition to proposals for “gas tax holidays,” which would suspend motor fuel fees to provide consumers relief from high gas prices. The Policy Committee directed the Staff to prepare and send such correspondence following

the committee's March 24 meeting. The Staff has not yet received responses from the area's state and federal legislators.

Mr. Baker said that the federal government continues to release information regarding Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) for transportation grants. AMATS has forwarded information about NOFAs and their associated web links to the committee membership. **Mr. Baker** said that a recent NOFA concerned the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program. **Mr. Baker** said that AMATS would assist those communities and project sponsors interested in seeking such grants.

There was an ITS Architecture presentation and meeting following the May 12 TAC meeting.

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 May 4, 2022.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

A. Draft Resiliency Report.

David Swirsky presented Attachment 5A.

Mr. Baker explained that the federal government is encouraging planning agencies such as AMATS to consider climate change throughout the planning process. **Mr. Baker** noted that the consideration of climate change and related issues may become a consideration in the awarding of federal grants in the future.

B. 2021 Annual Report on Roadway Traffic Congestion.

Farhad Ahmadzai presented Attachment 5B.

Joe Paradise asked whether the congestion data presented in the report was available in a sortable format so that readers may find information regarding specific projects. **Mr. Ahmadzai** said that the data is available in a GIS file format and that AMATS intends to post this information on its website. **Mr. Baker** asked if **Mr. Paradise** needed information regarding a specific location. **Mr. Paradise** said that he needed information regarding nine locations. **Mr. Baker** said that the Staff could relay the information to Mr. Paradise in an Excel sheet.

There was discussion regarding when and how the data was compiled and quantified.

Jim McCleary asked how congestion in the AMATS area compared to that of other MPOs such as NOACA. There was discussion regarding area congestion compared to other regions and the data collection approaches of other MPOs.

Claudia Amrhein praised the Staff for its work in compiling the *2021 Annual Report on Roadway Traffic Congestion* and the *Draft Resiliency Report*.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve the *2021 Annual Report on Roadway Traffic Congestion* and it was seconded by **Jim McCleary**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

VI. Resolutions

- A. Resolution 2022-07 – Reaffirming the Approval of the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program, and Affirming the Consistency between the Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the State Implementation Plan.**

Jeff Gardner presented Attachment 6A.

Motion

Linda Clark made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 and it was seconded by **Joe Paradise**. The motion was approved.

Resolution 2022-08 – Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process.

Motion

Bobbie Beshara made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 and it was seconded by **Robert Finney**. The motion was approved.

- B. Resolution 2022-09 – Approving the FY 2023 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget.**

Mr. Baker presented Attachment 6B.

Motion

William B. Judge made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 and it was seconded by **Linda Clark**. The motion was approved.

- C. Resolution 2022-10 – Approving Amendment #17 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to add one new project.**

Mr. Pulay presented Attachment 6C.

Motion

*Claudia Amrhein made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 and it was seconded by **Joe Paradise**. The motion was approved.*

VII. Other Business

- A. **Mr. Pulay** relayed a message from AMATS Engineer Amy Prater reminding the members that their potential updates to the Greater Akron area's Federal Functional Classification (FFC) are due to the agency by May 27.
- B. **Mr. Pulay** reminded the members that comments regarding the Greater Akron area's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture are due to the agency May 31. Comments may be relayed to Mr. Pulay or Ms. Prater.

VIII. Adjournment

A. **Motion**

***Joe Paradise** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by **William B. Judge**. The motion was approved.*

The next regularly scheduled Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2022.**

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE
2022 ATTENDANCE**

M Denotes Member Present	Jan	Mar	May	Aug	Sept	Dec
A Denotes Alternate Present	27	24	19	11	22	15
AKRON - Mayor Dan Horrigan (DiFiore) (Vollman)	A	A	A			
AURORA - Mayor Ann Womer Benjamin (Stark) (Januska)						
BARBERTON - Mayor William B. Judge (Hunt) (Tracy)	M	M	M			
BOSTON HEIGHTS - Mayor Bill Goncy (Polyak)		M				
CLINTON - Mayor Clarissa Allega						
CUYAHOGA FALLS - Mayor Don Walters (Zumbo)	A		A			
DOYLESTOWN - Mayor Terry Lindeman (Kerr)	A		A			
FAIRLAWN - Mayor William Roth (Spagnuolo) (Staten)	A					
GARRETTSVILLE - Mayor Rick Patrick (Klamer)						
GREEN - Mayor Gerard Neugebauer (Wax Carr)	M		A			
HIRAM - Mayor Lou Bertrand (J. McGee)						
HUDSON – Thomas Sheridan (Comeriato)	A	A				
KENT – City Mgr. David Ruller (Baker) (Bowling)		A				
LAKEMORE – Mayor Richard Cole (Fast)	A	A	A			
MACEDONIA - Mayor Nick Molnar (Gigliotti) (Sheehy)						
MANTUA - Mayor Linda Clark (Fabian) (Iafelice)				M		
METRO – Dawn Distler (Shea)	M	M	M			
MOGADORE - Mayor Michael Rick						
MUNROE FALLS - Mayor Allen Mavrides (Bowery)						
NEW FRANKLIN - Mayor Paul Adamson (Kepler) (Kochheiser)		M	M			
NORTHFIELD – Mayor Jenn Domzalski (Magistrelli)						
NORTON – Administrative Officer Robert Fowler (Slaga)	M					
ODOT – Gery Noirot (Phillis) (Root)	A					
PARTA – Claudia Amrhein (Baba) (Boyd) (Proseus) (Schrader)	M	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			
PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER - Michael Marozzi (Jenkins)	A		M			
RAVENNA - Mayor Frank Seman (Finney) (DiSalvo)	A	A	A			
REMINDEerville - Mayor Sam Alonso (Krock)						
RICHFIELD - Mayor Michael Wheeler (Frantz) (Waldemarson)						
RITTMAN – City Mgr. Bobbie Beshara (Robertson)	M	M	M			
SILVER LAKE - Mayor Bernie Hovey (Housley)						
STOW - Mayor John Pribonic (McCleary)	A	A	A			
STREETSBORO - Mayor Glenn M. Broska (Cieszkowski) (Czekaj)	A	A	A			
SUGAR BUSH KNOLLS - Mayor John Guidubaldi						
SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER -Al Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber) (Paradise)	A	A	A			
SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE - Ilene Shapiro (Bryan Herschel)	A	A				
SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. & ECON. DEV. – Diane Miller-Dawson						
SUMMIT COUNTY COMM. & ECON. DEV. – Stephen Knittel						
TALLMADGE - Mayor David G. Kline (Kidder)	M	M				
TWINSBURG - Mayor Ted Yates (Mohr) (Finch)	A	A	A			
WAYNE COUNTY COMM. BOARD - Dominic Oliverio (Broome)						
WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER – Scott A. Miller (Jones)		M				
WINDHAM - Mayor Deborah Blewitt						

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE
2022 ATTENDANCE**

OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mr. Farhad Ahmadzai	AMATS
Mr. Curtis Baker	AMATS
Mr. Jeff Gardner	AMATS
Mr. Kerry Prater	AMATS
Mr. David Pulay	AMATS
Mr. David Swirsky	AMATS
Ms. Kay Clark	LWVAA
Mr. Chuck Hauber	Summit County Engineer's Office
Mr. Art Rometo	GAI Consultants

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.**

Minutes of Meeting

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I. Call to Order

- A. **Chairman Kosco** 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 March 17, 2022 meeting.

Motion

***John Kovacich** made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by **Joe Paradise**. 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 **Joe Paradise**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

B. **Technical Progress Report**

Mr. Baker said that the Staff recently mailed correspondence to the Greater Akron area’s state and federal legislative delegations stating the AMATS Policy Committee’s opposition to proposals for “gas tax holidays,” which would suspend motor fuel fees to provide consumers relief from high gas prices. The Policy Committee directed the Staff to prepare and send such correspondence following the committee’s March 24 meeting. The Staff has not yet received responses from the area’s state and federal legislators.

Mr. Baker said that the federal government continues to release information regarding Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) for transportation grants. AMATS has forwarded information about NOFAs and their associated web links to the committee membership. **Mr. Baker** said that the next NOFA may concern

the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program and may include a webinar regarding the program. **Mr. Baker** said that AMATS would assist those communities and project sponsors interested in seeking such grants by offering letters of support and meetings during the application process.

Mr. Baker reminded the attendees that a follow-up ITS Architecture meeting was scheduled immediately following the TAC meeting.

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 May 4, 2022.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

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David Swirsky presented Attachment 5A.

Mr. Baker explained that the federal government is encouraging planning agencies such as AMATS to consider climate change during the planning process. **Mr. Baker** noted that the consideration of climate change and related issues may become a consideration in the awarding of federal grants in the future.

B. 2021 Annual Report on Roadway Traffic Congestion.

Farhad Ahmadzai presented Attachment 5B.

Mr. Baker asked when data was collected for the report. **Mr. Ahmadzai** said that the agency relied upon data collected during a five-month period spanning from March through August 2021. **Mr. Baker** noted that the report provides a good annual benchmark for the agency when comparing how the COVID-19 Pandemic impacted area travel.

Motion

***Jim Bowling** made a motion to approve the 2021 Annual Report on Roadway Traffic Congestion and it was seconded by **John Kovacich**. The motion was approved by a voice vote.*

VI. Resolutions

A. Resolution 2022-07 – Reaffirming the Approval of the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program, and

Affirming the Consistency between the Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the State Implementation Plan.

Jeff Gardner presented Attachment 6A.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 and it was seconded by Amy Mohr. The motion was approved.

Resolution 2022-08 – Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process.

Motion

Joe Paradise made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 and it was seconded by Jim Bowling. The motion was approved.

B. Resolution 2022-09 – Approving the FY 2023 Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget.

Heather Davis Reidl presented Attachment 6B.

Motion

Amy Mohr made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 and it was seconded by Jim Bowling. The motion was approved.

C. Resolution 2022-10 – Approving Amendment #17 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to add one new project.

Mr. Pulay presented Attachment 6C.

Motion

Jim Bowling made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 and it was seconded by John Kovacich. The motion was approved.

VII. Other Business

- A. **Mr. Baker** reminded the committee members that an ITS Architecture Meeting hosted by AECOM was scheduled to take place immediately following the meeting.

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, August 4, 2022.**

**AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2022 ATTENDANCE**

	Jan 20	Mar 17	May 12	Aug 4	Sept 15	Dec 8
M Denotes Member Present						
A Denotes Alternate Present						
AKRON ENGINEERING BUREAU- Christine Jonke (Solomon)	M	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	M	M			
BARBERTON – Trevor Hunt				M		
CUYAHOGA FALLS – Rob Kurtz (Paul)						
CUYAHOGA FALLS - Tony V. Demasi (Marko)	M	M				
DOYLESTOWN - Eng. Assoc. - Ronny Portz						
FAIRLAWN - Nicholas Spagnuolo (Staten)			A	A		
GREEN - Wayne Wiethe (Haring)	M	A	A			
GREEN - Paul Pickett (Ciocca)		M	A			
HUDSON – Nick Sugar (Hannan)	M	M	A			
HUDSON – Brad Kosco (Wonsick)	M	M	M			
KENT - Jim Bowling	M	M	M			
KENT - Jon Giaquinto (Baker)						
LAKEMORE – Mayor Richard Cole, Jr. (Fast)		A	A			
MACEDONIA - Joseph Gigliotti (Sheehy)	M	M				
METRO – Valerie Shea (Baarson) (Mullen)	M	M	M			
MOGADORE – Vacant						
MUNROE FALLS – Vacant						
NEFCO – Joseph Hadley, Jr. (Lautzenheiser)	M	M				
NEW FRANKLIN – Bryan Kepler (Ganoe)	M		M			
NORTHFIELD – Daniel J. Collins						
NORTON – Josh Slaga (Hess)						
ODOT – Chad Root (Bruner) (Phillis)	M	A				
PARTA – Claudia Amrhein (Baba) (Boyd) (Proseus) (Schrader)	A	A	A			
PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER – Larry Jenkins	M	M	A			
PORTAGE CO. REG. PLANNING COMM. - Todd Peetz (McGee)						
PORTAGE COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES – Tom Hardesty						
PORTAGE COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC – John Kovacich (Greener)		M	M			
RAVENNA - Robert Finney (DiSalvo)	M	M	A			
RICHFIELD – Scott Waldemarson (Frantz) (Neumeyer)						
RITTMAN – Bobbie Beshara (Robertson)	M	M				
SILVER LAKE – John Tutak						
STOW – Jim McCleary	M	M				
STOW – Nate Leppo (Jones)						
STREETSBORO – John H. Cieszkowski, Jr. (Broska) (Czekaj)	M	M	M			
SUMMIT CO. COMM. & ECON. DEV. – Diane Miller-Dawson (Tubbs)						
SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER - Alan Brubaker (Fulton) (Hauber) (Paradise)	A	A	A			
SUMMIT COUNTY SMALL VILLAGES – Brian Gorog	M		M			
SUMMIT COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOC. - Richard Reville (Funk)						
TALLMADGE - Andrea Kidder (Kline)	M					
TWINSBURG - Amy Mohr (Muter)		M	M			
WAYNE COUNTY ENGINEER – Scott A. Miller (Jones)						
WINDHAM – Deborah Blewitt (Brown)						

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2022 ATTENDANCE**

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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 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

TRUCKING INDUSTRY – Vacant

OBSERVERS AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Ms. Kay Clark	LWV AA
Mr. Mike Collins	Portage County Engineer’s Office
Mr. Chuck Hauber	Summit County Engineer’s Office
Mr. George Maki	E.L. Robinson Engineering

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Citizens Involvement Committee
Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Summary

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Attendees:

Ron Brubaker
Kay Clark
Bill Maki
Bill Sepe

Staff:

Farhad Ahmadzai, Transportation Designer
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. Introductions were made among the attendees.

II. Discussion Items

A. Mr. Baker said that the federal government continues to release information regarding Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) for transportation grants created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). AMATS has forwarded information about NOFAs and their associated web links to the committee membership. **Mr. Baker** said that upcoming NOFAs may concern the Safe Streets and the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary grant programs. There was a recent NOFA for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant program. **Mr. Baker** said that AMATS is learning more about the NOFA process and is encouraging its members to apply for suitable grants as they become available.

B. Mr. Baker presented Attachment 5A - *Draft Resiliency Report*.

William Maki asked for a definition of the term “regulatory floodway” as presented in the attachment. **Heather Davis Reidl** said that the term was defined under Section 2 on page 4 of the report. **Mr. Baker** recited the definition of “regulatory floodway” as presented in the report.

Mr. Maki asked whether project sponsors should consider permeable surfaces for repaving projects to mitigate surface water runoff. **Mr. Baker** noted that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has not approved such surfaces. **Mr. Baker** explained that AMATS cannot program funding for surfaces that are not approved by ODOT under federal planning regulations. **Darryl Kleinhenz** noted that there may be “freeze-thaw” cycle concerns regarding the use of permeable surfaces. **Mr. Maki** suggested that AMATS research the use of permeable surfaces by other countries. The attendees discussed the use of permeable surfaces and flooding.

- C. **Farhad Ahmadzai** presented Attachment 5B - *2021 Annual Report on Roadway Traffic Congestion*.

The attendees discussed how StreetLight InSight® data used in the development of the report is compiled and used.

Mr. Maki noted that portions of the Tallmadge Circle are listed on pages 15 and 16 of *Appendix Table 1: 2021 Congested Segments in the AMATS Region*. **Mr. Maki** asked if the Tallmadge Engineering Department could pursue solutions to this congestion such as a traffic loop to bypass the area. The members discussed the viability of a loop and other potential solutions for the area.

- D. **Mr. Maki** presented a book entitled *Bridges* written by David Ross as a reference resource for use by the AMATS Staff.
- E. **Mr. Maki** presented several articles regarding vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) aircraft for consideration by the AMATS Staff.
- F. **Ron Brubaker** asked if additional information regarding NOFAs was available to an advocacy group such as **TASCforce**, which is a Summit County-based, non-profit group that advocates the establishment of trails. **Mr. Baker** said that additional information was available on the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) web site - [transportation.gov](https://www.transportation.gov). **Mr. Baker** cautioned that grant applicants tend to be governmental entities and that the application process is labor intensive. **Mr. Baker** offered to forward links to Mr. Brubaker.

There was discussion regarding as to projects that may qualify for funding.

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, August 4, 2022**.

**FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT
AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
April 30, 2022**

Description	Annual Budget	Year-to-Date Expenses	% Budget Expended	April Expenses
I. Short Range Planning	\$360,000	\$208,151	58%	\$23,642
FY2021 Carryover	85,000	84,898		0
FY2022	275,000	123,253		23,642
II. Transportation Improvement Program	\$228,450	\$210,492	92%	\$17,674
FY2020 Carryover	53,450	53,440		0
FY2021	175,000	157,052		17,674
III. Continuing Planning & Data Collection Transportation System Update	\$224,000	\$207,236	93%	\$44,731
FY2021 Carryover	44,000	42,909		0
FY2022	180,000	164,326		44,731
IV. Long Range Plan Activity	\$464,500	\$291,531	63%	\$27,902
FY2021 Carryover	64,500	64,424		0
FY2022	400,000	227,107		27,902
V. Service	\$528,900	\$250,110	47%	\$34,666
FY2021 Carryover	98,900	98,844		0
FY2022	430,000	151,265		34,666
VI. OhioRideshare and AQ Advocacy	\$246,500	\$183,603	74%	\$5,277
FY2021 OhioRideshare Carryover	45,500	38,949		0
FY2022 OhioRideshare	80,000	25,531		5,277
FY2021 Air Quality Carryover	21,000	19,218		0
FY2022 Air Quality	100,000	99,905		0
VII. Local	\$25,000	\$35,685	143%	\$0
AMATS local Costs**	25,000	35,685		0
VIII. AMATS Transportation Quarterly	\$23,785	\$23,070	97%	\$0
FY2021 Carryover	14,150	14,075		0
FY2022	9,635	8,995		0
IX. GRAND TOTAL AMATS BUDGET	\$2,101,135	\$1,409,877	67%	\$153,893

****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: June 1, 2022

AMATS is aware of the challenges that some you have been facing with bids lately. Some of you have been experiencing high bids and some of you have not even received bids back from contractors. Labor shortages and material costs along with an abundance of work for contractors are driving up costs. We will try to do what we can to help you get your project off the ground. We have a small STBG balance in FY 2022 and it can be used if you need a 15 percent increase in the AMATS federal portion of the funding. The 15 percent increase is documented in our Funding Policy Guidelines and was developed to help sponsors through times like this. We can even go above the 15 percent in certain circumstances but that would require the approval of Technical Advisory Committee-Transportation Improvement Program (TAC-TIP) Subcommittee.

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

May 31, 2022

ODOT PID	CMAQ PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	PHASE	FY 2022	Quarter	FY 2023	Quarter	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Orig. Amt
	Sold											
111426	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS		\$100,000	1							\$100,000
111431	Rideshare Program	AMATS		\$80,000	1							\$80,000
112026	SR 59-2.14 (E Main St)	Kent	P(C)	\$698,935	3							\$700,000
103172	Massillon Rd/Corporate Woods Cir/Boettler	Green	C	\$404,318	3							\$5,643,736
	Pending											
112026	SR 59-2.14 (E Main St)	Kent	P(C)	\$1,065								
103172	Massillon Rd/Corporate Woods Cir/Boettler	Green	C	\$5,029,481	4							\$5,643,736
111777	CNG Bus Buy 2022 (2 buses)	PARTA	C	\$920,000	1							\$920,000
111428	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS				\$100,000	1					\$100,000
111432	Rideshare Program	AMATS				\$80,000	1					\$80,000
106445	SR 91-13.53 (SR 91 South Widening Project)	Hudson	C			\$1,981,616	1					\$2,500,000
112270	CNG Bus Buy (3 buses)	METRO	C			\$1,560,000	1					\$1,560,000
106416	SR 43 Widening	Streetsboro	C			\$3,300,775	2					\$3,300,775
108084	Portage Trail Extension Turn Lane	Cuy Falls	C			\$267,202	3					\$267,202
112797	Valley View & Olde Eight Improvements	Summit Co Eng	R(C)			\$32,000						\$32,000
111429	Air Quality Advocacy Program	AMATS						\$100,000				\$100,000
111433	Rideshare Program	AMATS						\$80,000				\$80,000
112245	METRO CNG Replacements (3 buses)	METRO	C					\$1,260,000				\$1,260,000
112244	PARTA 2 replacement clean diesel buses	PARTA	C					\$779,253				\$779,253
113165	Ravenna & Shephard Improvements	Macedonia	R(C)					\$80,000				\$80,000
113161	Highland & Valley View Improvements	Macedonia	R(C)					\$104,000				\$104,000
112797	Valley View & Olde Eight Improvements	Summit Co Eng	(R)C					\$228,000				\$228,000
112716	N Main St Complete Streets	Akron	C						\$900,000			\$900,000
112026	SR 59-2.14 (E Main St)	Kent	C					\$5,300,000				\$5,300,000
113161	Highland & Valley View Improvements	Macedonia	(R)C					\$1,704,811				\$1,704,800
113165	Ravenna & Shephard Improvements	Macedonia	(R)C					\$1,289,288				\$1,289,288
102745	Darrow Rd Signal Improvements	Stow	C					\$1,197,690				\$1,197,690
116990	Kent Rd Signal Improvements	Stow	C					\$1,520,145				\$1,520,145
116917	Arlington Rd Roundabouts	Green	R(C)					\$762,124				\$762,124
116917	Arlington Rd Roundabouts	Green	(R)C							\$3,305,666		\$3,305,666
117173	SR 303/SR 14/Ranch Improvements	Streetsboro	C							\$459,517		\$459,517
117253	METRO 2 electric buses	METRO	C							\$1,454,750		\$1,464,750
116416	PARTA 3 clean diesel buses	PARTA	C							\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000
116924	Downtown Hudson Signal Improvements	Hudson	C							\$2,316,939		\$2,316,939

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

Annual CMAQ Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Annual CMAQ Allocations	\$7,254,360	\$7,321,593	\$2,631,253	\$12,674,058	\$9,136,872	\$0	
Balance	\$9,418,442	\$5,591,127	\$5,591,127	\$5,591,127	\$5,591,127	\$5,591,127	
	\$2,164,082	-\$1,730,466	\$2,959,874	-\$7,082,931	-\$3,545,745	\$5,591,127	

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

May 31, 2022

ODOT PID	TASA PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	PHASE	FY 2022	Quarter	FY 2023	Quarter	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Orig. Amt
	Sold											
106539	Wooster Rd/Robinson (Towpath Trail connector)	Barberton	C	\$377,872	3							\$435,640
	Pending											
106539	Wooster Rd/Robinson (Towpath Trail connector)	Barberton	R	\$13,000								
107797	CVNP Ped Bridge & Trail	Summit Co	C	\$805,000	4							\$805,000
112788	Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk	Summit Co	P(R)C	\$102,000	4							\$120,000
112788	Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk	Summit Co	P(R)C			\$18,000	1					\$120,000
112788	Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk	Summit Co	(P)R(C)			\$32,000	3					\$32,000
99729	Raber Rd sidewalks	Green	C			\$500,000	3					\$500,000
113160	Rubber City Heritage Trail East Side Seg B	Akron	C			\$700,000						\$700,000
105556	The Portage Trail - Ravenna Rd Bridge	Portage Parks	(P)C					\$313,600				\$313,600
112788	Cleveland Massillon Rd sidewalk	Summit Co	(P)R(C)					\$368,000				\$368,000
107930	Freedom Trail Phase 4	MetroParks	C					\$700,000				\$700,000
102796	Freedom Trail/Middlebury Connector	MetroParks/Tallmadge	C					\$700,000				\$700,000
102745	Darrow Rd Sidewalks	Stow	R(C)					\$140,000				\$140,000
113016	Stow Silver Lake Cuyahoga Falls Bike Connector	Stow	C						\$700,000			\$700,000
116464	Rubber City Heritage Trail PH 2	Akron	C						\$700,000			\$700,000
116868	Veteran's Trail Rails to Trails	Hudson	C						\$700,000			\$700,000
112026	E Main St (SR 59) Improvements	Kent	C						\$700,000			\$700,000
102745	Darrow Rd Sidewalks	Stow	(R)C						\$560,000			\$560,000
116841	Heartland Trail, Phase 4A	Wayne Co	P(C)						\$68,144			\$68,144
116457	Springside Dr Sidewalks	Summit Co	P(R)C							\$100,000		\$100,000
116457	Springside Dr Sidewalks	Summit Co	(P)R(C)							\$10,000		\$10,000
116841	Heartland Trail, Phase 4A	Wayne Co	(P)C							\$590,584		\$590,583
116457	Springside Dr Sidewalks	Summit Co	(P)R(C)								\$590,000	\$590,000

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

Annual TASA Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Annual TASA Allocations	\$1,410,726	\$1,250,000	\$2,221,600	\$3,428,144	\$700,584	\$590,000	
Balance	\$1,450,822	\$1,063,342	\$1,063,342	\$1,063,342	\$1,063,342	\$1,063,342	
	\$40,096	-\$186,658	-\$1,158,258	-\$2,364,802	\$362,758	\$473,342	

**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 2022-11 –Approving Amendment #18 to the FY 2021-2024
Transportation Improvement Program to add two new projects.**

DATE: June 1, 2022

A request has been made to add the following new projects to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program:

1. **SUM-IR 77/SR 8-11.65/0.00 (PID 114865)** – Is a project for improvements along SUM IR 77 just north of Lovers Lane to SR 8 and SR 8 from I-77 to just north of Perkins St including ramp and service road reconfigurations to increase safety and reduce congestion. This project is being added to the current Transportation Improvement Program so that engineering activities can begin in fiscal year 2023. Engineering is being funded with \$3,600,000 of non-AMATS federal funding and \$400,000 of state funding. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in FY 2027.
2. **POR-TR 136 Jones Road-1.24 (PID 117211)** – Is a bridge replacement project on Jones Road in Palmyra Township in Portage County. Engineering and Construction is scheduled in FY 2023 and is funded with State and Federal Bridge money. The entire project is estimated to cost \$977,000. The project is being added to the current Transportation Improvement Program so the sponsor, Portage County, can apply for County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) funding.

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 project listed meets all amendment requirements mentioned above. Therefore, this amendment does not cause any negative impact.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Attached to this memo is Resolution Number 2022-11. This Resolution approves the amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The Staff recommends approval.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-11

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

Approving Amendment #18 to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to add two new 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 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to add the following new projects.

1. **SUM-IR 77/SR 8-11.65/0.00 (PID 114865)** – Is a new project in the City of Akron for improvements along IR 77 just north of Lovers Lane to SR 8 and SR 8 from I-77 to just north of Perkins St including ramp and service road reconfigurations to increase safety and reduce congestion. This project is being added to the current Transportation Improvement Program so that engineering activities can begin in fiscal year 2023. Engineering is being funded with \$3,600,000 of non-AMATS federal funding and \$400,000 of state funding. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in FY 2027.
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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 2022-11 (Continued)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

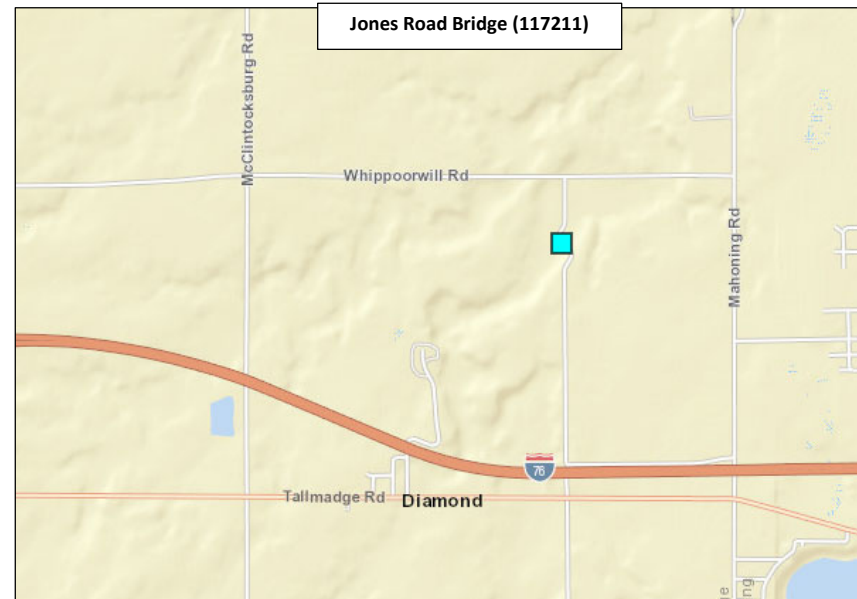
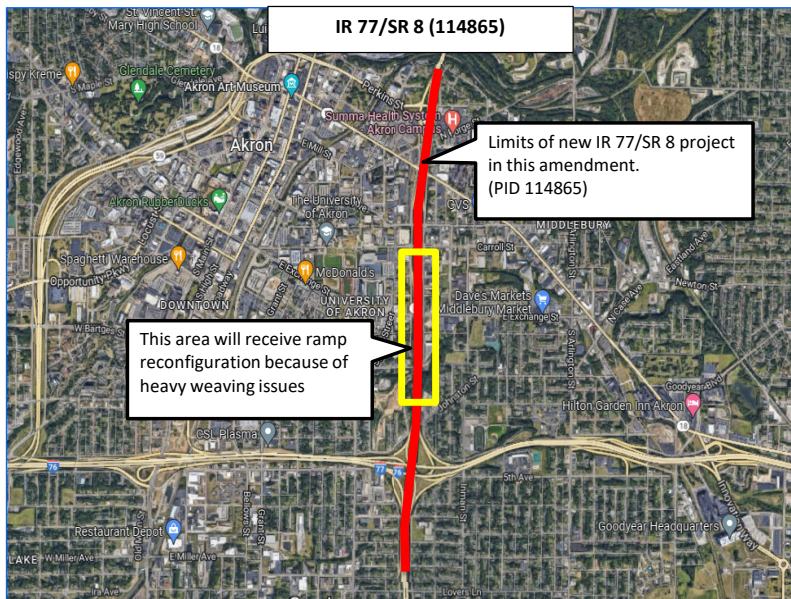
1. That this Committee amends the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2021-2024 as previously specified.
2. That this Committee considers the necessary public involvement has been carried out as described in the AMATS Public Participation Plan.
3. That this Committee affirms that sufficient federal 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 Gerard Neugebauer, 2022 Chairman
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

Date

AMENDMENT # 18 - 06/01/22
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
114865	SUM-IR 77/SR 8-11.65/0.00 (Add New Project)	1.90	AKRON I-77 FROM LOVERS LANE TO SR 8 SR 8 FROM I-77 TO PERKINS ST	CORRIDOR AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING RAMP AND SERVICE ROAD RECONFIGURATIONS TO INCREASE SAFETY AND REDUCE CONGESTION	FED STATE	P P			3,600.0 400.0		55,500.0	ODOT	EXEMPT
117211	POR-TR 136-1.24 (Jones Rd) (Add New Project)	0.01	PORTAGE COUNTY-PALMYRA TOWNSHIP JONES RD (TR 136) OVER KALE CREEK	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	STATE BR	P C			34.0 943.0		977.0	PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER	EXEMPT



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 2022-12 – Approving FY 2022 Elderly and Disabled Program Project Awards (FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #19).

DATE: June 9, 2022

Executive Summary

This memorandum discusses the latest round of funding for ODOT's Elderly and Disabled Program. The staff is recommending that the Policy Committee approve **\$556,823** in federal funds from the Elderly and Disabled Program for handicap-accessible buses and associated equipment for United Disability Services, Family & Community Services, Easter Seals of Northern Ohio and Hattie Larlham. The approved projects will be programmed into FY 2022 of the TIP (PID #117297).

Introduction

In February 2022, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) posted an announcement that it would be accepting applications to award funding under the Federal Transit Administration's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310). Eligible sponsors include non-profit organizations, state or local government authorities, and operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation for services in Summit County, Portage County, or the AMATS portions of Wayne County.

Projects awarded through the Elderly and Disabled Program must be included in, or consistent with, the AMATS Area Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan. The AMATS Policy Committee approved the current Coordinated Plan in May 2018. The function of the Coordinated Plan is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older Americans, and individuals with lower incomes.

The deadline for letters of intent was February 21, 2022. Applications were accepted in March.

Background

The purpose of the Elderly and Disabled Program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the

transportation mobility options available. Capital and operating expenses are eligible. Capital expenses include the acquisition of vehicles, handicap-accessible equipment and computer hardware and scheduling software. Operating expenses may be used to meet and exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to fill the gaps between human services and public transportation services previously available and to facilitate the integration of individuals with disabilities into the workforce; including transportation to and from jobs and employment support services.

The total amount of Elderly and Disabled funds allocated to the AMATS area from Federal Fiscal Year 2022 is \$845,879, with additional discretionary funding available from ODOT if needed. Approved projects will be programmed into FY 2022 of the TIP.

Project Awards

ODOT received four applications for funding. United Disability Services (UDS), Hattie Larlham, Easter Seals of Northern Ohio, and Family & Community Services (FCS) submitted applications. All four agencies are eligible to submit applications under this program. The projects awarded total **\$556,823** in federal funds.

Program guidance and scoring criteria should be found on the ODOT Office of Transit website. Projects are scored based on project type, level of coordination with other agencies, project effectiveness, the management capacity of the applicant, and the completeness of the application.

Staff Comment

As with all TIP amendments, considerations with respect to public participation, financial capability, air quality, environmental justice and Regional Transportation Plan consistency are important. Sufficient funding is forecasted from federal and state sources for this amendment. The new projects listed meet all amendment requirements mentioned above. Therefore, this amendment is considered free of negative impact.

Recommendations

The projects awarded by ODOT utilize the anticipated amount of funding available to the AMATS area at the time of application. Funding is provided to all four applicants. These projects are to be programmed under ODOT PID# **117297** in FY 2022.

Attached to this memo is Resolution 2022-12. This resolution approves the ODOT project awards and the requested changes to FY 2022 of the TIP, as described above. The Staff recommends approval.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-12

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

**APPROVING FY 2022 ELDERLY AND DISABLED PROGRAM PROJECT AWARDS (FY
2021-2024 TIP AMENDMENT #19)**

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 AMATS to develop and maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the area in cooperation with ODOT and the area's transit authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) accepted applications from eligible agencies in the AMATS area to receive funding under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program; and

WHEREAS, four applications were submitted by eligible agencies in the AMATS area; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has reviewed and scored these applications; and

WHEREAS, the Staff recommends the projects submitted by United Disability Services, Easter Seals of Northern Ohio, Family & Community Services and Hattie Larlham as described in the accompanying memorandum; and

WHEREAS, United Disability Services, Easter Seals of Northern Ohio, Family & Community Services and Hattie Larlham are eligible recipients, or subrecipients, of FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funds; and

WHEREAS, these projects will be viewed as air quality neutral for TIP purposes; and

WHEREAS, the requested TIP amendment described above was posted online via several media, as well as presented to the AMATS Citizens Involvement Committee (CIC) on June 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Committee has reviewed the public comments collected prior to the June 16, 2022, Policy Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the projects submitted by United Disability Services Easter Seals of Northern Ohio, Family & Community Services and Hattie Larlham are consistent with the *AMATS Area Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan*; and

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-12 (continued)

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

WHEREAS, this Committee has analyzed these requests and found them to be consistent with *Transportation Outlook*, the area’s Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Committee has been requested to amend FY 2022 of the AMATS FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program as discussed in the accompanying memorandum.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Committee amends the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2021-2024, as specified above.
2. That this Committee authorizes that United Disability Services (UDS) receive \$373,580 in federal funds from the Elderly and Disabled Program in support of their acquisition of five light transit vehicles (LTV-HC).
3. That this Committee authorizes that Easter Seals Northern Ohio receive \$57,972 in federal funds from the Elderly and Disabled Program in support of their acquisition of a light transit vehicle (LTV-HC).
4. That this Committee authorizes that Family & Community Services (FCS) receive \$45,697 in federal funds from the Elderly and Disabled Program in support of their acquisition of a modified minivan.
5. That this Committee authorizes that Hattie Larlham receive \$79,574 from the Elderly and Disabled Program in support of their acquisition of two accessible vans.
6. That this Committee considers the Citizens Involvement Committee meeting of June 9, 2022, and online public notices as adequately providing an opportunity for public involvement.
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 Gerard Neugebauer, 2022 Chairman
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

Date

AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
MEMORANDUM

TO: Policy Committee
Technical Advisory Committee
Citizens Involvement Committee

FROM: AMATS Staff

RE: Resolution 2022-13 – Resolution to approve a 15 percent cost increase for three projects over the AMATS funding cap.

DATE: June 9, 2022

Due to inflation many projects are coming in substantially over their original estimate and these projects are no exception. These projects have been awarded \$700,000 each, the maximum amount of STBG funding for resurfacing per AMATS policy. Summit County, the sponsor, is requesting that AMATS consider our traditional 15% increase to help cover the extra cost of the higher bids. AMATS Funding Policy does not allow staff to authorize an additional 15% increase on projects that are already at the funding award cap. Per the Funding Policy, AMATS TAC TIP Subcommittee has reviewed the request and is recommending the Policy Committee approve the project cost increase. The 15% increase for all 3 projects (4 originally) combined would amount to \$420,000 of STBG funding. The STBG Program has ample funds in FY 2022 to cover the extra funding. The three projects under consideration are:

PID 108140 - Ravenna Rd resurfacing

PID 108454 - Olde Eight Rd resurfacing

PID 108467 - Cleveland Massillon Rd Ph 1 & 2 resurfacing (these where two projects combined into one)

STAFF COMMENTS

Sufficient funding is forecasted from federal and state sources for this amendment. Therefore this resolution does not cause any negative impact.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Attached to this memo is Resolution Number 2022-13. The Staff recommends approval.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-13

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

Approving Resolution 2022-13 to approve a 15 percent cost increase for three projects over the AMATS funding cap.

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 award a 15% increase to the following three resurfacing projects:

PID 108140 - Ravenna Rd resurfacing

PID 108454 - Olde Eight Rd resurfacing

PID 108467 - Cleveland Massillon Rd Ph 1 & 2 resurfacing (these where two projects combined into one)

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

WHEREAS, the resolution 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 resolution 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 resolution to be consistent with Transportation Outlook, the Regional Transportation Plan, and with the availability of federal funds forecasted for the AMATS area.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-13 (Continued)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Committee modifies 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.

Gerard Neugebauer, 2022 Chairman
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

Date