

Complete Streets Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2016
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Capitol Commons Building

Present:

Akia Burnett, Karen Kafantaris, John Niemela, Rory Neuner, Gary Piotrowicz, Suzanne Schulz, and Bill Shreck (for Kirk Steudle)

Not Present:

Lynn Afendoulis, Rob Bacigalupi, Andrea Brown, Steve DeBrabander, Ken Fletcher, Carolyn Grawi, Lt. Gary Megge, Megan Olds, Jim Tischler and Christopher White

Welcome

Chairperson Suzanne Schulz called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending today's last Complete Streets Advisory Council meeting. She stated the Legislature has acted on the Council's request to sunset and Governor Snyder signed off on the Bill earlier this month. Ms. Schulz mentioned there will be a public comment period at the end of the meeting and those wishing to speak should fill out a public comment card and return it to a staff member. She also informed the group that a conference line is available for those who want to listen to the proceedings. Members of council introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Despite the lack of a quorum, as a symbolic gesture the Council moved and seconded to approve the December 4, 2014 and January 29, 2015 draft minutes. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Schulz noted that the final minutes replacing the draft minutes will be posted next week on MDOT's Complete Streets Advisory Council's website: www.michigan.gov/completestreets.

Approve 2015 Annual Report

No comments at this time. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2015 Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from MDOT's Multi-Modal Development and Delivery (M2D2) Team

Claire Stevens, from MDOT's Office of Economic Development, provided an update regarding the M2D2 project. Claire stated that the team has finalized a work plan for implementation and created three tiers of priority. All owners of documents that need updating have been contacted and teams have been created to work on the revisions.

Presentation on State and Federal Transportation Funding

Chris Hundt, a Policy Specialist with MDOT, discussed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). Some of the highlights discussed include maintaining existing formula-based programs, new project eligibilities, and lost eligibility for some non-infrastructure safety.

Aarne Frobom, a transportation planning specialist with MDOT, briefly summarized the revenue expected from the transportation-finance package that was enacted last November which will take effect between 2017 and 2021.

Proposed Speed Limit Changes

Aarne also reviewed legislative actions being discussed in the current legislature that may affect traffic laws.

Presentation on the Economics of Bicycling Study

Josh DeBruyn, MDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, shared the results of the recent study on the Community and Economic Benefits of Bicycling in Michigan.

Public Comment

None at this time.

Wrap-Up

Chairperson Schulz summarized presentations by each presenter and thanked the Council for their work over the last six years. She stated that it's been an honor to lay the groundwork on the development, implementation and coordination of complete streets in Michigan. She took a moment to look back on all that has been accomplished:

- There are now 100 Complete Streets policies in Michigan. Making Michigan 2nd in the nation, with New Jersey at 1st.
- Passage of the new State transportation funding bill.
- More flexibility at the federal level.
- M2D2 continues the shift towards a system that serves all users.
- There will be continued opportunities, as representatives of stakeholder groups, to provide input to the M2D2 process.
- With all that's been accomplished, the CSAC's vision for a "transportation network that is accessible, interconnected, and multimodal and that safely and efficiently moves goods and people of all ages and abilities," could be a Michigan reality in the years to come.

Adjournment

Gary P. moved that the meeting be adjourned and John N. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned. This is the last Complete Streets Advisory Council meeting.