



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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PAUL C. AJEGBA  
DIRECTOR

JOINT MEETING  
of  
Commission for Logistics & Supply Chain Collaboration  
and  
Governor's Port Authority Advisory Committee

DRAFT MINUTES  
August 12, 2021

LSC Members Present

Peter Anastor *for Paul C. Ajegba* (via phone)  
Les Brand (via phone)  
Beth Colosimo *for Quentin Messer, Jr.*  
Dr. David Closs  
Dr. Pasi Lautala (via phone)  
Fred Schlemmer  
Janice Walsh  
Jamie Zmitko-Somers *for Gary McDowell*  
(via phone)

LSC Advisory

Tom Rayburn, Lake Carriers Association  
(via phone)  
Eric Peace, Lake Carrier Association  
(via phone)

PAC Members Present

Paul LaMarre  
Kyle Burleson  
Paul Strpko (via phone)  
Charles Squires (via phone)

Members Absent

Robert Innis  
Gabe Schneider  
Rodney Stokes  
Mark Pontti

Dept of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Stephen Gillotte (via phone)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Peter Anastor, Office of Rail Director, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Paul LaMarre, Port of Monroe Director welcomed members of the Commission for Logistics & Supply Chain Collaboration (LSC), Governor's Port Authority Advisory Committee (PAC), and MDOT support staff. Peter thanked Paul and his team for hosting the meeting at the Port of Monroe.

Motion to approve draft minutes for May 6, 2021 was not established and will move forward to the next meeting.

Peter announced Roger Huff's retirement and read his July 13, 2021 resignation letter (Roger served on the LSC for eight years). He also relayed the group wishes Roger a happy retirement and indicated they know he will be enjoying the retired life with his family in Michigan and Arizona.

### Michigan Mobility 2045 (MM2045)

Brad Sharlow, AICP Supervisor, Urban Travel Analysis Unit, Joe Bryan, WSP, and Alex King, WSP, presented the overall plan and the rail and freight components. Brad discussed the outline of the plan, key takeaways, the extensive public/stakeholder engagement process, and the schedule for accepting comments and plan adoption. Members from the LSC and PAC asked questions pertaining to investments into ports and rail, ensuring the freight was fully integrated. Brad, Joe, and Alex answered the questions. It was also emphasized by the LSC that follow-up with state and federal elected officials on the plan implementation is critical. MDOT is accepting comments into the plan until August 31, and then will be finalizing the document and asking the State Transportation Commission to adopt the final plan in November 2021.

### Commission for Logistics & Supply Chain Collaboration (LSC) Update

Peter Anastor provided an update on LSC's activities since the last joint meeting held with the Port Authority Advisory Committee virtually in August 2020.

- LSC meetings were held virtually in November 2020 and in February and May 2021.
- Regular reports were received on state and federal legislation related to freight and logistics and labor and economic growth efforts, including state talent and workforce development.
- Provided input into the development of the MM2045 Draft Plan, including the integration of the State Rail Plan and State Freight Plan.
- Presentations received on the Transportation Economic Development Fund Program and Projects, Freight Economic Development Program, COVID-19 Labor Perspectives, Gordie Howe International Bridge and Blue Water Bridge Plaza, Office of Future Mobility and Electrification, and Upper Peninsula Propane Study.
- LSC members continuously shared updates on how COVID-19 impacted their respective companies and industries, which provided a sounding board for one another and an opportunity to collaborate on issues related to the pandemic.

- State and Federal Legislative Updates - Due to time restraints, there were no in-person state and federal legislative updates. On August 10, the U.S. Senate passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (HR 3684), bipartisan legislation to invest the nation's infrastructure, including funding for roads and bridges, rail, transit, port, electric grid, water systems, broadband, among other priorities. The legislation would provide \$944 billion in total spending over five years, totaling \$550 billion new spending. It represents a significant infusion of federal funding for U.S. public works across various industries.

#### Port Authority Advisory (PAC) Committee Update

Paul LaMarre, Port of Monroe Director, announced the Port/Bus Tour would be held virtually due to a storm that came through the area the previous day. The virtual tour was available to anyone interested, including members of his staff (Sam Hankinson, Port Development Coordinator, Vinny Cioletti, Business and Operations Assistant, Gregg Ward, International Trade Development Coordinator). The Port of Monroe, since 2012, has had the most exponential tonnage growth on the Great Lakes. It is the first port in the Great Lakes to be accepted into the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Program; the first port in Michigan to receive state funding for commercial dock improvements, and the first and only Great Lakes public agency to take over managing and marketing cargo. The Port of Monroe is also Michigan's only port on Lake Erie and serves as the gateway to the State of Michigan's far-reaching multimodal transportation network. Spliethoff, an international shipping company headquartered in Netherlands, formed a partnership with the Port of Monroe.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.