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## MEETING NOTICE

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There will be a **West Michigan Regional Rural Transportation Task Force (Region 14)** meeting held on:

**DATE: Thursday, October 29, 2026**

**TIME: 11:00 a.m.**

**PLACE: WMSRDC Offices (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
Terrace Plaza Building  
316 Morris Avenue, Suite 340  
Muskegon, MI, 49440**

If you are unable to attend, please send an alternate attendee or call Lauryn Blake 231.722.7878 ext. 230 or Joel Fitzpatrick 231.722.7878 ext. 160.

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West Michigan Regional Rural Transportation Task Force (Region 14)

**AGENDA**

October 29, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES (August 5, 2026) – **(ACTION ITEM)(ATTACHMENT I)**
- V. FY2026 – 2029 AMENDMENTS **(ACTION ITEM)(ATTACHMENT II)**
- VI. UPDATE FROM MDOT
- VII. RURAL TRANSPORTATION ROUNDTABLE
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT
- XI. ADJOURNMENT



**ATTACHMENT I**

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To: Rural Transportation Task Force Members  
From: Lauryn Blake, Planner, WMSRDC  
RE: Review and approval of Task Force minutes

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Commission staff is requesting review and approval of the attached minutes from the August 5, 2026 meeting.

## **REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE 14 MEETING**

WMSRDC Conference Room 316 Morris Ave, Suite 340  
Muskegon, MI 49440

### **MEETING MINUTES**

August 5, 2026

#### **XII. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Timmer called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

#### **XIII. ATTENDANCE**

##### **A. Members Present**

Mark Timmer, Oceana County Road Commission (Chairperson)  
Derek Wawsczyk, Newaygo County Road Commission (Vice Chairperson)  
Kathy Shafer, City of Scottville  
Kasey Jernberg, Newaygo County Village/City Representative  
Brad Hinken, Newaygo County Agency on Aging  
Eric Nelson, Mason County Road Commission  
Lisa Nagel, Oceana County Council on Aging  
Leroy Williams, Lake County Road Commission  
Theresa Lamb, Village of Baldwin  
Paul Keson, Ludington Mass Transit Authority  
Scott Saigeon, Muskegon County Road Commission  
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region  
Howard Perry, Yates Township Dial a Ride

##### **B. Members Absent**

Geoff Nelson, Village of Ravenna

##### **C. Others Present**

Brian Stark, MDOT  
Rachel H, Muskegon County Road Commission

##### **D. Staff Present**

Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC  
Lauryn Blake, WMSRDC

XIV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public spoke.

XV. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting, held February 24, 2026. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes. Motion carried. ***M/S Williams/Perry***

XVI. **FY2026 – 2029 PROJECT AMENDMENT**

**Newaygo County**

FY2026 – JN 214617 had a verbiage change in the scope.  
Federal Aid Buyout 2028

**Lake County**

Lake County is lending funds to Mason County. In this, they are requesting that JN223924 be deleted and JN223932 be moved to FY2028 with a budget increase.

**Mason County**

There is a project that is extending to accommodate an MDOT detour that consists of Milling & One Course Overlay on Quarterline Road from Townline Road to Hoague Road. Because Mason County will be focused on this job, the MCRC requested S. Lakeshore Drive Project be deleted and the Freesoil Road Project to be moved to the Illustrative Project list. To compensate for any remaining funding needs, they intend to borrow funds from Lake County and repay them in 2028.

**Oceana County**

Ms. Lisa Nagel discussed the remaining money from a previous project being put towards a new computer purchase.

A motion was made and supported to approve all amendments to the FY2026-2029 project shown above. Motion approved. ***M/S Keson/Hinken***

**XVII. UPDATE FROM MDOT**

Mr. Brian Stark informed the committee that the August redistribution should be enough to cover all RTF projects and that they are trying to look into using 30% of the carryover balance to maintain 2027 numbers. He let the committee know that the Federal Aid Buyout Program for 2028 ends in September.

Ms. Lane Masoud is now an MDOT supervisor.

**XVIII. RURAL TRANSPORTATION ROUNDTABLE**

Newaygo County transportation is splitting resources to another county agency.

Mr. Howard Perry informed the committee of an open house from 12-2 on Friday, August 7, 2026.

**XIX. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

**XX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was discussed.

**XXI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public spoke.

**XXII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.



**ATTACHMENT II**

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To: Rural Transportation Task Force Members  
From: Lauryn Blake, Planner, WMSRDC  
RE: Review and approval of Task Force Amendments

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Staff is recommending the approval of the following project changes.

**Please bring project information and materials for any jobs needing approval to this meeting.**

**Newaygo County**

**Oceana County**

**Mason County**

**Lake County**

**Muskegon County**

- JN 222224: Change of limit to be from Sherman Blvd to Apple Ave and to lower the local match to \$224,000 and have the total construction cost to be \$1,040,000, which is a 33.12% change.