

DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Transportation

DATE: March 12, 2020

Chairman Maddock called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Representatives Maddock, Yaroch, Miller, Brann, Bollin, Peterson and Love were present.

Rep. Bollin moved to adopt the minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting. The motion was adopted by voice vote without objection.

The subcommittee heard testimony from William McEntee, Vice Chair of the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC). Mr. McEntee gave a presentation on road and bridge condition performance measures. Mr. McEntee was joined by Joanna Johnson, TAMC Chair. A copy of the Mr. McEntee's PowerPoint presentation is included in the official House Fiscal Agency minutes and is posted to the HFA website.

Representative Bollin expressed concern that some local agencies will not be in full compliance with statutory requirements for asset management plans. Mr. McEntee indicated that some agencies had not been collecting data on all currently-required elements of asset management plans, such as traffic signals and culverts. He noted that 123 road agencies with greater than 100 miles of roadway represented 98% of public roads in Michigan. Ms. Johnson indicated that all agencies, including MDOT, used the same reporting tool, PASER, to collect the data that flows into the TAMC reporting system. MDOT and some local road agencies may collect additional data, and use other reporting tools (such as the International Roughness Index), for internal purposes. Mr. McEntee indicated that all agencies use the same pavement rating process under PASER.

Ms. Johnson also described of local sources of transportation funding, as well as provisions of Public Act 325 of 2018 that established criteria for asset management plans.

Mr. McEntee indicated that the largest share of the federal-aid road system is found in southeast Michigan – as well as the largest number of bridges. Mr. McEntee indicated that pavement ratings and related pavement defects drive the preferred mix of fixes.

The House Fiscal Agency noted that there were two audiences for asset management data; the original asset management report was intended as a reporting device to the legislature – as an alternative to a statutory “needs study.” In addition, road agency managers and decision makers use the detailed information to drive investment decisions.

Mr. McEntee proposed a question for legislators: what is the statewide goals for the transportation system; when do legislators want to achieve those goals?

Note: The 2019 TAMC report was submitted to the legislature on April 30, 2020

<https://www.michigan.gov/tamc/>

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/tamc/2019_TAMC_Annual_Report_Press_Release_688784_7.pdf

Minutes taken by William E. Hamilton, House Fiscal Agency
Approved:

Chair Maddock adjourned the subcommittee, without objection, the time being 12:00 PM.