

City of Detroit Federal Aid Committee (FAC)

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2025 | 11:00 AM

SEMCOG | Woodward Room

Suite 1400, 1001 Woodward Ave, #1400, Detroit, MI 48226

1) Roll Call (Verification of Voting Members) and Introductions

- a) Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:03 am
- b) Voting Members:
 - Chair: DPW CS: Calvin Johnson
 - CS: Christina Peltier
 - DPW TED: Sunny Jacob
 - DPW CED: Steve Bannasch
 - DDOT: Absent
 - OMI: Ken Kucel
 - MPD: Absent
 - PDD: Dara O'Byrne
 - RTA: Ben Stupka
 - MDOT: LeAnn Graban
 - Wayne County: Alan Ko
- c) Other Members:
 - City of Highland Park: Delaney Gaweda, Max Wagener
 - SEMCOG: Ally Racisz; Michele Fedorowicz; Steve Brudzinski; Jenya Abramovich
 - CoD DPW: Kirit Patel; Prasad Nannapaneni
 - Wayne County: Catherine Cheung; Chris Onolemhemhen; Robert Hunter; Oladayo Akinyemi

2) Public Comment

- a) No members of the public present.

3) Approval of Minutes | Action Required

- a) Chris Onolemhemhen made a motion to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Robert Hunter. Motion passed.

4) Report from Transit Agencies

- a) RTA: Ben Stupka reported ridership has increased in the Qline, D2A2 and DAX services.
- b) DDOT: Ally Racisz reported, on behalf of Riki Yamakura, that the Coolidge Transit Center Project is entering its final phase, with exterior construction nearing completion. Paving and interior build-out activities have now commenced for a still projected Spring 2026

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opening. The Jefferson Avenue Enhanced Corridor Pilot is progressing steadily, with initial materials arriving on-site. Work is also advancing on our Shelter Renovation and Addition Program, targeting 100 upgraded or new shelters across the system. Finally, outreach for the Rosa Parks Transit Center Renovation will begin in approximately the next 45 days, with community input solicited via both electronic submission and mailed comment forms, ensuring a broad and inclusive engagement process.

- c) People Mover and SMART representatives were absent.

5) Report from Department of Public Works

- a) Christina Peltier provided a comprehensive overview of recent highlights in the complete streets department including receiving draft FHWA Agreements for the Safer Gratiot Pilot and the RAISE Grant: Joe Louis meets Iron Belle.
- b) Sunny Jacob provided a status report on projects in the Traffic Engineering Dept. See attached list.

6) Transportation Improvement program (TIP) Update from CED

- a) Steve Bannasch provided an overview of the project selection process, upcoming pavement projects, and project mapping tools.

7) Major Report from Other Members

- a) No reports.

8) Report from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

- a) Jenya Abramovich provided a detailed overview and demonstration of the Multi-Modal Tool.
- b) Ally Racisz provided a brief overview of the FY 26-29 TIP Development Schedule and an reminded the committee on the upcoming TIP amendments.

9) Report from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

- a) TSC: LeAnn Graban reported the following:
 - All local projects now using AASHTOWare
 - Submit any Fiscal Year 2025 funded projects for obligation as soon as possible
 - Submit NEPA for Fiscal Year 2026
 - Safety grant applications are currently under review and awardees should be notified by Labor Day
 - Federal Eligibility Guidelines have been updated
 - There should be an update coming out soon for the HMA Selection Guidelines
 - Make sure to use the current Special Provision template or they will need to be revised prior to advertisement

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10) Good of the Order

11) Adjournment

- a) Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:21 pm