



S. Martin Luther King Jr. Corridor Improvement Authority
Informational Meeting #1
Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2022 – 1:00 PM
UA Local 333 Plumbers & Pipefitters
5405 S Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard,
Lansing, MI 48911

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call
2. Approval of S. MLK CIA Meeting Minutes (August 17, 2023) - **Action**
3. Information and update on Cata Bus Stop Project
4. Site map Discussion for S. MLK
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment



**Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**
August 17, 2023

Members Present: Amanda Defrees, Nikki Soldan, Don Sober,

Members Absent: Price Dobernack, Teresa Stokes

Facilitator Present: Alex Watkins (LEDC)

Guests Present: Melissa Longworth (MDOT), Erin Chelotti (MDOT), Andrea Strach (MDOT), Dave Harrison (MDOT), Mike Davis (MDOT)

Public: Aurelius Christian (LEDC)

Recorded by: Alex Watkins

Call to Order/ Roll Call:

Vice Chair Defrees called meeting to order 1:15pm. Roll call was called by Watkins and recorded to public record.

Approval of S. MLK Meeting Minutes (July 20th, 2023) – Action

Motion: Soldan moved to approve the meeting minutes from July 20, 2023 as presented. Motion seconded by Sober.

Projects Discussion :

Longworth presented the Corridor road safety audit to the board. Further discussion took place. Some of the ideas presented to the board were:

- Long pedestrian crossing Victor and Holmes not ped crossing.
- Change South MLK jr. Blvd into a boulevard down to Jolly Rd or I-96.

- Adding Pedestrian signals at crosswalks
- Pedestrian refuge island
- Pedestrian stop walk (in design Oct. looking to construct in '25)

Davis and Strach of MDOT led a discussion about pedestrian stop walk could improve safety. Also went over how speed studies usually increase speed but do not necessarily decrease accidents. Sober brought up the perspective of ensuring that there is safety and accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Further discussion continued around installing pedestrian crossing islands. Board members also advocated for non-motorized plan (trails) as well as increasing positive lighting on the corridor.

Other Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment:

Board member Soldan moved to adjourn the S.MLK Board of Directors meeting at 2:30 pm. Sober seconded.

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Price Dobernick,
Chair of South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Corridor Improvement Authority

Good morning, Mr. Watkins:

Thank you for your willingness to partner with CATA on these projects.

Of the locations listed, some are more feasible than others. I have outlined some comments for each below, please look and let me know your thoughts.

- SBD MLK past Holmes Rd.
 - Readily able to place a new shelter at this location.
 - Next Step: Purchase/reallocate new shelter to this location.
 - Following Step: Collaborate work between the MLK CIA and CATA's Marketing Department for shelter-based artwork.
- NBD MLK past Pierce Rd.
 - In need of concrete infrastructure
 - If a shelter is to be placed in the area, it will need to be behind the existing pedestrian walkway and therefore will be on private property. If CATA is to locate a shelter in this location, we will need to have written permission from the property owner (Kingdom Life Church of Lansing, see attached property information)
- NBD MLK past Holmes Rd.
 - The current ridership level and location of the bus stop is not conducive to the location of bus stop shelter, at this time.
 - We can talk through alternatives yet, at this time we should hold off until the M-99 mid-block crossing project has taken shape and gives us a better understanding of pedestrian traffic patterns, post upgrade.
- NBD MLK past Jolly
 - Readily open to place a new shelter at this location.
 - Next Step(s):
 - Procure concrete as, CATA will likely need to replace the existing concrete infrastructure.
 - Purchase/reallocate new shelter to this location.
 - Following Step: Collaborate work between the MLK CIA and CATA's Marketing Department for shelter-based artwork.

Once you have an opportunity to review my comments, let me know what you think, and we will move this initiative forward.

Thank you,

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From: Alex Watkins <Alex@lansingedc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Kai Christiansen <KChristiansen@cata.org>
Cc: Aurelius Christian <Aurelius@lansingedc.com>
Subject: RE: MLK Corridor Bus Stops

Good afternoon Mr. Christiansen,

Aurelius Christian and I were able to sit down with the South Martin Luther King Blvd Corridor Authority, and we were able to present the On and Off Bus Stop Locations document with the board. Thank you so much for your effort in gathering this information and the corridor has selected a few strategic locations where they are interested in placing sheltered bus stops.

The locations are as follows:

<u>Stop #</u>	<u>Location</u>
MLKHolmS	SBD MLK past Holmes Rd. (This is currently a sheltered stop already there, but the board wants a new shelter constructed at this location and the current shelter to be moved to NBD MLK past Jolly)
MLKPierN	NBD MLK past Pierce Rd.
MLKHol2N	NBD MLK past Holmes Rd.
MLKJolIN	NBD MLK past Jolly (placing the existing shelter at this location)

So altogether The MLK Corridor would like to add 3 new stops (preferably with a mural but can be discussed later) and one stop relocated from North Bound MLK past Holmes to South Bound MLK past Jolly.

If you could give me your thoughts, feedback and next steps it would be greatly appreciated. We can communicate by email or if a phone conversation is easier; my contact information is listed below. Thank you,



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