



**Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – 3:00 PM

Members Present: Robert Benstein, Bob Vanarkel, Jo Sinha, Diane Hartwell, Steve Bohnet

Members Absent: Alicia Gonzales

Facilitator Present: Aurelius Christian (LEDC)

Guests Present: Kahleea Washington, Alex Watkins, Jen Estill, Dave Goodman, Mike Davis, Andrea Strach

Public: Jen Estill, Dave Goodman,

Recorded by: Aurelius Christian (LEDC)

Call to Order/ Roll Call

Benstein called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Roll call was called by Christian and recorded for public record.

Approval of Lansing Gateway CIA Meeting Minutes (June 20, 2023) - Action

MOTION: Sinha moved to approve the Lansing Gateway CIA Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2023. Motion seconded by Hartwell.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Corridor Update

Survey

Washington introduced herself again and offered an update to her North Grand River (Lansing Gateway) survey. Washington spoke about doing door to door business visits and presented a digital a physical flyer with links to the survey.

Washington asked the board to reimburse the Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) for the cost (\$110.66) associated with printing the flyers. Benstein agreed to invoice LEDC for flyer printing cost.

Projects Discussion

Christian introduced projects discussion for round table open discussion.

Bohnet introduced Davis and Strach from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and asked about plans and programs, crosswalks and signals.

After an introduction Davis informed the board that MDOTs focus is highways; stating that 85% of federal road funding goes to highway maintenance. The board learned that MDOT 5 year plans for road reconstruction and rehab programs. State transportation commission sets the standard for programs outside of Gov's objectives. A maximum of 10% of federal funding budget can be spent on state road lines. MDOT will work with local agencies to get local road commissions to work on State roads.

Strach informed the board that there are no rehab programs planned for Lansing in the 5-year program. Strach stated that 2030 would be the earliest any proposed project could be done.

Bohnet asked about money for safety issues. Strach answered Safe streets for all applications as an option. MPO tri-county commission is also applying for Safe streets grant. Bohnet asked about speed traffic lights. Davis went over how they study pedestrians. Starch gave local examples of road diet.

Benstein asked about the remaining 5% fund. Davis stated money gets disbursed between other projects. Sinha asked about how projects get prioritized. Davis and Strach spoke about getting a plan together so that emergency fixes can also implement long term structures.

Starch disclosed a regional trail plan through dept of public works. Bohnet asked about the trail system and who to speak with on river trail improvements. MDOT does not own the trail network. Estill asked about state grants. Bohnet mentioned Walk & Bike Lansing as reaching out to get direction on the trail.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

MOTION: Bohnet moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Benstein .

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

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Robert Benstein, Chair
Lansing Gateway CIA