



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
March 18, 2021 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 21, 2021

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. MSU – Lake Lansing Pathway Phase III

7. COMMISSION ACTION

A. MSU – Lake Lansing Pathway Phase III

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A. Pathway Master Plan

9. REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Township Board
- B. Planning Commission
- C. Chair
- D. Staff

10. NEXT MEETING DATES

- A. Township Board Meeting April 13, 2021
- B. Transportation Commission Meeting May 20, 2021.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Zoom Meeting

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Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Director of Community Planning and Development Mark Kieselbach, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4506 - Ten Day Notice is Required.
Meeting Location: 5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Central Fire St.

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Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Transportation Commission
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, January 21, 2021- Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Chair Vagnozzi, Vice-Chair Lovell, Commissioners Potter, Opsommer, Hudson and Robertson

Members

Absent: None

Others

Present: Deputy Manager Derek Perry, Police Chief Ken Plaga, Community Planning & Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Planning Commission Liaison Christina Snyder, and Bill McConnell.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Vagnozzi called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER OPSOMMER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HUDSON. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-NOVEMBER 19, 2020

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR LOVELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER OPSOMMER. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

5. PUBLIC REMARKS - NONE

6. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR LOVELL MOVED TO NOMINATE CHAIR VAGNOZZI AS CHAIR FOR 2021. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER POTTER. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

COMMISSIONER HUDSON MOVED TO NOMINATE VICE-CHAIR LOVELL AS VICE-CHAIR FOR 2021. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER POTTER. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A. 2021 Local Road Program

(Presentation material on file.)

- Second year of the program.
- Approximately \$3.5 million to be spent on improvement.
- Total of 17.98 miles of road work.
- Resurfacing 8.87 miles, Cape Seal 1.50 miles and Crack Fill 7.61 miles.
- Cape Seal uses small chips with a slurry coating.
- Adds 8-10 years to the life of the road.
- Roads to be resurfaced are in poor condition or have failed.
- Road work is distributed across the Township as much as possible.
- Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) analysis was completed in 2017.
- The goal of the 10 year program is to have all roads at a PASER rating of 8 (Good).
- Ingham County Road Department does chip seal over newly asphalted road to extend the life of the road.

B. Pathway Projects

(Presentation material on file.)

- The MSU to Lake Lansing pathway is planned in three phases.
- Funding from the Ingham County Trail millage was secured to pay for a portion of the pathway.
- Phase 1 will be the most difficult as there are multiple property owners along the route.
- An appraisal of each property must be done.
- Phase 2 will be sent out for bids within the next 30 days.
- Phase 2b is a ten foot wide pathway on the east side of Okemos Road from the Township Service Center, Gaylord C. Smith Court to the Inter Urban pathway.
- Phase 3 will connect to Lake Lansing and the Ingham County Park.
- Phase 3b is along Shaw Street from Haslett Road to Lake Lansing Park South.
- The pathway construction will be done in conjunction with the Ingham County Drain office Nemoka Drain project and the resurfacing of Shaw Street planned for 2021.
- The Township is working with East Lansing to construct a pathway on the west side of Towar Avenue from Lake Lansing Road north to connect with the East Lansing pathway and access to the East Lansing Sports Complex.
- There are approximately 75 miles of pathways.
- After a snowfall it takes 4-6 hours using multiple crews to clear the pathways.
- There can be negative affects when applying salt.
- Using beet juice deicer as a possible alternative.
- Concern there was no pathway on the south side of Lake Lansing Road east of Hagadorn Road to Highgate Avenue adjacent to Donley Elementary school.
- The last update to the Pathway Master Plan was 2016.
- A 2021 goal of the Township Board is to review and update the Pathway Master Plan.
- Need to identify and prioritize where pathways should be constructed.

- There have been “historic gaps” in the pathway system.

C. Okemos Road – Downtown

(Presentation material on file.)

- The new Okemos Road Bridge will have a similar design to the former camelback bridge.
- There will be a pedestrian pathway under the bridge on the north side of the river.
- Locations for rain gardens are possible adjacent to the new bridge.
- Bridge replacement will start late in 2021 with completion in 2022.
- A dedicated left turn signal will be installed at the Grand River Avenue / Dobie Road / Central Park Drive intersection in 2021.
- The left turn cycle from northbound Dobie Road to Grand River Avenue currently only allows 2-3 vehicles per cycle.
- MDOT has moved the resurfacing of Grand River Avenue to 2022 to allow additional time on the design to raise Grand River Avenue at the Okemos Road intersection.
- The Ingham County Road Department will be resurfacing Hagadorn Road from Mt. Hope Road to the Red Cedar Bridge in 2021.
- MDOT plans to resurface Saginaw Highway in 2024.
- A concept plan to connect Okemos Road to the roundabout at Marsh Road and Hamilton Road was discussed.
- The plan could help to alleviate traffic congestion at the Okemos Road and Hamilton Road intersection.

8. NEXT MEETING DATES

- A. Township Board Meeting January 26, 2021. (Boards / Commissions)
- B. Transportation Commission Meeting March 18, 2021

Chair Vagnozzi suggested the Pathway Master Plan be the discussion item for the March meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR VAGNOZZI ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, MOTION BY COMMISSIONER POTTER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE OPSOMMER, MOTION PASSES 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



9. D.

To: Transportation Commission Members
**From: Derek N. Perry, Deputy Township Manager
Director of Public Works & Engineering**
Date: March 12, 2021
Re: MSU to Lake Lansing Pathway Phase III MNRTF Grant Application

Upon completion, The MSU to Lake Lansing Pathway will be a 5.5 mile paved trail that will connect the eastern edge of the MSU campus to the Lake Lansing North and South County Park properties in Meridian Township.

Phases I and II will start construction this year and are expected to be completed in 2022. Phase III will complete the project and connect the Lake Lansing Parks with the eastern end of the existing Inter Urban Pathway (Map attached).

The cost estimate for Phase III is \$2.6 million. To fund the project we are seeking \$1.95 million from the Ingham County Park and Trail millage, \$350,000 from the Meridian Pathway millage and \$300,000 from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant program. This is the maximum amount allowed under the MNRTF program and has a required submittal date of April 1, 2021 in order to be considered for funding this year.

As part of the MNRTF application, we are required to solicit public input on the project. To meet the requirement we are requesting that the Meridian Township Transportation Commission hold a public hearing and to subsequently consider adopting a resolution of support for the project.

Following the Public Hearing, we are recommending the following proposed motion:

“Move to support and approve the attached MSU to Lake Lansing Pathway Phase III Resolution of Support.”

**MSU to Lake Lansing Pathway Phase III
RESOLUTION of SUPPORT**

At a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held virtually using the Zoom web conferencing application, in said Township on the 18th day of March 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources accepts grant requests from local units of government to assist in the development and acquisition of recreation properties; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission is interested in leveraging local Pathway Millage Funds by obtaining supplemental grant funding for pathway projects whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township has prepared a grant application for submission to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for \$300,000 to extend and complete phase III of the MSU to Lake Lansing Pathway; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified and supported in the Township Pathway Master Plan and in the 2011-2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by the Meridian Township Board and Park Commission, and is on file with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the grant request is outlined and justified in the 2021-2026 Capital Improvements Program adopted by the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, pathway development and improvements are supported by Township Board Policy and 2021 Goals and Objectives; and

WHEREAS, this grant request was open to public review at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Commission on March 18, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as follows:

To support submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for development of the MSU to Lake Lansing Phase III pathway with a total project cost of \$2,600,000.00. With the seventy-five (75%) percent local match of \$1,950,000, by the Ingham County Parks and Trails, and thirteen (13%) local match of \$350,000 by the Meridian Pathway Millage, with the remaining twelve (12%) percent (\$300,000) funded by the MNRTF grant.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Vice Chair of the Transportation Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission on the 18th of March, 2021.

Robert Lovell, Transportation Commission Vice Chair

2021-2025 Pathway Master Plan Priority List

2021

Priority	Project Description	Section	Street	Side	From	To
1	MSU- LL (Ph 1)	20	Trail along Red Cedar River	North	Hagadorn	Grand River/Park Lake
2	RRFP	12, 15	At Haslett west of Van Atta, and Central Park Drive by new Farmer's Market	Both		
3	MSU- LL (Ph 2)	16	Trail within Campus Hills apt & Rysberg preserve	N/A	Grand River	Okemos
4	MSU- LL (Ph 2b)	16	Okemos	N/A	Gaylord C Smith	Old Interurban
5	MSU- LL (Ph 3 Connector)	10	Shaw Street	East side south of Lake Dr, west side north of laLake Dr.	Hslett	Lake Lansing Road
6	Misccl pathway Repairs	Township - wide				

2022

Priority	Project Description	Section	Street	Side	From	To
1	MSU- LL (Ph 1)	20	Trail along Red Cedar River	North	Hagadorn	Grand River/Park Lake
2	East Lansing Norther Tier Connector	6	Towar	West	Lake Lansing Rd.	Est Lansing City limits
3	MSU- LL (Ph 3)	1, 2, 11	Along CE ROW	Northwestern side of CNRR	Marsh/Interurban	County Parks Green Road
4	Misccl pathway Repairs	Township - wide				

2023

Priority	Project Description	Section	Street	Side	From	To
1	MSU- LL (Ph 3)	1, 2, 11	Along CE ROW	Northwestern side of CNRR	Marsh/Interurban	County Parks /Green Road
2	Misccl pathway Repairs	Township - wide				

2024

Priority	Project Description	Section	Street	Side	From	To
1	System Gap	9	Okemos	West	Raby Road	Existing pathway
2	System Gap	3	Marsh	East	W Reynolds	South of Mack
3	System Gap	12	Haslett	North	East of Crooked Creek	West of Copper Creek Way
4	Misccl pathway Repairs	Township - wide				

2025

Priority	Project Description	Section	Street	Side	From	To
1	System Gap	5	Park Lake	East	Lake Lansing Rd	Pine Hollow
2	Misccl pathway Repairs	Township - wide				