

**Van Buren Charter Township
Downtown Development Authority**

Special Meeting

Tuesday April 2, 2013

Director Dolph called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairperson Dolph, Director Baskin, Director Bird, Director Laginess, Director Miller, Director Richtel, Secretary Zoller and Supervisor Combs.

Members Absent: Vice Chair Atchinson (excused), Director Bechtel (excused), and Director Blank (excused)

Others in Attendance: DDA Executive Director Ireland, Recording Secretary LaMothe, and an audience of four.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Laginess, support Zoller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Wade Trim representatives shared with the DDA that each year the State distributes highway funding, referred to as Act 51 funds, to Counties, Cities and Villages that have roadway ownership and maintenance responsibilities. These funds are moved through various Municipal Planning Organizations (MPOs) throughout the State. SEMCOG disperses these funds for SE Michigan via each County. This year the State ended up with a surplus of funds that was dispersed throughout the various MPOs. SEMCOG has allocated \$6.3 million to Wayne County for projects that can be designed and implemented IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. The projects will be funded if they meet MDOT criteria for readiness and on a first-come, first-serve basis. This means that communities wishing to take advantage of this funding must move quickly. This is a one-time opportunity that only happens when significant funding is still available. As Wayne County owns and maintains the roadways in Van Buren Township, they are the agency that would receive these funds and use them on the Township's behalf to make improvements to Belleville Road.

Wade Trim representative's presented a proposal that includes the engineering work and studies necessary to upgrade the six existing signals located on the DDA corridor, add a signal to provide an additional access point to major traffic generators on the corridor, resurface portions of the roadway, replace existing curb and pavement in poor condition, upgrade ADA ramps and crosswalks, and add right-turn lanes, as warranted.

Motion Laginess, support Bird to approve submitting application for FY 2013 Extra Obligation Authority Funding with a 30% grant match for a Belleville Road improvement project and that the DDA approve funding to include construction, engineering and non-participating items not allowable in the grant request. The DDA authorizes Wade Trim to proceed with design engineering of the "Full-Project" option which will include project design costs, traffic signal modernization and design, mast arms, battery back-

up units, illuminated street name signs, EVP System , ADA facility design on existing sidewalk ramps on each intersection curb, gutter, road repair and the addition of right-turn lanes where necessary. Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Richter, support Laginess to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin E. LaMothe
Recording Secretary