

Rural Task Force 10A Fall 2025 Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM by Chair Burt Thompson.

I. Introductions

In person attendees:

Joe Kroll, Charlevoix Transit
Doug Varney, City of Boyne City
Brent Shank, Emmet County Road Commission
Lisa Hoig, Emmet County Friendship Center
Jenna Foerster, Kalkaska Public Transit Authority
David Moliterno, MDOT
Brian Stark, MDOT
Cassidy Robarts, Networks Northwest
Isha Pithwa, Networks Northwest

Online attendees:

Burt Thompson, CHAIR, Antrim County Road Commission
John Rogers, Kalkaska County Road Commission
Alex Simonetti, MDOT

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the presented meeting minutes by John Rogers and supported by Brent Shank. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

III. Funding/Bid Savings Discussion

The group discussed how project overages and bid savings would impact future funding allocations. It was clarified that any overages would reduce future allocations, but this would not have an immediate effect unless there was a significant surplus. Allocation targets are expected to be updated in December. Bid savings are typically reflected in future allocation adjustments, and any questions regarding current projects or allocation estimates can be addressed as updated information becomes available.

IV. Agreements Discussion - No changes were made.

V. All Season Network Map Review - No changes were made.

VI. Review of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 Projects

Emmet County	STP	STATE-D	LOCAL	20% Match	TOTAL
'25 END BAL	\$0	\$0			
'26 TARGET	\$647,000	\$114,441			
'26 BEG BAL	\$647,000	\$114,441		\$129,400	
Robinson Road - from Pleasantview to 0.1 miles E N Ayr Rd 215307 - change limits - 1.34 miles (0.25 West of North Ayr Rd to 0.38 Miles West of Durkalic Rd) - 1799 Form Req	\$647,000	\$114,441	\$47,309		\$808,750

Clarification made no changes to the lift rafts

Motion to approve the changes made from FY2026 to FY2029 as requested by John Rogers, supported by Lisa Hoig. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

VII. Illustrative List Review - No changes were made.

VIII. Public Comments

Brian provided several updates. All RTF projects submitted to LAP were funded. With the August redistribution, there was approximately \$1.5 million in additional leftover funding, which will be utilized by the trunkline. This funding will roll over for obligation authority. More information will be available in the coming weeks regarding how the remaining funding will be used for Bridge Inspections.

The STP allocation targets are expected to be released at the end of October, and the TEDF funding targets will come out in December. If you have a project that is going to be obligated before December and you plan to use FY 2026 TEDF funding, please notify Brian. The funding must first be placed in your TEDF account, and up to 90% of the estimated TEDF amount can be used prior to the release of the final targets.

An upcoming RTF 101 training will be held virtually for any new staff or transit. It will be about a half-day session. In fall 2026, there will also be an in-person roadshow where LAP, OPT transit, and other partners will provide a comprehensive overview of the process.

There are currently no updates regarding the drunk driving felony changes. If any updates occur, new allocations for FY 2026–2029 will be issued.

For those participating in the Local Federal Fund Exchange (LFFE), Brian mentioned that the existing agreements cannot be modified. If any changes are needed, please

inform him as soon as possible. Regarding TDFD direct distribution—if you are participating in the LFFE and have TEDF funding, you can also participate by letting Brian know so the TEDF team can initiate your grant. He also clarified that participation in the Local Federal Fund Exchange is only available if federal funding is being used on the project.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by John Rogers and supported by Lisa Hoig. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.