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ROCHESTER-OLMSTED COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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ROCHESTER-OLMSTED
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AGREEMENT
Amended September 29, 1981
(As Amended January 26, 2006)

This agreement, executed this day of January 26 2006, by and between the undersigned governmental units all hereinafter called MEMBERS, each a governmental unit duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the respective members hereto, being desirous of joining together in an association to be known as the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments, hereinafter designated ROCOG, for the purpose hereinafter set out;

and

WHEREAS, Section 471.59 of Minnesota Statutes Annotated authorizes and empowers cities, townships, school districts and counties to enter into agreements for the joint or cooperative exercise of any power common to said cities, townships, school districts or counties, for the joint or cooperative exercise of similar powers of said cities, townships, school districts and counties;

and

WHEREAS, the members hereto, comprising the area in Olmsted County, Minnesota, and said county's environs face a variety of problems resulting from metropolitan growth and development, and need to cooperatively plan with regard to metropolitan growth and the provision of public services to adequately cope with said metropolitan growth and development;

WHEREAS, efficient metropolitan planning depends on the inclusion of the whole area to be effective in organizing and accomplishing the well-being of the entire community;

and

WHEREAS, the individual members hereto are authorized by law to carry on municipal, township, school district, and county planning activities.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of powers granted by law to each of the members hereto, and in consideration of accomplishing greater cooperation in guiding urban growth and development in the county of Olmsted, Minnesota, and its environs it is mutually agreed, by and between the members hereto, as follows:
That the signatories hereto do hereby form the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments to be empowered and organized as hereinafter set out:

SECTION I

That said ROCOG shall be authorized to act and empowered therefore as follows:

1. Upon the adoption, by the members hereto, of resolutions authorizing each of said members to execute and to participate in the activities hereinafter provided, and upon the execution of this agreement by said members, said ROCOG shall be authorized to carry out those comprehensive planning activities it deems to be of an areawide concern on a continuing basis.

(a) To be deemed a matter of areawide concern, it must be found by said ROCOG that any activity it proposes to undertake by virtue of the authorities herein granted, is a matter that is in the proper sphere of governmental planning, and/or is of concern to more than one governmental unit within its jurisdiction.

(b) Comprehensive planning activities of the ROCOG shall provide a basis for areawide functional planning and coordination of short range functional programs. Such planning activities may include, but is not limited to human and natural resources as well as economic, governmental and physical concerns of areawide interest. It may encompass elements for housing, employment, land use development, education, taxation, transportation, sewer and water facilities, open space and recreation, agricultural, business and economic development as well as other matters of areawide concern.

(c) The ROCOG shall aid, advise, review and comment on applications from local units of government for federal and state grants and aids which are deemed a matter of areawide concern. Such applications shall be reviewed for consistency with areawide comprehensive and functional planning.

(d) In the exercise of the powers herein granted the ROCOG shall not have the power nor shall it be authorized to act in any way as to directly usurp the governmental sovereignty of any of the members hereto.

(e) To accomplish the ends desired and to carry out its responsibilities said ROCOG shall have the following authority:

(1) To obtain personal services and to employ staff and/or retain consultant services.

(2) To apply for and accept contributions, grants, gifts, services, and other
1 assistance from any other public or private source.
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3 (3) To enter into contracts and subcontracts with any person, firm or corporation and
4 with the federal, state, or local government or any agency or political subdivision thereof,
5 including but not limited to agreements for the joint and cooperative exercise of powers of the
6 authority with any such subdivision or agency in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes,
7 Section 471.59
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9 (4) To investigate, consider, take action on, make findings, or make recommendations
10 about any matter which shall be considered by said ROCOG to be of mutual concern within its
11 jurisdiction.
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13 2. The members hereto shall be jointly and individually liable for the debts and
14 obligations incurred by said ROCOG in the proper exercise of said powers herein granted.
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16 \textbf{SECTION II}
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18 That said ROCOG shall be organized and proceed as follows:
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20 1. The governmental units which are members hereto shall select voting delegates to
21 represent them on said ROCOG, provided that at least 2/3 of the delegates to the ROCOG shall
22 be local elected officials.
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24 2. Delegates to ROCOG shall be selected as follows:
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26 The City of Rochester which is a member hereto shall, upon execution of this agreement, 
27 select five (5) voting delegates to serve on ROCOG.
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29 The County of Olmsted which is a member hereto shall, upon the execution of this
30 agreement, select three (3) voting delegates to serve on ROCOG.
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32 The Cities of Byron, Chatfield, Dover, Eyota, Oronoco, Pine Island, and Stewartville
33 shall upon execution of this agreement, collectively select three (3) delegates to represent them
34 on ROCOG.
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36 The Townships in Olmsted County desiring to be members of ROCOG shall select two
37 (2) voting delegates to represent said townships on ROCOG through the Olmsted County
38 Township Officers Association.
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40 Independent School District 535 (Rochester Public Schools) shall select one (1) voting
41 delegate to serve on ROCOG.
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43 The District Engineer of Mn/DOT District 6 may serve as an ex officio non-voting
44 member of ROCOG, whose attendance or absence will not affect determination of a quorum.
The delegates to ROCOG shall select two (2) citizen delegates as voting members of ROCOG. Said citizen delegates shall be selected at the first meeting of the ROCOG. Delegates to the ROCOG shall be as follows:

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Each governmental unit’s delegates so appointed shall have one vote and must be in attendance at the meeting of the ROCOG in order to cast that vote.

3. Upon the ratification of this agreement by the members of ROCOG, and not sooner than thirty (30) days nor later than sixty (60) days following the appointment of ROCOG members delegates, the ROCOG delegates shall meet and select from their number, by a majority vote of the ROCOG delegates, a Chair and Vice-Chair, which officers shall retain their voting rights as delegates. The Olmsted County Planning Director shall be responsible to provide staff assistance as provided in the annual work program and serve as secretary to ROCOG.

4. The ROCOG shall at its meeting closest to January of each year, determine the months in which regular meetings will be held. Said ROCOG shall hold at least four meetings each year. The chairman, or any four ROCOG delegates, acting jointly, shall be authorized to call a special meeting. The secretary shall give written notice prior to any regular or special meeting, setting out on said notice the time, place and purpose of said meeting.

SECTION III

The County of Olmsted shall pay expenses for the administration of the ROCOG, in such amounts as may be periodically approved and appropriated by the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners through the annual budget set for the Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department. The ROCOG may make special allocations for project costs.
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All members of the ROCOG may each voluntarily appropriate money for the use of said ROCOG.

SECTION IV

Any governmental unit located in Olmsted County or partly located in Olmsted County authorized by law and not a member hereto, shall upon application to the ROCOG and upon execution of an appropriate resolution be authorized to join the ROCOG and upon admission shall be bound by the terms of this agreement. If said new member jurisdiction is a Township in Olmsted County, it shall be represented by the two delegates representing the townships already represented on ROCOG. If said new member is a City in Olmsted County, it shall be represented by and shall have an equal voice in the collective appointment of the three delegates representing Byron, Chatfield, Dover, Eyota, Oronoco, Pine Island, and Stewartville.

Any City which is not entirely located in Olmsted County, being contiguous to Olmsted County, may upon application to the ROCOG and by adoption of an appropriate resolution by the then current members of ROCOG join ROCOG and upon admission shall be bound by the terms of this agreement. Said City shall be represented by and shall have an equal voice in the collective appointment of the three delegates representing Byron, Chatfield, Dover, Eyota, Oronoco, Pine Island, and Stewartville.

The term of agreement shall continue so long as the members hereto continue participating in the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments. This agreement and the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments shall be, however, subject to termination at any time by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all of the ROCOG voting delegates.

At the time this agreement is so terminated all the property owned by the ROCOG and all the surplus funds of the ROCOG shall be distributed to the County of Olmsted, Minnesota.

Any member hereto may withdraw from this agreement by serving six (6) months written notice upon the other members hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned governmental units by appropriate resolution duly adopted, have caused these presents to be executed.

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¹ Previous agreement listed each township separately; Dover, Eyota, Farmington, and New Haven Town Boards have not signed the agreement. In practice, appointments have been made by the Township Officers Association, with one delegate representing rural areas and one representing suburban areas.
ARTICLE I Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the ROCOG shall be held during the months of January, April, July and September of each year on a day acceptable to a majority of the delegates.

2. Special meetings of the ROCOG may be called by the chairman at his discretion and shall be called by the chairman upon petition of four (4) delegates acting jointly. All members or their unit of government shall be notified.

3. A meeting notice setting out the time, place and purpose of the meeting together with an agenda describing each matter to be considered by the ROCOG shall be mailed to each delegate at least five (5) days prior to any regular or special meeting of the council. This provision may be waived for special meetings upon a majority vote by the council.

4. A majority of the delegates of the ROCOG shall constitute a quorum for conducting council business. When a quorum is present at any meeting a simple majority of the delegates making up that quorum shall be sufficient to decide any question put to a vote. Ex-officio members shall not be considered for purposes of determining a quorum.

5. If a quorum is not present at a called meeting, the delegates at the meeting shall have the power to adjourn the meeting to another time and/or place.

ARTICLE II Delegates

1. Each delegate appointed to the ROCOG by participating units of government (as specified in Section II of the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments Agreement) shall have one vote and said delegate must be in attendance at the meeting in order to cast that vote.

2. Two (2) or more unexcused absences by a delegate during a period of twelve consecutive months shall constitute reason for the ROCOG to request a replacement for that delegate by
the unit or units of government appointing said delegate.

3. The terms of delegates and alternates appointed by elected bodies shall be determined by the appointing body. Where delegates represent more than one unit of government, the units of government so represented shall determine among themselves the method of appointment, the length of term, and any limits on consecutive terms.

4. Any reimbursement of expenses incurred by delegates representing members of ROCOG shall be the responsibility of those members.

5. Two citizen delegates shall be appointed by the ROCOG and shall have a vote in the conduct of council business. Citizen delegates shall serve a term of three years, with not more than two consecutive terms. The terms of citizen delegates shall be staggered. The period of time filled by citizen members filling the remainder of unexpired terms shall not be counted as a term for purposes of limits on consecutive terms. Reimbursement of expenses for citizen delegates is limited to out-of-county travel, registration, and similar expenses approved as part of the Transportation Planning Work Program and included in the Planning Department Budget.

ARTICLE III Officers

1. The ROCOG shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair by a majority vote of the delegates. Officers shall be elected for a period of one year, or until successors are elected and qualified in their place. The Vice Chair shall succeed to the office of Chair at the end of the term as Vice Chair.

2. Election of officers shall take place at the meeting of the ROCOG closest to January.

3. The presiding officers at the meeting of the ROCOG shall be the Chair, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chair, or in the absence of the officers, those delegates present shall select one of the delegates present to serve as acting chair.

4. In the case of the absence or disability of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair.

5. The ROCOG may establish such sub-committees as are determined to be necessary for the proper conduct of the council's affairs. The members of such committees shall be appointed by the Chair and approved by the council. Such committees shall organize themselves and
make such recommendations as they see fit subject to the requirements and procedures established by the council.

ARTICLE IV Administration

1. The Olmsted County Planning Director shall serve as the executive director of ROCOG. Staff assistance shall be provided by the Rochester Olmsted Planning Department.

2. The executive director shall be responsible for providing:
   (a) advice and assistance to the council, its member and each of its committees;
   (b) supervision of council staff;
   (c) coordination of the work of contracted agencies and consultants;
   (d) preparation of a work program consistent with the requirements of granting agencies;
   (e) receipt and disbursement of funds of the council and maintenance of accounts of such receipts and disbursements;
   (f) arranging for audits as may be required by granting agencies, oversight requirements, or ROCOG; and
   (g) such other duties as the council may prescribe.

3. The council may retain such employees and agents as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

4. The council may apply for and accept contributions, grants, gifts, services, and any other assistance from any public or private source it deems necessary to carry responsibilities.

5. The council may enter into contracts and sub-contracts with any person, firm or corporation and with federal, state, or local government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, including but no limited to agreements for the joint and cooperative exercise of powers of the authority with any such subdivision or agency in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59.

6. The council shall have the authority to investigate, consider, take action on, make findings or make recommendations about any matter which shall be considered by said council to be of mutual concern within its jurisdictions.
ARTICLE V Amendments

1. These bylaws may be altered, amended or added to at any regular council meeting provided:
   (a) that proper notice of the meeting has been given as required in Article 1, Section 3;
   (b) that the meeting notice includes a full statement of the proposed amendment or amendments, and
   (c) that the enactment of the amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of those present

Passed and adopted this ___ day of ____________, 200__.

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__________________________, Chairman

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__________________________, Secretary

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Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Rochester-Olmsted Council of Governments held on January 26, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. in the Cascade Conference Room, at the Public Health Building, located at 2100 Campus Drive SE, Rochester, Minnesota.

Members Present:  
Mr. Matt Flynn, County Commissioner  
Ms. Marcia Marcoux, Rochester City Council  
Ms. Sandra Means, Rochester City Council  
Mr. Leonard Laures, Townships  
Mr. Charlie Quigg, Citizen Member  
Mr. Frank Michaels, Citizen Member and Chair  
Ms. Cheryl Coryea, School District #535  
Mr. Pat Carr, Rochester City Council

Members Absent:  
Mr. Ardell Brede, Mayor, City of Rochester  
Mr. Jim Bier, County Commissioner  
Mr. Darryl Graham, Small Cities  
Mr. Ken Brown, County Commissioner  
Mr. Don Guderian, Townships  
Mr. Greg House, Small Cities  
Mr. Bob Nowicki, Rochester City Council

Staff Present:  
Mr. Dave Pesch, Senior Transportation Planner  
Mr. Charlie Reiter, Principal Transportation Planner  
Mr. Larry Klemenhagen, Planning Administration  
Mr. Phil Wheeler, Planning Director  
Ms. Stephanie Foster, Secretary

Others Present:  
Ms. Kaye Bieniek, County Public Works Engineering  
Mr. Fred Sandal, MN/DOT  
Mr. Jerry Vettel, Pine Island Planning & Zoning Comm.

Staff Absent:  
Mr. Muhammad Khan, Senior Transportation Planner

A. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Mr. Frank Michaels, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Ms. Means made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2005 as presented. Mr. Flynn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wheeler stated that they would need to add in Election of Officers to be heard after #2 under agenda items.

Ms. Means made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of election of officers. Mr. Quigg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Wheeler stated that Mr. Graham had submitted an email letter of resignation to the board and read the letter to the members.

Mr. Michaels stated that Mr. Graham would be greatly missed.

**Ms. Means moved to accept Mr. Graham’s resignation. Ms. Marcoux seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Marcoux asked staff what the process would be for appointing someone for Mr. Graham’s position as a member.

Mr. Wheeler replied that he would cover the process in the Bylaws agenda item.

**B. AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. **Review/Approve 2009-2010 Federal Funding Applications (ATP Projects)**

Mr. Pesch presented the staff report to the members. He stated that the purpose of the agenda item would be to have ROCOG approve the priority order of the ATP Projects in the ROCOG region that is being recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee.

Ms. Means asked for clarification on the list of projects.

Mr. Pesch replied that the first project is a County project to rebuild 37th Street from Broadway to Highway 52. The second project is outside of the current urban area and will rebuild 65th Street from just west of the overpass to 50th Avenue NW, which would change from a two-lane road to a four-lane road. The third project is the reconstruction of 2nd Street from Broadway to 6th Avenue downtown. The fourth project is the expected result of the 55th Street extension from West River Road to North Broadway or Trunk Highway 63. The project is to be a joint project with MNDOT in 2009 for four-lane approaches to the intersection of Highway 63, 55th St Extension and 48th Street NE. It would be partially funded from sales tax revenues. Another project is the Extension of 22nd St and bridge from CSAH 1 to CSAH 36. The sixth project is work to improve access management in the vicinity of TH 14 & 40th Ave SE related to the Eastwood Road/East Circle Dr realignment of roadways around the Eastwood Golf Course; this is also hoped to be a joint project with MnDOT.

Mr. Laures asked if the route had been chosen for the 55th St Extension.

Mr. Pesch replied that the environmental and location work had been finished previously without moving to an official map. Ms. Bieniek added that the project year would be 2009. She went on to state that there were originally three routes evaluated, which would be reviewed again before going forward with the project since some of this former analysis may be dated.

Ms. Marcoux asked how far the extra federal dollars would go for the projects.
Mr. Wheeler replied that there would be a 20% increase for the district, which would trickle in, it would not be immediate.

Mr. Quigg asked about the process to apply for federal funding.

Mr. Pesch used the 60th Ave work as an example, stating that after the location/environmental work is completed, there would be several segments that would be ready to be submitted for ATP funding over the coming years.

Mr. Carr asked if the priority order of the projects could be changed.

Mr. Wheeler replied that ROCOG could change the priority, but the construction phase, city engineering and the amount of dollars applied for through federal funding all have an effect on the TTAC recommended priorities of projects.

_Discussion ensued regarding the funding of projects, moving them along faster and the order of priority of the projects submitted._

Ms. Marcoux made a motion to approve the projects order as submitted. Mr. Laures seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

2. Draft ROCOG Bylaws Revisions

Mr. Wheeler stated that there were changes made with the following:
- Membership of jurisdictions
- Representation of jurisdictions and method of appointment
- Appointment of alternates by member governing bodies
- Terms for delegates and alternates appointed by governing bodies
- Terms for citizens delegates
- Ex officio representation from Mn/DOT
- Officers and duties
- Terms for officers

Ms. Marcoux made a motion to approve the Agreement for submittal to the member organizations. Ms. Means seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

Ms. Means asked if there would be a copy of the bylaws as they were and a copy of the changes, either underscored or having a strike through the changed language sent out for review.

Mr. Wheeler replied yes.

Mr. Quigg made a motion to approve the Bylaws as submitted. Ms. Marcoux seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.
3. Election of Officers

Mr. Laures made a motion to re-elect Mr. Michaels as chairman. Mr. Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Flynn made a motion to elect Mr. Laures as vice-chairman. Ms. Marcoux seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Wheeler gave an overview of Mr. Reiter’s responsibilities for ROCOG to the new delegate members of ROCOG.

4. Long Range Transportation Plan Implementation Initiatives

Mr. Reiter presented his reports on the following items.

a) Olmsted County Highway Corridor Preservation Project-CR104/60th Ave West

Mr. Carr asked how the transportation improvement charges for Pebble Creek for the DeWitz and Bigelow developments would be affected by this study.

Mr. Wheeler replied that the design for roadway is what would affect the cost.

Ms. Marcoux stated that the design work and mapping associated with this project could possibly affirm the assumptions.

Mr. Reiter stated that the Public Works Department made certain assumptions about what type of roadway design would be used, based on the Long Range Plan, and these were used to calculate the transportation charges. Unless this study comes to the conclusion that the design of the roadway needs to be significantly different than a four lane expressway, he would not expect any significant change in the estimated costs of the project to occur.

Mr. Quigg asked for clarification if 60th Avenue North of County 14 is a township road.

Mr. Reiter replied yes.

Mr. Quigg asked for clarification if 104 South of County 4 is a County Highway, not a County State Aid Highway. With this information, does the type of road have any bearing on going forward with the study.

Mr. Reiter replied no. The corridor was identified in the Long Range Plan for corridor preservation based on its future importance to the area roadway system.

Mr. Quigg made a motion to support the Olmsted County Highway Corridor Preservation Project for CR104/60th Ave West. Ms. Marcoux seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.
b) Establishment of Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Mr. Reiter presented this item and stated that the issue of having a Bicycle – Pedestrian Advisory Committee has come before ROCOG before, most recently during the initial stages of the Long Range Plan update. At that time it was felt the BPAC should be established as an ad-hoc project committee, and the issue of whether it should be a permanent committee revisited once the Plan update was complete. Mr. Reiter noted that the final plan includes as a recommendation the establishment of a Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory as a standing committee of ROCOG.

Mr. Quigg stated that the scope of such committees can be very broad. The group that worked with Mr. Reiter during the Long Range Plan felt that the scope, at least initially, should be somewhat narrow and focused on review of forthcoming projects and identifying critical corridor improvement needs.

Mr. Michaels asked how the members would be appointed to the committee.

Mr. Wheeler replied that ROCOG would appoint the members to the committee.

Mr. Reiter stated that his view was to reconvene the ad hoc committee as a starting point to discuss organization issues including membership, meeting frequency, bylaws and potential work tasks with the group reporting back to ROCOG with its recommendations as far as how to proceed.

Mr. Laures asked how many members would be on the committee.

Mr. Quigg replied probably 10 or 12 members.

Mr. Wheeler stated that they would need a motion to initiate the formation of a Bicycle – Pedestrian Advisory committee.

Ms. Marcoux made a motion to establish a Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee as an advisory committee to ROCOG. Ms. Means seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

c) Establishment of a Policy Board Transportation Funding Subcommittee

Mr. Laures stated that when he initially brought up this issue a year he was concerned with the level of funding for transportation that would be needed throughout the next 25 years. He had suggested a ROCOG subcommittee as a means to raise the profile of the issue of transportation funding needs and to investigate options that would be available for increasing the amount of funding available.

Some discussion ensued regarding whether it would be better to focus time and effort with groups like the League of Cities that have a higher profile at the State Capital. The
consensus of the group appeared that a locally organized group that could work across jurisdictional levels may be beneficial, plus there were locally focused issues that should be addressed as well. Ms. Marcoux stated that background and research would be needed for a committee to be successful.

Mr. Michaels stated that such a group would need a cross section of representatives, including people from the townships.

Mr. Wheeler stated that he would like to suggest that since the ad hoc Bylaws Committee is finished with its work, the former members could be appointed to do some initial research and discussion on what role such a committee might be able to play.

Ms. Marcoux made a motion to have the members of the Bylaws Subcommittee conduct some exploratory discussions regarding the establishment of a Policy Board Transportation Funding Subcommittee on local funding needs and report back to the Policy Board with recommendations. Mr. Laures seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

d) Highway Jurisdiction Study

Ms. Means made a motion stating that ROCOG supports the initiation of a Highway Jurisdiction Study. Mr. Carr seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

C. OTHER BUSINESS:

As may be brought up by members

No one came forward.

D. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Means made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Marcoux. The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Franklin Michaels
Chairman, ROCOG

Philip H. Wheeler
Executive Director, ROCOG

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