

## MINUTES

### HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Transportation

**DATE: February 28, 2024**

Chair Puri called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. Representatives Puri, Morgan, Skaggs, Steele, and Borton were present. Representatives Steckloff and Hood were excused.

Representative Morgan moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting. The motion was adopted without objection.

The subcommittee heard a presentation on transportation funding from Lance Binoniemi, representing the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA).

The subcommittee then heard testimony from the Michigan Department of Transportation on transportation funding alternatives:

Patrick McCarthy, CPA, Director, Bureau of Finance and Administration, testified on a legislatively mandated [study of the impact of electric vehicles on Michigan Transportation Fund revenue](#).

Mr. McCarthy also discussed a legislative mandate, boilerplate Section 615 of the current year transportation budget, which required the department to apply for grant funding under the national motor vehicle per-mile user fee pilot program under Section 13002 of IJA. Mr. McCarthy noted that the Federal Highway Administration had not yet issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity. He also discussed department efforts to secure grants under the federal pilot program, including estimated timetables.

Jean Ruestman, Administrator, Office of Passenger Transportation, testified on a survey of public attitudes on Road Usage Charges. She noted that the survey was funded from a competitive [federal grant](#) awarded to MDOT in 2021. She noted that the grant was sufficient to fund a survey and an assessment of the impact of Road Usage Charges on revenue, congestion, and driver choice but was not sufficient to fund a pilot project.

Kari Martin, Statewide System Management Section Manager, testified on a [statewide tolling study](#).

The MDOT presentation documents are included in the official HFA minutes and are posted to the [House Fiscal Agency website](#).

Chair Puri adjourned the subcommittee, without objection, the time being 1:30 PM.

Minutes taken by William E. Hamilton, House Fiscal Agency  
Approved: March 6, 2024