



**MAASTO Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday March 2, 2022
Washington, DC**

MAASTO Board of Directors Washington Briefing Meeting Minutes

President Lorenz called the meeting to order

MAASTO Board Members in Attendance:

- IA – Director Scott Marler Present
- IL – Secretary Omer Osman Present
- IN – Commissioner Michael Smith Present
- KS – Secretary Julie Lorenz Present
- KY – Secretary Jim Grey Present
- MI – Director Paul Ajegba Present
- MN – Serge Phillips for Acting Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger
- MO – Director Patrick McKenna Present
- OH – Director Jack Marchbanks Present
- WI – Secretary Craig Thompson Present

President/Vice President Selection Process Discussion

- Draft language for a selection process provided by Commissioner Kelliher
- Form a nomination committee to include past presidents and one other
 - Secretary Thompson and Director McKenna and one other to be nominated by Secretary Lorenz
 - Secretary Lorenz asked for volunteers; Secretary Osman volunteered
- Nomination committee will bring forward possible candidates at the Spring Meeting in New Orleans in May

MAFC Research Agenda discussion and approval – Ernie Perry MAFC

- Ernie provided a brief outline of the projects and asked if there are any questions from the Board regarding the projects.
- Director Ajegba asked Ernie for a summary of the process to select the research projects
 - Ernie provided the MAFC research agenda project selection process
- **Action Item** Director Marler motioned for Approval of the agenda contingent on work with Iowa and Michigan on schedule and scope items.
 - Seconded by Secretary Osman
 - Motion carried

Pooled Fund Discussion – Niles Annelin

- Michigan is leading the effort to establish a pooled fund with FHWA to address future possible regional grant application.

Focus Area Updates

- **Bridges Focus Area – Director McKenna**
 - Taking a couple approaches by looking at new bridge funding programs and if ARPA funds can be utilized
 - Asked a series of questions to FHWA to determine how to maximize federal funds from multiple sources
 - Then coordinate among states to see what inventory of bridges could create a construct of bridges to apply for fed funds.
 - Create a guidebook/or map of how states could select bridges that meet criteria including off system bridges
- **Freight Bottlenecks Focus Area – Director Marler**
 - Great work happening to connect dots and building resiliency
 - Linking CAV innovation to address bottleneck issues
 - Possible multi state tool or system through CAV innovation
 - Using work already compiled by MAFC to prepare for an opportunity for grant funding
- **CAV Focus Area – Director Marchbanks**
 - Moving forward with RFP development with plans to have it out by Spring Meeting
 - Inventory of all states' CAV projects and programs to have a report for the Board
- **Electric Vehicle Focus Area – Director Ajegba**
 - Next step is to create a committee for this focus area
 - **Action Item** Motion by Director Marchbanks to create a EV committee
 - Second by Director Ajegba
 - Motion carried
 - Have Howard Wood with Ohio help start the committee draft a scope and charter.
 - Each state will identify staff for membership on the committee

Possible Future MAASTO Washington Gathering

- No plans to have a gathering

Motion to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Skelley
MAASTO Secretary