

# GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**JUNE 19, 2013**

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Third Floor, Flint, Michigan.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

**UNIT REPRESENTED**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Genesee County  
City of Burton

City of Clio

City of Davison  
City of Fenton

City of Flint

City of Flushing  
City of Grand Blanc

City of Linden

City of Montrose

David Martin

Kay Muhammad (A)

Ellen Ellenburg  
Robert Spose  
William Kovi  
Eric Wiederhold  
Duane Mosher (A)

Patricia Lockwood  
Scott Grossmeyer  
Les Blanc (A)  
Dayne Walling  
Megan Hunter

George Kozan  
Dennis Bow  
Matt Telliga  
Ester Galuska  
Ray Culbert

Colleen Brown  
Frank Crosby (A)

City of Mt. Morris		Dennis Heidenfeldt Mark Middleton (A)
City of Swartz Creek	John Gilbert	
Argentine Township	Robert Cole	Ronald Schultz
Atlas Township		Denise Graves (A) Shirley Kautman-Jones Tere Onica (A)
Clayton Township	Chris Gehringer	
Davison Township		Robert Widigan Matthew Karr
Fenton Township	Robert Cottrell Andy Marko	
Flint Township		Vince Lorraine Robert Krug (A) Karyn Miller
Flushing Township	David Arceo	
Forest Township		Mike Pifer (A) Rian Birchmeier
Gaines Township	Bill Bain	
Genesee Township		Shirley Gage (A) Mary Ann Price Bob Breckenridge Debbie Banyas (A) Chuck Timmons Kenneth Draper Diane Hyrman (A)
Grand Blanc Township	Patricia Witte	
Montrose Township	Marian Michalik	
Mt. Morris Township	Scott Bennett Tom Tithof Jerry Deloney Robert Johnson	
Mundy Township	Mark Frost	George Wilson (A)
Richfield Township		Kelly Kupiec Bill Morey (A)
Thetford Township	Gerry Masters	
Vienna Township		Paul Luttenbacher Robert Palmer
Goodrich Village	Doug McAbee	
Otisville Village		
Otter Lake Village		Joan Skias

Lennon Village  
Gaines Village

Donna Archambault  
Dave Lobdell  
Sam Stiff (A)  
Rachael Tupica  
Jeff Wright

Federal Highway Admin  
Gen Cty Drain Comm  
Gen Cty Road Comm  
GCMPC  
Mass Trans Authority  
Mich Dept of Trans

Derek Bradshaw

Ed Benning  
Jay Reithel  
Pamela Boyd

Linda Burchell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ken Johnson, Yaushica Brown, Jennifer McDonald, Jason Nordberg, Kelly Richardson and Alberta Gunsell.

**IV. MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of the May 15, 2013 Regular Meeting**

Chairperson Johnson requested corrections and/or additions to the minutes of the May 15, 2013, regular meeting.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Cole, supported by Ms. Michalik, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2013, regular meeting as presented.

Mr. Gehringer stated that the May minutes should reflect Robert Widigan and himself as being present.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

No one spoke at this time.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Yaushica Brown from Valley Area Agency on Aging was in attendance this evening.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #18 and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Findings**

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:05 p.m.

Chairperson Johnson provided the public an opportunity to comment on the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #18 and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Findings. Chairperson Johnson repeated this opportunity for comments twice more with no comments at this time.

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:06 p.m.

**B. 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Reaffirmation**

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:06 p.m.

Chairperson Johnson provided the public an opportunity to comment on the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Reaffirmation. Chairperson Johnson repeated this opportunity for comments twice more with no comments at this time.

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:07 p.m.

**C. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program**

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:07 p.m.

Chairperson Johnson provided the public an opportunity to comment on the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Reaffirmation. Chairperson Johnson repeated this opportunity for comments twice more with no comments at this time.

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:08 p.m.

**VIII. FINANCES**

Ms. Michalik did not have a report for the meeting.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Draft FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ms. Richardson stated that this is no longer a draft as staff is seeking approval for the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program document this evening. The 30-day public comment period began on Monday, May 6, 2013 and ran through Wednesday, June 5, 2013. Staff received one comment regarding the Dort Highway Extension. This comment has been incorporated into the public comment section. Changes were also made to the Environmental Justice Section of the TIP document. All Environmental Justice numbers and maps were updated to reflect the 2010 Census. The Technical Advisory Committee is

recommending approval of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Cole, supported by Mr. Gehringer, to approve the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and to have the Chairperson sign the Resolution.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B. Transportation Improvement (TIP) FY 2011-2014 Amendment #18 and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Findings**

Ms. Richardson stated that amendment #18 re-aligns all the FY 2014 projects in the FY 2011-2014 TIP to match those shown in the FY 2014-2017 TIP. This amendment adds fifteen (15) projects, changes fourteen (14) projects and deletes one (1) project. This amendment meets the financial constraints of the TIP and has obtained email concurrence for air quality determination as consistent with Conformity Regulations-Final Rule, Sections 93.12. The Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #18 and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Findings.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Cole, supported by Ms. Muhammad, to approve the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Amendment #18 and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Findings as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C. FY 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification**

Ms. Richardson stated that by self-certifying, the Metropolitan Alliance will acknowledge that the major transportation issues in the metropolitan planning area are being addressed and the planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal requirements. Self-certification is a process that takes place in conjunction with the submittal of a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Technical Advisory Committee has recommended approval of the FY 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Resolution.

Action Taken: Motion by Ms. Witte, supported by Ms. Michalik, to approve the FY 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Resolution.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**D. Draft 2014 Unified Work Program**

Mr. Nordberg stated that the Unified Work Program describes all transportation planning activities for the coming fiscal year and identifies funding sources and agencies involved in these activities. The primary activities for the 2014 fiscal year will focus on the development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Activities that will coincide with the development of the LRTP include the update of the non-motorized plan, transit coordinated plan and speed study to name a few. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the 2014 Unified Work Program and to authorize Derek Bradshaw to sign all contracts and agreements related to the work program. Discussion ensued.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Cole, supported by Ms. Muhammad, to approve the 2014 Unified Work Program and to authorize Derek Bradshaw to sign all contracts and agreements related to the work program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**E. 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Reaffirmation**

Ms. Richardson stated that the current Genesee County 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will expire on July 22, 2013. Genesee County must reaffirm the 2035 LRTP to assure there is a valid LRTP in place at all times. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Reaffirmation, which will be in effect until July 22, 2014 when the 2040 LRTP will be ready for approval and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution.

Action Taken: Motion by Ms. Witte, supported by Ms. Michalik, to approve the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Reaffirmation and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Resolution.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update Process**

Ms. Richardson stated that during the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> there were three input sessions were held. Staff has received approximately 300 surveys. The LRTP process will be that the reports go to the steering committee first, than to TAC and finally to Metro for final approval.

Chairperson Johnson appointed Marian Michalik and David Arceo to be on the 2040 LRTP steering committee. Chairperson Johnson asked for any other volunteers at this time and no one volunteered.

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no Other Business

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Bradshaw stated that the TIP document accounted for approximately \$249 million in projects. He acknowledged all of the hard work that goes into the TIP project selection and approval by individuals serving on the committees, local road agency representatives and staff in completing this project. To have an unanimous approval at the end of the process is impressive.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alberta Gunsell, Secretary  
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission