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**Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Metropolitan Alliance Committee (METRO)**

**Genesee County Administration Building
Harris Auditorium
1101 Beach Street, 3rd Floor
Flint, Michigan 48502**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Minutes
 - ***A. Minutes of the January 15, 2014 Regular Meeting (attached)
- V. Introduction Of Guests
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Public Hearing
 - A. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2
- VIII. Finances

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- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Old Business
 - A. Primary Freight Network Comment Period Reminder (attached)
- XI. New Business
 - ***A. FY 2014-2017 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) (attached)
 - B. 2014 Statewide Transportation Asset Management PASER Training (attached)
 - ***C. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2 (attached)
 - D. MDOT Presentation – Linda Burchell
- XII. Other Business
 - A. Appointment of the Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of Officers for Elections in March.
- XIII. Announcements
- XIV. Adjournment

*****Action Items**

NEXT MEETING - March 19, 2014

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE

Regular Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 15, 2014

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 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

Ellen Ellenburg

City of Clio

Robert Spose
William Kovl
Eric Wiederhold
Duane Mosher (A)
David Martin

City of Davison
City of Fenton

Patricia Lockwood

City of Flint

Les Blanc
Dayne Walling
Megan Hunter
Kay Muhammad (A)

City of Flushing
City of Grand Blanc

Kevin Keane

Dennis Bow
Matt Telliga
Ester Galuska
Susan Soderstrom (A)
Ray Culbert
Paul Zelenak
Colleen Brown
Paul Wixson (A)

City of Linden

City of Montrose

City of Mt. Morris	Dennis Heidenfeldt	Dan Davis Mark Middleton (A)
City of Swartz Creek	John Gilbert	Ronald Schultz Robert Cole Denise Graves (A) Shirley Kautman-Jones
Argentine Township		
Atlas Township	Paulette Johnson	Tere Onica (A) Chris Gehringer
Clayton Township	Robert Widigan	Rick Caruso (A) Matthew Karr Robert Cotrell Vince Lorraine
Davison Township		
Fenton Township	Andy Marko	Robert Krug (A) Karyn Miller David Arceo Tracey Tucker (A) Rian Birchmeier
Flint Township		
Flushing Township	Bill Bain	Shirley Gage (A) Mary Ann Price
Forest Township	Burt Banks	Mark Martin (A) Chuck Timmons Kenneth Draper Diane Hyrman (A)
Gaines Township		
Genesee Township	Patricia Witte Marian Michalik Scott Bennett	
Grand Blanc Township		
Montrose Township		Tom Tithof
Mt. Morris Township		Jerry Deloney
Mundy Township	Robert Johnson Brian Baxter (A) Kay Doerr Deidre Zettel	Bill Morey (A)
Richfield Township	Gerry Masters	David Cain Randy Taylor (A)
Thetford Township		
Vienna Township		
Goodrich Village	Doug McAbee	
Otisville Village		

Otter Lake Village
Lennon Village
Gaines Village

Joan Skias

Sam Stiff
Dave Lobdell
Kathy Volkening (A)
Andrea Dewey
Jeff Wright

Federal Highway Admin
Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm
GCMPC

Christine Durgan

Mass Trans Authority
Mich Dept of Trans

Ed Benning
Jay Reithel
Pamela Boyd

Linda Burchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Darryl Cafasso, Kevin DePottey, Vaughn Smith, Mary Ann Ketels, Jay Freeman, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory and Alberta Gunsell.

IV. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting

Chairperson Johnson requested corrections and/or additions to the minutes of the December 18, 2013, regular meeting.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Heidenfeldt, supported by Ms. Michalik, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013, regular meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No one spoke at this time.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1

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

Chairperson Johnson provided the public an opportunity to comment on the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1. 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.

B. 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Reaffirmation

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:08 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 stated that there are five municipalities that have not paid the 2014 dues. Those local unites of government were the City of Burton, City of Davison, City of Flint, Grand Blanc Township and Thetford Township.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Bain, supported by Mr. Heidenfeldt, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

X. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1

Ms. Gregory reviewed the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1. This amendment adds five (5) projects to the FY 2014-2017 TIP. This amendment meets the financial constraints of the TIP. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1 as presented.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Heidenfeldt, supported by Ms. Witte, to approve the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1 as it meets the financial constraints of the TIP as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Timeline Extension

Ms. Gregory stated that due to low staffing levels in 2013 the development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan is behind schedule. In December staff met with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representatives to discuss extending the development of the 2040 LRTP into 2015. Both MDOT and FHWA representatives agreed that this would be a good idea given the circumstances. Three new planners have been hired as of January 2014. The timeline was revised to accommodate the training of new staff and to have a draft plan completed in time for the Federal Certification Review. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval from the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan timeline extension.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Heidenfeldt, supported by Ms. Michalik, to approve the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan timeline extension as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Reaffirmation

Ms. Gregory stated that the current Genesee County 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will expire on July 22, 2014. Genesee County must reaffirm the 2035 LRTP to assure there is a valid LRTP in place at all times. Staff has reviewed the 2035 LRTP and found that the analysis and recommendations of the plan are still valid and applicable for our county. The reaffirmation of the 2035 LRTP will be in effect until July 22, 2015, when staff anticipates the 2040 LRTP will be ready for approval. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval to the Metropolitan Alliance to reaffirm the 2035 LRTP through July 22, 2015 by a Resolution.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Heidenfeldt, supported by Ms. Michalik, to reaffirm the 2035 LRTP through July 22, 2015 by a Resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Designation of Primary Freight Network Comment Period

Ms. Gregory reviewed the map for the State of Michigan Primary Freight Network (PFN) that is currently out for review and comment. The I-69 corridor has been excluded from the proposed 27,000 miles of PFN. While funding is not currently tied to the PFN, the designation was established by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) to identify the most critical roadway to the movement of freight, and funding will most likely be tied to the designation in the future. Staff feels this is an extremely critical freight corridor with its connections to I-75, I-94, US-23, Bishop International Airport and the Blue Water Bridge International

Border Crossing and that it should be included as part of the PRN. AS small section of I-75 near Flint is identified as part of the PFN; however, there is a gap in the PFN network from I-75 to Metro Detroit. Discussion ensued. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended to the Metropolitan Alliance to submit a request in response to the Primary Freight Network comment period to add the I-69 (between Lansing and the Blue Water Bridge) and I-75 (between Flint and Detroit) segments to the PFN.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Heidenfeldt, supported by Ms. Michalik, to approve the Metropolitan Alliance to send a letter to in response to the Primary Freight Network to add the I-69 from Lansing to the Blue Water Bridge and to I-75 from Flint to Detroit to the PFN.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Johnson announced that in February a Nominating Committee will be appointed and the election of Officers will be in March.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: Sharon Gregory, Planner III
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: February 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Primary Freight Network Comment Period Reminder

Attached is a section of the Federal Register announcing an extension of the comment period for the proposed designation of the highway Primary Freight Network (PFN). The proposed PFN is now out for review and comment until February 15, 2014. The I-69 corridor, from the Blue Water Bridge to Lansing, has been excluded from the proposed 27,000 miles of PFN. While funding is not currently tied to the PFN, the designation was established by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) to identify the most critical roadway to the movement of freight, and funding will most likely be tied to the designation in the future. Staff feels this is an extremely critical freight corridor with its connections to I-75, I-94, US-23, Bishop International Airport, and the Blue Water Bridge International Border Crossing and that it should be included as part of the PFN.

A small section of I-75 near Flint is identified as part of the PFN; however, there is a gap in the PFN network from I-75 to Metro Detroit. FHWA has realized this gap in continuity and has listed this section as part of the Comprehensive PFN but it is not identified as part of the 27,000 miles of PFN nationwide. Staff feels that this section of I-75 should be included as part of the PFN as it is an important intermodal connection between Flint and Detroit and that it provides continuity to the PFN.

At the January 15, 2014 Metropolitan Alliance meeting, staff received approval to submit comments regarding the PFN. Comments will be submitted before the deadline. Staff suggests that all local entities submit a request in response to the

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Primary Freight Network Comment Period to add the I-69 (between Lansing and the Blue Water Bridge) and I-75 (Between Flint and Detroit) segments to the PFN. This can be done by submitting comments to the following website:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FHWA-2013-0050-0138>

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2013-0050]

Designation of the Primary Freight Network**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of extension of deadline and comment period.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is extending the deadline and comment period for the Designation of the highway Primary Freight Network (PFN) notice, which was published on November 19, 2013, at 78 FR 69520. On December 11, 2013, the FHWA published a notice to extend the comment period at 78 FR 75442. The revised comment period is set to close on January 17, 2014. The extension is based on input received from DOT stakeholders that the January 17 closing date does not provide sufficient time for submission of comments to the docket. The FHWA agrees that the deadline and the comment period should be extended. Therefore, the closing date for submission of comments is extended to February 15, 2014, which will provide others interested in commenting additional time to submit comments to the docket.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 15, 2014.**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.
- *Instructions:* You must include the agency name and docket number at the beginning of your comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this program, contact Ed Strocko, FHWA Office of Freight Management and Operations, (202) 366-2997, or by email at Ed.Strocko@dot.gov. For legal questions,

please contact Janet Myers, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-2019, or by email at Janet.Myers@dot.gov. Business hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On November 19, 2013, at 78 FR 69520, the FHWA published in the **Federal Register** a notice on the designation of the highway PFN.

The purpose of the notice was to publish the draft initial designation of the highway PFN as required by 23 U.S.C. 167(d), provide information regarding State designation of Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCs) and the establishment of the complete National Freight Network (NFN), and to solicit comments on aspects of the NFN. The five areas for comment are: (1) Specific route deletions, additions, or modifications to the draft initial designation of the highway PFN contained in this notice; (2) the methodology for achieving a 27,000-mile final designation; (3) how the NFN and its components could be used by freight stakeholders in the future; (4) how the NFN may fit into a multimodal National Freight System; and (5) suggestions for an urban-area route designation process.

On December 11, 2013, the FHWA published a notice to extend the comment period at 78 FR 75442. The revised comment period for the notice closes on January 17, 2014. However, DOT stakeholders have expressed concern that this closing date does not provide sufficient time for submission of comments to the docket. To allow time for interested parties to submit comments, the closing date is changed from January 17, 2014 to February 15, 2014.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 167; Section 1115 of Pub. L. 112-141.

Issued on: January 14, 2014.

Gregory G. Nadeau,
Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

[FR Doc. 2014-01124 Filed 1-17-14; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-22-P**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket No. FRA-2014-0001]

Establishment of an Emergency Relief Docket for Calendar Year 2014**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of public docket.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the establishment of FRA's emergency relief docket (ERD) for calendar year 2014. The designated ERD for calendar year 2014 is Docket Number FRA-2014-0001.

ADDRESSES: See Supplementary Information for further information regarding submitting petitions or comments to Docket Number FRA-2014-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 19, 2009, FRA published a direct final rule addressing the establishment of ERDs and the procedures for handling petitions for emergency waivers of safety rules, regulations, or standards during an emergency situation or event. 74 FR 23329. That direct final rule became effective on July 20, 2009, and made minor modifications to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 211.45 in FRA's Rules of Practice published at 49 CFR part 211. Paragraph (b) of Section 211.45 provides that each calendar year, FRA will establish an ERD in the publicly accessible DOT docket system (available at <http://www.regulations.gov>). Paragraph (b) of Section 211.45 further provides that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying by docket number the ERD for that year. As noted in the rule, FRA's purpose for establishing the ERD and emergency waiver procedures is to provide an expedited process for FRA to address the needs of the public and the railroad industry during emergency situations or events. This Notice announces that the designated ERD for calendar year 2014 is Docket Number FRA-2014-0001.

As detailed in Section 211.45, if the FRA Administrator determines that an emergency event as defined in 49 CFR 211.45(a) has occurred, or that an imminent threat of such an emergency occurring exists, and public safety would benefit from providing the railroad industry with operational relief, the emergency waiver procedures of 49 CFR 211.45 will go into effect. In such an event, the FRA Administrator will issue a statement in the ERD indicating



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: Sharon Gregory, Planner III
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: February 19, 2014

SUBJECT: **FY 2014-2017 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)**

During the initial CMAQ Call for Projects for the development of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in February 2013, the Transportation System Management (TSM) Subcommittee set aside certain amounts of funding as placeholders for transit projects. MTA is allotted a certain percentage of CMAQ funding based on our local CMAQ policies. These transit projects were to be identified at a later date. The following projects have now been identified by MTA for the CMAQ Call for Projects, and the requested project amounts add up to the previously-designated CMAQ amounts.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval to the Metropolitan Alliance so the following projects can be submitted to MDOT for CMAQ eligibility determination.

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List of CMAQ Projects Received:

FY	Responsible Agency	Project Description	Federal Cost	Non-Federal Cost
2015	MTA	Purchase of Paratransit vehicles – propane powered cutaways	\$853,669	\$213,417
2016	MTA	Purchase of Paratransit vehicles – propane powered cutaways	\$578,345	\$144,586
2017	MTA	Purchase of Paratransit vehicles – propane powered cutaways	\$694,209	\$199,324



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: Sharon Gregory, Planner III

DATE: February 19, 2014

Subject: 2014 Statewide Transportation Asset Management PASER Training

The State of Michigan Transportation Asset Management (TSM) Council will begin implementing their Statewide Asset Management Program in February. The program will consist of inventorying the pavement condition of all federal aid roads in the State of Michigan using the PASER Road Rating System. Road rating crews will consist of a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Representative, a Region V Representative and a County Road Commission Representative. Local Road Agencies (LRA) will be able to participate in the surveying of roads within their boundaries.

The Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) will reimburse the participating agencies for time spent surveying federal aid roads. In order to be qualified for reimbursement, the council is requiring all participants to take part in a day long training session. A list of dates and locations is below. All new raters must attend a PASER webinar in addition to attending the classroom training. Please contact the Center for Technology & Training at 906-487-2102, or ctt@mtu.edu to register. It is recommended that you have more than one person attend the training. Details regarding survey dates will be provided in future correspondence.

Classroom Sessions

February 25, 2014	West Branch
February 26, 2014	Saginaw
February 27, 2014	Lansing
March 25, 2014	Grand Rapids
March 26, 2014	Kalamazoo
March 27, 2014	Dearborn
April 8, 2014	Gaylord
April 9, 2014	Escanaba
April 10, 2014	Ishpeming

Webinar Sessions

February 6th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
February 18th, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
March 3rd, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
April 2nd, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Should you have any questions regarding these training sessions, please feel free to contact Damon Fortney at (810) 257-3010.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: Sharon Gregory, Planner III
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: February 19, 2014

SUBJECT: FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Amendment #2.

Attached is a description of the proposed project in the FY 2014-2017 TIP Amendment #2. This amendment changes the limits of one project in the FY 2014-2017 TIP. The project is listed twice because it is a mix of local and state allocated funding. This amendment meets the financial constraints of the TIP and will have no disproportionately high or adverse impacts to any of the identified Environmental Justice (EJ) populations in Genesee County.

At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is recommending approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the attached Amendment #2 to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

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**2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Proposed Amendment #2**

Projects proposed to be changed with a TIP Amendment												
Year	Agency	Project	Length	Limits	Description	Phase	Fund Type	Federal	State	Local	Total Cost	Comments
2014	City of Fenton	Leroy Street and Shiawassee Street Streetscape		Leroy (2nd Street to Elizabeth Street) and Shiawassee (Adelaide St. to Leroy)	Streetscape and road improvements	CON	STE	\$ 157,851		\$ 67,650	\$ 225,501	Change in Limits
2014	City of Fenton	Leroy Street and Shiawassee Street Streetscape		Leroy (2nd Street to Elizabeth Street) and Shiawassee (Adelaide St. to Leroy)	Streetscape and road improvements	CON	TAU	\$ 417,593		\$ 104,398	\$ 521,991	Change in Limits

STE--STP-Enhancement

TAU--Transportation Alternatives Urban Areas > 200K Population