

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2014

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 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

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

William Kovl

Ester Galuska

Ellen Ellenburg
Robert Spose

Eric Wiederhold
Duane Mosher (A)

Joan Snyder
Patricia Lockwood
Les Bland

Dayne Walling
Megan Hunter

Kay Muhammad (A)
Kevin Keane

Dennis Bow
Matt Telliga

Susan Soderstrom (A)

Ray Culbert

Paul Zelenak

Colleen Brown

Paul Wixson (A)

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

Derek Bradshaw

Mass Trans Authority
Mich Dept of Trans

Ed Benning
Jay Reithel
Pamela Boyd
Linda Burchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Kray, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Jacob Maurer and Nichole Odette.

IV. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the October 15, 2014 Regular Meeting

Chairperson Johnson requested corrections and/or additions to the minutes of the October 15, 2014, regular meeting.

Action Taken: Motion by Robert Cole, supported by David Arceo, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014, regular meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No one introduced themselves at this time.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6

CHAIPERSON JOHNSON OPEND THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:08 p.m.

Chairperson Johnson provided the public an opportunity to comment on the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6. Chairperson Johnson repeated this opportunity for comments twice more with no comments at this time.

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:09 p.m.

VIII. FINANCES

Marian Michalik stated there was no Financial Report.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Non-Motorized Technical Report

Jacob Maurer stated that comments were received from the Safe and Active Genesee for Everyone Coalition (SAGE) and MDOT and have been incorporated into the Non-Motorized Technical Report.

Action Taken: Motion by Marian Michalik, supported by Patricia Witte, for draft approval of the Non-Motorized Technical Report as presented to begin public comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6

Sharon Gregory stated that FY 2014-2017 TIP Amendment #6 changes two projects and adds one project. The City of Burton did not move forward with its Lapeer Road project in FY 2014 and is requesting to move the project to FY 2018 and Advance Construct it in FY 2016. The City of Burton will provide 100% local funds for this project in 2016, in the amount of \$1,399,136. Approval of this amendment will allow the City to be reimbursed by MDOT in FY 2018, in the amount of \$1,119,309. 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 populations in Genesee County.

Action Taken: Motion by Robert Cole, supported by Marian Michalik, to approve FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6 as it meets the financial constraints of the TIP as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Summary Document Technical Report

Jacob Maurer stated that the Summary Document Technical Report is an overall summarization of each of the 2040 LRTP Technical Reports. Mr. Maurer reviewed slides with excerpts from the report. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is

recommending draft approval to the Metropolitan Alliance of the Summary Document Technical Report in order to begin public comment.

Action Taken: Motion by Robert Cole, supported by Marian Michalik, for draft approval of the Summary Document Technical Report as presented to begin public comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Environmental Justice Technical Report

Jacob Maurer stated that the Environmental Justice Technical Report addresses the three fundamental environmental justice principals by identifying minority and low-income populations, conducting an extensive public outreach effort, and analyzing economic investments in the transportation system. The 2040 LRTP contains 198 projects and 18 of the 19 expansion projects are expected to have a minor impact on the community. The Dort Highway Extension Project could potentially impact residents and nearby wetlands, but the project will continue to be monitored through the preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition phases. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending draft approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Environmental Justice Technical Report in order to begin public comment.

Action Taken: Motion by Gerry Masters, supported by Robert Cole, for draft approval of the Environmental Justice Technical Report as presented to begin public comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Genesee County 2040 LRTP Financial Plan

Sharon Gregory stated that the Genesee County 2040 LRTP Financial Plan shows how staff calculates the funding amounts reasonably expected to be available and compares this amount to the proposed projects. The 2040 LRTP is fiscally constrained. Genesee County is expected to receive approximately 5 billion dollars over the next 25 years. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending draft approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Genesee County 2040 LRTP Financial Plan in order to begin public comment.

Action Taken: Motion by Robert Cole, Supported by Kay Doerr, for draft approval of the Genesee County 2040 LRTP Financial Plan as presented to begin public comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. MAP-21 Planning Factors and Performance Measures Technical Report

Jacob Maurer explained that MAP-21 requires that Long Range Transportation Plans consider projects and strategies that strive to meet eight Planning Factors. Each of the eight Planning Factors are represented in at least one or more of the 2040 LRTP technical reports. Currently, there is no official federal guidance on the performance measure requirements; however, staff has created a list of

performance measures identified throughout the 2040 LRTP. Mr. Maurer went over slides that list performance measures, which technical report they can be found in, and what type of trend is observed. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending draft approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the MAP-21 Planning Factors and Performance Measures Technical Report in order to begin public comment.

Action Taken: Motion by Gerry Masters, Supported by Marian Michalik, for draft approval of the MAP-21 Planning Factors and Performance Measures Technical Report as presented to begin public comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Environmental Mitigation and Consultation Technical Report

Jacob Maurer reviewed slides that illustrate the different types of resources that could be potentially impacted by various projects within the 2040 LRTP. Fifteen Mitigation Agencies and over 160 Consultation Agencies were invited to a review and comment session on September 29th, in order to discuss any comments or concerns. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending draft approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Environmental Mitigation and Consultation Technical Report in order to begin public comment.

Action Taken: Motion by Kay Doerr, Supported by Patricia Witte, for draft approval of the Environmental Mitigation and Consultation Technical Report as presented to begin public comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. Congestion Management Process and LRTP Projects Technical Report

Sharon Gregory explained that the Congestion Management Process and LRTP Projects Technical Report identifies the causes of congestion in Genesee County and provides strategies to alleviate that congestion. The GCRC, MDOT and MTA submitted projects, which staff analyzed using the travel demand model. The 2040 LRTP list of projects is fiscally constrained and includes road, bridge and transit projects totaling \$5,016,222,675. The 2040 LRTP Illustrative projects are not included in the programmed list; however, they have gone through the public comment process in case funding becomes available. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending draft approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Congestion Management Process and LRTP Projects Technical Report in order to begin public comment.

Action Taken: Motion by Robert Cole, Supported by Marian Michalik, for draft approval of the Congestion Management Process and LRTP Projects Technical Report as presented to begin public comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. **Air Quality Analysis Technical Report**

Sharon Gregory stated that the Air Quality Analysis Technical Report documents the air quality attainment status of Genesee County and analysis requirements of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. At this time, Genesee County is in attainment and analysis to demonstrate conformity is not needed. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending draft approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Air Quality Analysis Technical Report in order to begin public comment.

Action Taken: Motion by Patricia Witte, Supported by Gerry Masters, for draft approval of the Air Quality Analysis Technical Report as presented to begin public comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. **Public Participation Efforts Technical Report**

Sharon Gregory explained that the Public Participation Efforts Technical Report lists all of the public participation efforts and requirements of the GCMPC during the development of the 2040 LRTP. Staff used a variety of public outreach tools, including surveys, public service announcements, social media postings, website updates, input sessions, and direct mailings. To date, 56 comments were received from 48 concerned citizens. The entire draft LRTP will go out for public comment from December 9, 2014 to January 7, 2015, with a public hearing on January 7th, and will then come before the TAC and the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for final approval in January.

J. **Land Use, Scenario Planning, and Sustainability Technical Report**

Jacob Maurer explained that the projected population of Genesee County is 423,030 residents in 2040, with population increases seen mostly in the townships and suburban towns. Mr. Maurer reviewed slides showing four growth scenarios: Status Quo, Sustainable Growth, Hyper Growth, and Sustainable Hyper Growth. These reflect possible growth patterns out to 2040, using the 2006 Land Use Analysis as the base year. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending draft approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Land Use, Scenario Planning, and Sustainability Technical Report in order to begin public comment.

Action Taken: Motion by Robert Cole, Supported by Gerry Masters, for draft approval of the Land Use, Scenario Planning, and Sustainability Technical Report as presented to begin public comment .

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. **2015 Meeting Dates**

Action Taken: Motion by David Arceo, Supported by Robert Cole, to approve the 2015 Meeting Dates as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Johnson stated that a question had arisen at the last meeting regarding solar powered lights at intersections. He had checked into it and reported that flashers are hard wired to typical electricity, but some warning lights at stop signs, for example, are solar powered.

Derek Bradshaw stated that staff submitted a 2015 Regional Prosperity Initiative application to the State for \$250,000 on October 31st. The current draft Region 6 Plan is in the comment stage and should be approved by the Steering Committee in December.

Derek Bradshaw also announced that staff will be bringing food to the December meeting and that members are welcome to do the same.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Odette, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission