

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 17, 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:

<u>UNIT REPRESENTED</u>	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>
Genesee County City of Burton		Ellen Ellenburg Robert Spose
City of Clio	William Kovl	Eric Wiederhold Duane Mosher (A)
City of Davison City of Fenton	Joan Snyder	Patricia Lockwood Les Blanc
City of Flint		Dayne Walling Megan Hunter Kay Muhammad (A)
City of Flushing City of Grand Blanc		Kevin Keane Matt Telliga Ester Galuska Susan Soderstrom (A)
City of Linden		Ray Culbert Paul Zelenak
City of Montrose	Colleen Brown	
City of Mt. Morris		Paul Wixson (A) Dennis Heidenfeldt

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

Lennon Village
Gaines Village

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

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

Christine Durgan
Ed Benning

Jay Reithel
Pamela Boyd
Linda Burchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Rich Tesner, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory and Alberta Gunsell

IV. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the June 18, 2014 Regular Meeting

Chairperson Johnson requested corrections and/or additions to the minutes of the July 16, 2014, regular meeting.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Cole, supported by Ms. Michalik, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2014, regular meeting as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No one spoke at this time.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke at this time.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

VIII. FINANCES

A. FY 2015 Dues for Local Units

Ms. Michalik stated that there will be a meeting in October at 6:30 p.m. for Officers and Trustees to discuss dues for 2015. It was requested that a reminder email be sent to the Officers and Trustees reminding them of the 6:30 p.m. meeting.

Ms. Michalik stated that the current bank balance is \$179.40 as of August 31, 2014.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Bain, Supported by Ms. Witte, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Transit System Technical Report

Ms. Gregory stated that the Transit System Technical Report was presented in July for review and comments. No changes were made to the report. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Transit System Technical Report.

Action Taken: Motion by Ms. Michalik, Supported by Mr. Cole, to approve the Transit System Technical Report as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Intermodal Freight Technical Report

Ms. Gregory stated that the Intermodal Freight Technical Report was provided in July for review and comment. Comments were received and staff incorporated these into the technical report. The Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Intermodal Freight Technical Report.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Cole, Supported by Ms. Michalik, to approve the Intermodal Freight Technical Report as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

C. FY 2016 Safety Project Prioritization

Ms. Gregory stated that MDOT Safety Program is currently holding their Call for Projects. Applications were due to MDOT by September 15, 2014. Applicants were asked to submit their applications to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission. The MPOs prioritize and forward a Resolution of Support to MDOT. Staff reviewed the applications according to the MDOT Time-of-Return Analysis and provides a prioritized list. The Genesee County Road Commission was the only agency that submitted applications. Discussion ensued.

Action Taken: Motion by Ms. Witte, Supported by Mr. Widigan, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Local Safety Program prioritized list by a Resolution as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. FY 2014-2017 TIP Update

Ms. Gregory stated that MDOT has provided notice that obligational authority for FY 2014 transportation projects in the State of Michigan has run out as of August 1, 2014. MDOT is currently waiting to hear if any additional monies will become available in September prior to the end of FY 2014. The majority of Genesee County projects were obligated prior to the deadline. Staff will meet with road agencies with FY 2014 and FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program projects to review the status of their projects. If there are any questions, contact Sharon Gregory.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Genesee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Project List and Illustrative Project List

Ms. Gregory stated that Genesee County held a 2040 LRTP Call for Projects in June. Staff received 13 projects from the Genesee County Road Commission. Staff also received a list of projects from the Mass Transportation Authority and was provided with MDOT's list of Genesee County projects from its 2014-2018 Five-Year Plan. These projects were added to the current list of projects in the FY 2014-2017 TIP to create the draft 2040 LRTP Project List. The list of projects was analyzed according to our Congestion Management Process and reviewed for fiscal constraint. Projected funding was not available for all projects so an Illustrative List of Projects was created. Three public input sessions during September have been organized so that concerned citizens will have the opportunity to review and comment on these projects. Staff asked the Metropolitan Alliance to review the projects and to provide Sharon Gregory with any comments by September 26, 2014.

B. Draft Genesee County Model Update Technical Report

Ms. Gregory stated that as part of the Genesee County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan the 2005 model has been updated to include new socioeconomic data which was derived from the 2010 Census. School and university data was also updated for the external stations. Other updates include attribute and alignment changes to the road network and transit routes, and additions/deletions to the traffic signals. In addition to these changes, an additional modeling year, with associated attribute data, was added to allow analysis for the 2040 year of the plan. MDOT has provided minor edits to the narrative, which were incorporated. Staff is requesting the Metropolitan Alliance to review and provide any comments to Christine Pobocik by Friday, September 26th.

C. Draft Coordinated Plan Technical Report

Ms. Gregory stated that the Coordinated Plan Technical Report is defined as a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan that identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, the elderly and those with low income. The Coordinated Plan Workshop where stakeholders were invited re-identified the gaps in services, developed strategies to address those needs and reprioritized the strategies. The report also provides an overview of available transportation services in Genesee County. Staff is requesting the Metropolitan Alliance to review and provide any comments to Jacob Maurer by Friday, September 26th.

D. Memorandum of Agreements with Surrounding Agencies

Ms. Gregory stated that the new Adjusted Census Urban Boundaries, developed from the 2010 Census data, represent the urbanized area in Genesee County and received federal approval in October of 2013. Prior to this update the urbanized area boundary extended outside of Genesee County requiring the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to put in place agreements with the Shiawassee County Road Commission (SCRC) and the Saginaw Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (SMATS). The new urbanized boundaries no longer extend outside of Genesee County into SCRC and SMATS jurisdiction. The agreements require a written notice from one of the identified parties to terminate the agreement. The Technical Advisory Committee is recommending that the Metropolitan Alliance send a notice to both SCRC and SMATS to terminate the agreement as the Genesee County Urbanized Boundary no longer extends into their jurisdiction. Discussion ensued.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Cole, Supported by MS. Michalik, to approve staff to send a notice to Shiawassee County Road Commission and Saginaw Metropolitan Area Transportation Study to terminate the agreement as the Genesee County Urbanized Boundary no longer extends into their jurisdiction.

Motion Carried Unanimously

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. 2014 PASER Finalized

Mr. Nordberg stated that staff spent the summer collecting PASER data. Staff is finalizing the PASER documents at this time.

B. Traffic Counts Website

Mr. Nordberg stated that staff is requesting that local road agencies that use our website for traffic count information review and sign a new three-year agreement.

C. MTA Millage Discussion

Mr. Benning stated that the MTA has lost millions of dollars. In November the MTA will be asking for a recovery millage. If the millage does not pass it will mean cutting staff and/or services. Service is needed more today than previously. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Nordberg stated that the Fall Household Hazardous Waste collection day is scheduled for September 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Goodrich Middle School and the Flint Water Service Center.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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