

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:

<u>UNIT REPRESENTED</u>	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>
Genesee County City of Burton	Ellen Ellenburg	Robert Spose William Kovi Eric Wiederhold Duane Mosher (A) David Martin
City of Clio		Les Blanc Dayne Walling Megan Hunter Kay Muhammad (A)
City of Davison City of Fenton	Patricia Lockwood	
City of Flint		
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	Tom Tithof Jerry Deloney
Grand Blanc Township		
Montrose Township		
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson Brian Baxter (A) Kay Doerr Deidre Zettel	Bill Morey (A)
Mundy Township		
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