

# GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE

## Regular Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2015

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 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

City of Mt. Morris

City of Swartz Creek

Patricia Lockwood

Kay Muhammad (A)

Ellen Ellenburg  
Vaughn Smith  
William Kovl  
Eric Wiederhold  
Duane Mosher (A)  
Joan Snyder

Les Bland  
Dayne Walling

Kevin Keane  
Brad Barrett  
Matt Telliga  
Ester Galuska  
Susan Soderstrom (A)  
Ray Culbert  
Paul Zelenak  
Mark Richard

Dennis Heidenfeldt  
Dan Davis  
Mark Middleton (A)  
John Gilbert

Argentine Township	Robert Cole	Ronald Schultz
Atlas Township		Jane Lefler (A) Shirley Kautman-Jones
Clayton Township	Paulette Johnson	Tere Onica (A) Rich Tesner Robert Widigan Chris Gehringer (A) Matthew Karr Robert Cottrell Robert Kesler Andrew Marko Robert Krug (A) Karyn Miller David Arceo Tracey Tucker (A) Maryion Lee
Davison Township		
Fenton Township		
Flint Township		
Flushing Township	Bill Bain	Shirley Gage (A) Mary Ann Price Mark Martin (A)
Forest Township		
Gaines Township	Chuck Timmons Kenneth Draper	
Genesee Township	Patricia Witte Marian Michalik	Diane Hyrman (A)
Grand Blanc Township		Scott Bennett Monica Shapiro Tom Tithof Mark Emmendorfer
Montrose Township		
Mt. Morris Township	Jerry Deloney Robert Johnson	
Mundy Township	Kay Doerr	Jolena Sanders (A)  Dianne Down (C) Bill Morey (A)
Richfield Township	Gerry Masters	Eileen Kerr
Thetford Township		
Vienna Township	David Cain	Joseph Rizk (A) Doug McAbee Diane Nowak (A) Tim Brannan Joan Skias
Goodrich Village		
Otisville Village		
Otter Lake Village		
Lennon Village		

Gaines Village

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

Mich Dept of Trans

Derek Bradshaw

Sam Stiff  
Dave Lobdell  
Diane Nowak (A)  
Andrea Dewey  
Jeff Wright

Ed Benning  
Mary Ann Ketels  
Jay Reithel  
Pamela Boyd  
Larry Doyle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ken Johnson, Martin Cousineau, Chris Douglas, Lamonica Harris, Christine Durgan, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Carl Thompson, Damon Fortney, Jacob Maurer and Debby Compton.

**I. Minutes**

**\*\*\*A. Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Robert Cole, **supported by** Kay Mohammad, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 regular meeting as presented.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**II. Introduction of Guests**

Chris Douglas introduced himself and stated that he is the new Elected Official from the City of Grand Blanc.

Martin Cousineau introduced himself and stated that he is the new Elected Official from Thetford Township.

**III. Public Comment**

Lamonica Harris Introduced herself.

**IV. Public Hearing**

**\*\*\*A. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #13**

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:16 P.M.

Chairperson Johnson provided the public an opportunity to comment on the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #13.  
Chairperson Johnson repeated this opportunity twice more with no comments at this time.

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:19 P.M.

**V. Finances**

There were no Finances at this time.

**VI. Committee Reports**

There were no Committee Reports.

**VII. Old Business**

**A. Draft 2045 Population Projections and Methodology**

Carl Thompson introduced himself and stated that the Technical Advisory Committee is currently reviewing the Draft 2045 Population Projections and Methodology and staff will present it to the Metropolitan Alliance in January 2016.

**B. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects Update**

Sharon Gregory introduced herself. She stated that the deadline for project applications was November 13, 2015. Ms. Gregory stated that staff received eighty-eight (88) applications from local road agencies in the following categories: fifty-five (55) Preservation; fourteen (14) Reconstruction; three (3) Expand; two (2) Non-Motorized, and fourteen (14) Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) projects. She stated that the eighty-eight projects are requesting \$101 million in federal funding, and approximately \$40.6 million in funding is available. Ms. Gregory stated that the next step will be for staff to begin working with the TSM Subcommittee to prioritize the projects and select projects for funding. She stated that the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) has identified sixty-eight (68) projects for \$35.6 million in federal funds and \$12.6 million in state funds. She stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has identified twenty-three projects for approximately \$52.9 million in federal funds and approximately \$12.2 million in state funds. Ms. Gregory stated that if anyone had any questions they could contact her, or ask at the meeting.

**C. Governor's Regional Transit Mobility Initiative Update**

Jacob Maurer introduced himself. He stated that Phase 2 of the Regional Transit Mobility Initiative is still currently underway. He stated that the KFH Group provided staff with a preliminary draft of the transportation needs and a list of potential strategies based on input gained from the September 29<sup>th</sup> Region 6 workshop. Mr. Maurer stated that GCMPC staff provided immediate feedback to this preliminary document and is expecting an updated draft in the coming weeks.

**VIII. New Business**

**\*\*\*A. FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #13**

Sharon Gregory stated that the FY 2014-2017 TIP Amendment #13 changes one (1) project, adds seven (7) projects, and deletes two (2) projects. She stated that 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. Ms. Gregory stated that at this time the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is recommending

approval of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #13 to the Metropolitan Alliance.

**Motion: Action:** Approved, **moved by** Robert Cole, **supported by** Marian Michalik, to approve the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #13.

Motion passed unanimously.

**B. MDOT Local Road Safety Plan Update**

Damon Fortney introduced himself. He stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has begun working with Regional Planning Organizations to develop Local Road Safety Plans (LRSPs). He stated that an LRSP provides an opportunity for safety stakeholders and involved agencies at all levels of government to work together to align and leverage resources to address safety challenges. He stated that MDOT is currently working with two regions in the state as part of a pilot program. He stated that MDOT expects to begin working with RPOs during the month of December, followed by a kickoff meeting in January 2016. Mr. Fortney stated that staff will keep the committee updated.

**C. MDNR 2015 Iron Belle Trail – Round II Funding Opportunity**

Jacob Maurer stated that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) announced a second round of grant funding which is available for communities and organizations working on sections of trail that will be part of Michigan's two Iron Belle Trail routes. He stated that a total of \$350,000 will be available with a maximum grant award of \$30,000. Mr. Maurer stated that proposals are due to MDNR on January 8, 2016. He stated that if anyone had questions they could contact him.

**D. Flint River Water Trail – NPS Technical Assistance**

Jacob Maurer stated that the Flint River Watershed Coalition (FRWC) has been approved to receive technical assistance through the National Park Service (NPS) in 2016. He stated that the FRWC intends to capitalize on this opportunity by developing an application to submit for a National Water Trail Designation of the Flint River. Mr. Maurer stated that FRWC and GCMPC staff, along with other key partners, will kick off the planning process with a Flint River Water Trail Forum on January 21, 2016 in both Genesee and Lapeer Counties. He stated that further details regarding this forum and other key dates will be sent out in upcoming weeks.

**IX. Other Business**

There was no other Business.

**X. Announcements**

Chairperson Johnson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**XI. Special Holiday Presentation**

Staff gave a special holiday presentation.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Compton, Secretary  
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission