

# GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE

## Regular Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 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:

<b><u>UNIT REPRESENTED</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>
Genesee County City of Burton	Thomas Martinbianco	Vaughn Smith Eric Wiederhold
City of Clio	Duane Mosher	Reuben Garcia
City of Davison City of Fenton	Joan Snyder	Patricia Lockwood
City of Flint City of Flushing	George Gray	Kevin Keane
City of Grand Blanc	Chris Douglas	Esther Galuszka
City of Linden		Ray Culbert Paul Zelenak
City of Montrose	Mark Richard	

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City of Mt. Morris	Duane Dunckel	Dan Davis
City of Swartz Creek	John Gilbert Robert Plumb	
Argentine Township		James Florence Brian Saad Jane Lefler Denise Graves Katie Vick Paulette Johnson Tere Onica
Atlas Township		
Clayton Township	Shelley Thompson Robert Widigan	
Davison Township		Chris Gehringer Matthew Karr Rhonda Clark Robert Kesler
Fenton Township	Andrew Marko	
Flint Township		Robert Krug Karyn Miller
Flushing Township	John Whiteside	
Forest Township		Tracey Tucker Jenifer Almassy Bill Bain Frederick Thorsby Mark Martin Linda Smoke Lee Purdy Kenneth Draper Diane Hyrman
Gaines Township		
Genesee Township	Tod Sorensen	
Grand Blanc Township	Al Mansour	Marian Michalik
Montrose Township	Tom Tithof	Monica Shapiro
Mt. Morris Township	Jacky King Robert Johnson	Mark Emmendorfer
Mundy Township	Kay Doerr Matt Bach	Brian Baxter
Richfield Township	Gerry Masters	Dan Morey
Thetford Township		Gary Stevens
Vienna Township	David Cain	

Goodrich Village

Doug McAbee

Kerry Paulson  
Mark Baldwin

Otisville Village  
Otter Lake Village  
Lennon Village  
Gaines Village

Raymond Benson

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

Melissa Neal  
Valerie Delauter  
Emily Alexander  
Andrea Dewey  
Jeff Wright

Christine Durgan

Derek Bradshaw

Mass Trans Authority

Ed Benning  
Mary Ann Ketels

Mich Dept of Trans

Jay Reithel  
Pamela Boyd  
Larry Doyle  
Ryan Doyle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Debby Compton

**IV. Minutes**

**\*\*\*A. Minutes of the January 18, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Robert Widigan, **supported by** David Cain, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

**V. Introduction of Guests**

No one spoke at this time.

**VI. Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

**VII. Public Hearing**

There was no Public Hearing.

**VIII. Finances**

There were no Finances.

**IX. Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**X. Old Business**

**A. 2016 Asset Management PASER Report**

Sharon Gregory stated that last October staff presented findings from the 2016 PASER survey to the Technical Advisory Committee and they expressed that it would be helpful to see local (non-federal aid) PASER ratings included in the report. The committee also requested that the report include information on communities that have a road millage in place. Staff received local PASER data from three cities: Burton, Flushing, and Mt. Morris. The Genesee County Road Commission also provided data on a large portion of township local roads. Ms. Gregory stated that staff received information from two local units that had a road millage in place Flint Township and the City of Swartz Creek. Discussion ensued. Ms. Gregory encouraged everyone to take a look at the report and if they had any additional questions to contact Damon Fortney of our office.

**XI. New Business**

**A. 2017 TAMC PASER Training**

Sharon Gregory advised that it is that time of year when staff will begin to go out and do the annual surveying of all federal aid roads. Local road agencies are invited to participate in the surveying of roads in their boundaries. In order to be reimbursed the council requires all participants to take part in a PASER training session. All new raters must also attend a PASER webinar in addition to the classroom training. Ms. Gregory stated that if anyone has questions, they can contact Damon Fortney of our office.

**B. TAMC Investment Report Tool (IRT)**

Sharon Gregory advised that Michigan's Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) requires local road agencies to submit Act 51 Reports through the Investment Report Tool (IRT) and Act 51 Distribution and Reporting System (ADARS). In the upcoming months TAMC will be redesigning and improving the IRT to make the process of submitting data easier for local agencies. TAMC is looking for any agencies that already have experience in using the IRT that are willing to participate in the update process. Ms. Gregory indicated that any interested agency can contact Roger Belknap, TAMC Coordinator.

**C. I-69 Thumb Region – Ecotourism**

Sharon Gregory stated that the I-69 Thumb Region Tourism Subcommittee is proposing to highlight the region's existing ecotourism attractions over the next six months. Ecotourism may include non-motorized trails, wildlife conservation, water trails, birding routes and renewable energy farms. The Subcommittee was formed to help promote awareness of eco-tourism throughout the seven-county

region. The Subcommittee has proposed the following three work items: 1) Document existing ecotourism attractors throughout Region 6 via a digital platform, which is likely to be set up similar to the I-69 Thumb Region Agritourism Directory story map. 2) Host a one-day Ecotourism Symposium that will provide information on resources currently available in our communities. 3) Offer a region-wide mini-grant opportunity to non-governmental organizations that could bring awareness and visibility to local eco-tourism efforts and amenities.

**D. Non-Trunkline Federal Aid (NTFA) Traffic Data Submittal**

Sharon Gregory advised that staff just recently received a notice from MDOT. If your agency has not already submitted traffic count data, please e-mail it to Damon Fortney prior to February 22<sup>nd</sup> so he can include it with our submittal to MDOT before the February 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**E. FAST Act Performance Measures**

Sharon Gregory stated that rules have now been established by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to implement performance measures. State DOTs are charged with developing targets and plans, while MPOs have 180 days to either adopt the state's targets, or set their own targets. FHWA, MDOT and MPOs around the state have been working together, and will continue to work through details of these rulemakings to develop and set reasonable targets for the state and local transportation system. As targets are being set throughout 2017 and beyond, staff will present these rulemakings through the Technical Advisory Committee and Metropolitan Alliance.

**XII. Other Business**

**A. Appointment of the Nominating Committee to Prepare a Slate of Officers for Elections in March**

Dave Cain and John Gilbert volunteered to be on the Election Committee. Chairperson Johnson elected Dave Cain to be the chairman for the Election Committee.

Jason Nordberg advised everyone that if they are interested in running for an officer or trustee position to talk to Dave Cain or John Gilbert. Interested persons can also call Debby Compton of GCMPC staff.

**XIII. Announcements**

**A. 2017 Genesee County Planning Forum**

Sharon Gregory stated that the 2017 Annual Genesee County Planning Forum is going to be held on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the UM- Flint

University Center. The deadline to register has been extended until Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jason Nordberg went over the agenda and gave details on the breakout sessions.

Dave Cain mentioned that he formed a relationship with the local foreman of the Genesee County Road Commission. It was emphasized that forming a relationship with your local road commission foreman can be beneficial. Discussion ensued.

Jason Nordberg stated that hard copies of the 2016 Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission Annual Report were available at the meeting. He encouraged attendees to take the reports and share them with other interested parties.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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