

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2017

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 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:

<u>UNIT REPRESENTED</u>	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>
Genesee County City of Burton		Thomas Martinbianco Vaughn Smith Eric Wiederhold
City of Clio	Duane Mosher	Reuben Garcia Joan Snyder Patricia Lockwood Mayor Karen Weaver Sylvester Jones Jr Betty Wideman
City of Davison City of Fenton City of Flint		
City of Flushing	George Gray	Kevin Keane
City of Grand Blanc	Chris Douglas	
City of Linden		Ray Culbert Paul Zelenak Mark Richard Duane Dunckel Dan Davis John Gilbert
City of Montrose City of Mt. Morris		
City of Swartz Creek		

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

Otisville Village
Otter Lake Village
Lennon Village
Gaines Village

Raymond Benson

Melissa Neal
Valerie Delauter
Emily Alexander
Andrea Dewey
Jeff Wright

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

Christine Durgan

Derek Bradshaw
Ed Benning

Mich Dept of Trans

Mary Ann Ketels

Jay Reithel
Pamela Boyd
Larry Doyle

Ryan Doyle

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Mattern, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Debby Compton.

IV. Minutes

*****A. Minutes of the March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** David Cain, **supported by** Robert Plumb, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Introduction of Guests

There were no Introduction of Guests.

VI. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment at this time.

VII. Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing.

VIII. Finances

Jason Nordberg stated that all local units of government have paid their 2017 Metro dues and the ending bank balance as of March 31, 2017 is \$4,719.62. We will move forward and pay the secretarial fee which has already been approved.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Marian Michalik, **supported by** David Cain, to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

X. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

XI. New Business

A. 2017 Local Traffic Count Program

Sharon Gregory announced that it is that time of year again when staff requests local units of government in Genesee County to update traffic count information. Staff has sent the letters with a list of locations requiring traffic counts for 2017 to the City Managers/Township Supervisors/Village Presidents of all Genesee County local units of government. If there are additional locations your agency would like to count, you may send those to us as well. GCMPC rents out traffic count equipment and staff is available to assist in set up and training. Should you have any questions or concerns or would like to rent traffic count equipment, contact Damon Fortney by phone or email at GCMPC. Discussion ensued.

Jason Nordberg advised that the optimal times for taking traffic counts are in the spring before schools are out for the summer and in the autumn after the Labor Day Holiday.

B. Statewide TIP Amendment Policy Update

Sharon Gregory stated that Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment policies vary significantly across the state, with each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) having a unique amendment policy. This complicates the review of project changes by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), especially for projects that cross MPO boundaries. Recently a committee of federal, state, and MPO representatives have been working on one uniform, statewide policy for TIP amendment thresholds. The pilot statewide amendment policy that is now in place will trigger a TIP amendment if a project's total cost changes by more than 25%. If a project is part of a General Program Account (GPA) an amendment is triggered only if the total cost of the GPA is changed by more than 25%. The amendment policy will be in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year. At that time, the policy will be re-evaluated by the committee and the Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA) to see if it should continue, be revised, or if the MPOs should go back to their individual local policies. For GCMPC, that has been our policy for quite a while so it shouldn't change anything. However, if you notice any issues with your projects, please let staff know right away. Discussion ensued.

C. MDOT Proposing Scope Change for I-475 Project

Ryan Doyle presented a PowerPoint and stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is proposing a major Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) scope change for the FY 2018 I-475 project from Carpenter Road to Clio Road. Originally the project was a reconstruction but now MDOT is looking to change the roadway capacity. MDOT proposes to remove two (2) pedestrian bridges over I-475, reduce the existing three (3) lane section to a two (2) lane section, remove the loop ramps at Saginaw Road, and create a diamond interchange. A sidewalk will be put in under I-475 once the pedestrian bridges are removed at Detroit and Saginaw Streets. However, concerns were raised at TAC about unintentionally creating a space for possible delinquent activity at Detroit Street. Another concern focused on the fiscal responsibilities of the sidewalk. MDOT is proposing minor work starting in 2018 and major work in 2019. The project will use an innovative fifty year perpetual asphalt pavement design. Two options of maintaining traffic during construction are: closing both bounds of I-475 and detouring traffic to I-75 and I-69; or closing one bound of I-475 at a time and maintaining one lane of traffic on the other bound. Discussion ensued.

Jason Nordberg advised that at the next meeting staff will be requesting an amendment to the 2040 Genesee County Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for this project.

D. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordination Rulemaking

Sharon Gregory delivered an update on the MPO Coordination Rulemaking. The Rulemaking had Genesee County, all of the SEMCOG area, and Metro Detroit down to Toledo potentially merging as one MPO. The Senate unanimously passed a bill to retract this rulemaking and the House introduced the same bill through their committees and that was passed unanimously. Right now they are making sure the two bills match up so it can move forward to the President's Office for final approval. Everything is moving toward the MPO Coordination Rulemaking being retracted.

E. Draft FY 2018 Unified Work Program

Sharon Gregory stated that every year we have to develop a Unified Work Program that describes all transportation planning activities for the upcoming fiscal year and identifies funding sources and agencies involved in these activities. Our primary activities for the 2018 fiscal year will focus on the update of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and implementation and maintenance of the FY 2017 to 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 LRTP. This is an opportunity for the committee to provide suggestions for work activities for the upcoming fiscal year.

F. Transit Asset Management Performance Measures – MTA

Paul Mattern from the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA), presented a PowerPoint to the committee. Transit Asset Management (TAM) is the model that uses asset condition to help prioritize funding to achieve or maintain transit networks in a State of Good Repair. TAM has become an annual requirement with the first TAM Plan due to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) in 2018. MTA's current fleet and facilities have 138 fixed route buses, 132 YourRide vehicles, 8 support vehicles and 19 facilities. MTA wants to bring them all into a State of Good Repair, which is defined as an asset within the asset's Useful Life Benchmark (ULB). These benchmarks are: for buses, 12 years or 500,000 miles; cutaway buses (YourRide), 7 years or 200,000 miles; automobiles, 4 years or 100,000 miles; and for facilities/buildings, 40 years. MTA did an inventory and for 2017 created a baseline target to build from. Right now 51% of Large Bus Class, (motorbus) vehicles are beyond their ULB. By the end of the year, that will be brought up to 48%. Next year MTA is getting thirty (30) new vehicles due to \$15,000,000 in discretionary funding. Looking forward twelve (12) to fifteen (15) years, MTA plans to start phasing vehicles out in smaller chunks. That way MTA's twenty-five (25) year cycle, 8% of the bus fleet is changed out every year. Moving forward, \$15,000,000 is going to improve our fixed route ULB by 50%.

Jason Nordberg stated that now that the MTA has set their individual targets, the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance has 180 days to adopt the MTA's targets or set new ones.

G. Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridors

Sharon Gregory stated that the State of Michigan is in the process of designating its Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors. The National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) is going to fund four (4) different groups of roads. The National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) is made up of the Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS), which includes the major important freight routes. In Genesee County, the PHFS is I-75 between I-69 and the South County Line. The remainder of the interstate system, I-69 and I-475, are also eligible for the NHFP and FASTLANE. The FASTLANE grants is a program that came out of the FAST Act and it requires projects that are significant for freight movement. US-23 is a proposed CRFC/CUFC. In our area Bishop Airport is a major intermodal facility and US-23 connects into that, so US-23 would be a good addition that meets this criteria. Discussion ensued.

XII. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

XIII. Announcements

Bill Bain announced that the Village of Holly is having an Art Walk on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from noon to 4:00 p.m. He passed out flyers and invited everyone to the event. His artwork will be on display.

XIV. Adjournment

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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