

# GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE

## Regular Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 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:

**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

George Gray

Chris Douglas

Mark Richard

John Gilbert

Thomas Martinbianco  
Vaughn Smith  
Eric Wiederhold  
Duane Mosher  
Reuben Garcia  
Joan Snyder  
Patricia Lockwood  
Mayor Karen Weaver  
Sylvester Jones Jr  
Betty Wideman

Kevin Keane

Ray Culbert  
Paul Zelenak

Duane Dunckel  
Dan Davis

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

Derek Bradshaw

Ed Benning

Mich Dept of Trans

Mary Ann Ketels

Jay Reithel  
Don Mayle  
Larry Doyle

Ryan Doyle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alex Patsy, Tom Hallman, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Jacob Maurer, Debby Compton.

#### **IV. Minutes**

##### **\*\*\*A. Minutes of the June 21, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Robert Widigan, **supported by** David Cain, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. Introduction of Guests**

No one spoke at this time.

#### **VI. Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

#### **VII. Public Hearing**

##### **A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6**

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:03 P.M.

Chairperson Johnson provided the public an opportunity to comment on the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6. Chairperson Johnson repeated this opportunity for comments twice more with no comments at this time.

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:04 P. M.

## **VIII. Finances**

### **A. FY 2018 Dues for Local Units**

Robert Widigan stated that as of the last bank statement, the ending balance for June 30, 2017 was \$4,719.23. Next month, the Officers and Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. before the regular scheduled meeting to discuss next year's dues and to pay secretarial fees.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** David Cain, **supported by** John Gilbert, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

## **X. Old Business**

### **\*\*\*A. FY 2019 List of Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects**

#### **XI. New Business**

Jacob Maurer stated that in May the Department of Transportation (MDOT) released a Call for Safety Projects and a Call for High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Projects to all local road agencies. Staff received eight (8) local safety applications which were reviewed according to MDOT's Time-or-Return (TOR) Analysis. Jacob reviewed the prioritized list of projects with the committee. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is providing a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the prioritized list of FY 2019 Safety and HRRR projects. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Robert Widigan, **supported by** George Gray, to approve the FY 2019 Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects prioritized list.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **\*\*\*A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6**

Sharon Gregory advised that amendment #6 changes four (4) projects and adds three (3) projects. 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. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval of amendment #6 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program to the Metropolitan Alliance. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Robert Widigan, **supported by** Gerald Masters, to approve Amendment #6 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Recent Administrative Modifications & Technical Corrections to Transportation Improvement (TIP) Projects**

Sharon Gregory explained Administrative Modifications and Technical Corrections. She reviewed a list of recent Administrative Modifications and Technical Corrections to the FY 2017-2020 TIP with the committee. Staff will keep the committee informed as new Administrative Modifications and Technical Corrections are created.

**C. Status of FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects**

Sharon Gregory stated that the majority of FY 2017 TIP projects had been obligated. The State of Michigan ran out of Obligational Authority for local projects in late July. There were three (3) TIP projects that were not able to be obligated before authority ran out, but they have since been obligated. The City of Flint is requesting that four (4) of its FY 2017 safety and bridge projects be moved to FY 2018. Staff is working with local agencies that have FY 2018 TIP projects to ensure that the projects are moving forward and any changes can be handled in a timely manner.

**D. Genesee County Non-Motorized Trail Counts Program Update**

Jacob Maurer presented a PowerPoint to the committee. There are two (2) types of counters: a Pyro-Box; and a Multi-Urban Post. The Pyro-Box is temporary and can be moved to multiple locations while the Multi-Urban Post is permanent and can be added to new or existing trails/pedestrian routes. GCMPC currently has four (4) eco-counters available for use. We collect non-motorized trail data to help get a better picture of usage throughout the county. Staff has placed eco-counters in twelve communities so far. Typically a counter will be in the community for two (2) weeks at a time, but can be in a community longer. The Chevy Commons and Flint River Trail projects are both going to have permanent counters. Anyone interested in borrowing a counter to be placed in their community can contact Jacob Maurer. Discussion ensued.

**XII. Other Business**

Derek Bradshaw advised the committee that staff received a less than friendly letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) stating that the non-profit status for Metropolitan Alliance has been revoked. Staff is in the process of paying the \$400 and reapplying for the non-profit status. Staff does not see any issues in refileing and GCMPC will internalize the costs.

**XIII. Announcements**

Paulette Johnson announced that everyone is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony in Atlas Township for the Iron Belle Trail on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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