

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2019

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 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

Duane Mosher

Mark Richard

John Gilbert
Robert Plumb

Commissioner Ted Henry
Thomas Martinbianco
Danny Wells

Eric Wiederhold
Reuben Garcia
Leigh LaForest
Patricia Lockwood
Mayor Karen Weaver
Robert Bincsik
Betty Wideman
George Gray

Chris Douglas

Mayor Susan Soderstrom
Ray Culbert

Paul Zelenak

William Daniels

Argentine Township		Dennis Cramer Brian Saad Leslie Renckly Paulette Johnson Tere Onica
Atlas Township		
Clayton Township	Shelley Thompson	
	Chris Gehringer	
Davison Township		Matthew Karr Rhonda Clark Vince Lorraine
Fenton Township	Andrew Marko	
Flint Township	John Whiteside	Robert Kesler Karyn Miller
		Tracey Tucker
Flushing Township	Jenifer Almassy Bill Bain	
Forest Township		Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price
Gaines Township	Lee Purdy	
		Diane Hyrman
Genesee Township	Tod Sorensen Cheryl Woughter	
Grand Blanc Township	Al Mansour	
Montrose Township	Tom Tithof	Monica Shapiro
Mt. Morris Township		Mark Emmendorfer
	Robert Johnson Brian Baxter	
Mundy Township		Michael Dunklee Kay Doerr
	Mark Gorton Dan Morey	
Richfield Township		Gerry Masters Gary Stevens Mike LaPointe Pam Faris Kerry Paulson
Thefford Township		
Vienna Township		
Goodrich Village	Doug McAbee	
Otisville Village		Angie Adamec Tim Light
Otter Lake Village		Joan Skias

Lennon Village
Gaines Village

Emily Alexander
Valerie Delauter
Melissa Neal
Andrea Dewey
Aaron Dawson
Jeff Wright

Federal Highway Admin

Derek Bradshaw

Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm
GCMPC

Alex Patsy

Christine Durgan
Ed Benning

Mass Trans Authority

Shawnice Dorsey
Anita Boughner
Jay Reithel
Steven Katenhus

Mich Dept of Trans

Trevor Block

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, and Debby Compton.

IV. Minutes

*****A. Minutes of the May 15, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Gehringer, **Supported by** Robert Plumb, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Introduction of Guests

None

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Public Hearing

None

VIII. Finances

None

IX. Committee Reports

None

X. Old Business

A. 2019 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Certification Review for the Flint, Michigan Transportation Management Area (Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance) Update

Sharon Gregory announced that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration have certified the planning process for the Flint Transportation Management Area. The overall conclusion of the Certification Review is that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance is a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process and reflects a significant professional commitment to deliver quality in transportation planning. A detailed finding report is expected in the next couple of weeks.

XI. New Business

*****A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #19**

Sharon Gregory stated that amendment #19 is more clean-up with the JobNet database. There is one item on the amendment for the City of Burton, and the city has indicated that it agrees with clearing this old project out of the database. The project has already been closed out. 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. These projects are eligible for the funding programmed and the Interagency Work Group has reviewed the projects and has determined that all of them are exempt from Air Quality Conformity Analysis. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval of amendment #19 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Robert Plumb, **Supported by** Doug Mcabee, to approve the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #19.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. MDOT Call for Highway Safety Improvement Safety Program (HSIP) projects, Highway Safety Improvement Program Streamlined Systemic Safety Program Projects, and Call for High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) projects**

Sharon Gregory advised that the Michigan Department of Transportation released three (3) Calls for Projects. Staff sent out reminders to road agencies. MDOT is requesting project applications be submitted to them by Monday, August 5, 2019 and GCMPC staff is requesting project applications be submitted to Mr. Sompels by Monday, July 29, 2019 to have time to review and endorse submitted projects. Staff is requesting approval from the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to allow the FY 2021 Safety Projects to be reviewed and endorsed by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission staff as the Metropolitan Alliance will not meet between July 29th and August 5th when the applications are due to MDOT.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Bill Bain, **Supported by** Robert Plumb, to approve the FY 2021 Call for Safety Projects to be reviewed and endorsed by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Draft FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document and Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Sharon Gregory stated that the Draft FY 2020-2023 TIP Document and Air Quality Conformity Analysis is in the middle of the thirty-day public comment period. Staff hopes everyone has had a chance to review the document and provide comments by clicking the link that was provided in the memo. Staff will be coming back to this committee for approval in July.

*****D. Congestion Management Process (CMP) for Genesee County**

Jason Nordberg advised that staff has been working with the Transportation System Management Subcommittee (TSM) on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The process is in place to explain what congestion is, identify it and have a process to address any issues that may come about. Mr. Nordberg discussed the 2014 and 2045 CMP deficiency maps as well as the CMP checklist and toolbox. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is recommending approval of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) as well as the maps identifying the deficiencies to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Gehringer, **Supported by** Robert Plumb, to approve the Congestion Management Process for Genesee County.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****E. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Project Application**

Sharon Gregory stated that this application is for the Long Range Transportation Plan Call for Projects. It is pretty much the same application as the last time GCMPC did the Long Range Transportation Plan. Staff updated the application by adding safety and reliability to the scoring and made sure the application references performance measures. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Project Application. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jenifer Almassy, **Supported by** Doug Mcabee, to approve the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Project Application.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Genesee County Road Commission Projects Update

Alex Patsy, Programming and Development Engineer from the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC), presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2019 GCRC Construction Projects and 2020 Construction Preview. Discussion ensued.

XII. Other Business

A. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Sharon Gregory stated that this is the NEPA paperwork you have been hearing about the past year. Staff will be reminding everyone each month to be prepared to start early on their fiscal year 2020 projects. This is the environmental paperwork that you have always done but the form has increased to eighteen pages so the process with MDOT may take up to 6 months to complete. MDOT's Local Agency Programs has said that for a simple paving project it may take up to two months to get through the environmental paperwork. Staff will be going out to meet with everyone who has a current-year TIP project as they always do at the beginning of the fiscal year. Discussion ensued.

Jason Nordberg stated that the Obligation Authority for projects ran out in June, which is a lot earlier than in prior years.

XIII. Announcements

None

XIV. Adjournment

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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