

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2019

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

<u>UNIT REPRESENTED</u>	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>
Genesee County City of Burton		Commissioner Ted Henry Thomas Martinbianco Danny Wells
City of Clio	Duane Mosher	Eric Wiederhold Reuben Garcia Leigh LaForest Patricia Lockwood Mayor Karen Weaver Robert Bincsik Betty Wideman
City of Davison City of Fenton City of Flint		
City of Flushing	George Gray	
City of Grand Blanc		Chris Douglas John Crawford Mayor Susan Soderstrom Ray Culbert Paul Zelenak
City of Linden		William Daniels
City of Montrose City of Mt. Morris City of Swartz Creek	Mark Richard John Gilbert Robert Plumb	Dennis Cramer

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

Gaines Village

Emily Alexander
Valerie Delauter
Melissa Neal
Andrea Dewey

Federal Highway Admin

Aaron Dawson

Gen Cty Drain Comm

Jeff Wright

Gen Cty Road Comm

Alex Patsy

GCMPC

Derek Bradshaw

Mass Trans Authority

Ed Benning

Mich Dept of Trans

Shawnice Dorsey

Anita Boughner

Jay Reithel

Kim Zimmer

Trevor Block

OTHERS PRESENT: Angie Adamec, Bob Slattery, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Jacob Maurer, and Debby Compton.

IV. Minutes

*****A. Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Plumb, **supported by** John Gilbert, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Introduction of Guests

Bob Slattery, Directory of Public Works from the City of Burton, introduced himself to the committee.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Public Hearing

None

VIII. Finances

None

IX. Committee Reports

A. Nominating Committee Report

John Gilbert stated that the nominated officer for Chair is Robert Johnson. Mr. Gilbert asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. No one spoke at this time. Mr. Gilbert stated that the nominated officer for Vice-Chair is Robert Plumb. Mr. Gilbert asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. No one spoke at this time. Mr. Gilbert stated that the nominated officer for Treasurer is Tod Sorensen. Mr. Gilbert asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. No one spoke at this time.

Mr. Gilbert asked twice more if there were any nominations from the floor for Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer. No one spoke at this time. Mr. Gilbert closed the nominations for officers. Mr. Gilbert stated that the nominations for the three (3) open Trustee positions are Bill Bain, Jenifer Almasy and Cheryl Wougther. Mr. Gilbert asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. No one spoke at this time. Mr. Gilbert asked twice more if there were any other nominations from the floor. No one spoke at this time. Mr. Gilbert closed the nominations for trustees.

Nominated Slate of Officers: Chair; Robert Johnson, Vice-Chair; Robert Plumb, Treasurer; Tod Sorensen.

Nominated Trustees: Bill Bain, Jenifer Almasy, and Cheryl Wougther.

X. Old Business

A. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft Prioritized List of Projects

Sharon Gregory stated that at the last Transportation System Management Subcommittee (TSM) meeting on March 5th the committee approved the assignment of years to go with the projects. Staff will now continue the analysis for Environmental Justice (EJ) and Air Quality on the projects. Staff will schedule the public input sessions for April and then the 30-day comment period in May. Staff is looking to bring the final approval for the TIP projects and the TIP document through TAC and this committee in June.

B. 2018 PASER Data Availability

Jacob Maurer stated that last fall staff released the 2018 PASER Federal Aid network maps during the TIP Call for Projects and just recently staff included the local road network on these maps. Mr. Maurer stated that he would meet with local agencies after the meeting if they would like a copy of their map or they could call him and he would get a copy in the mail to them.

XI. New Business

*****A. Election of Officers**

John Gilbert stated that since there were no more nominations from the floor the Nominating Committee suggests this committee elect the slate of officers as presented by acclimation in the positions they were nominated: Chair, Robert Johnson; Vice-Chair, Robert Plumb; Treasurer, Tod Sorensen; Trustee, Bill Bain; Trustee, Jenifer Almasy; and Trustee, Cheryl Wougther.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Paulette Johnson, **supported by** David Cain, to approve the Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers and Trustees by acclimation.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #16**

Sharon Gregory stated that most of these are MDOT 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. The projects that are being amended are eligible for the funding programmed, and they meet the intended state (including State TEDF Category C funds) and federal goals and objectives identified for the funding. Staff has reviewed the projects for Air Quality Conformity Analysis and has determined that they are all exempt except for one in the City of Flushing, which is Main Street from Chamberlain to Pierson Road. That is going to be non-exempt but will not trigger a new Conformity Analysis and will be modeled when the next Conformity Analysis is conducted. The Interagency Work Group (IAWG) has reviewed the listing of projects for this amendment and has provided concurrence with staff's recommendations. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval of FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #16 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** David Cain, **supported by** Chris Gehringer, to approve the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #16 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Call for FY 2022 Local Bridge Program Applications

Jacob Maurer stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has announced its FY 2022 Local Bridge Program Call for Projects. The budget is estimated to be at \$48 million and the number of applications from one local agency is limited to five. Applications are due May 1, 2019. Any questions can be directed to the MDOT Bridge Program Manager, Keith Cooper at 517-335-4526.

D. Community Infrastructure Fund – Category B

Jacob Maurer stated that through the Governor's Public Act 473 of 2018, the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) established a Category B Funding source. The act provides \$3 million per year through FY 2023. This is specifically for cities and villages with a population of 10,000 or fewer. This would be a maximum grant request of \$250,000 and would require a 50/50 match. Each community can submit up to five projects on one application. Discussion ensued.

E. 2019 Iron Belle Trail Grant Opportunity

Jacob Maurer advised that the deadline for this opportunity passed but staff got the agenda packet out to the committee before the deadline. This is for the communities located along Michigan's Iron Belle Trail route. The maximum request is up to \$50,000. One community, City of Grand Blanc, submitted an application.

F. Fixing Michigan Roads Plan – Summary

Jason Nordberg advised that staff just wanted the committee to be aware of this. There was a handout provided to the committee from the State Budget Office. In

Michigan, there is an Act 51 formula where funding is distributed. This new funding is proposing to bypass that formula. It is based upon how many cars drive down the road. In general, a lot of communities might miss out on getting their roads fixed. If this goes through, the public is going to think the roads are going to get fixed. If local communities ask for mileages, there might be a perception in the community that they are already paying enough money for roads. Staff suggests letting this mature a little bit more before proceeding with a formal response.

Bob Slattery stated that at the Michigan Municipal League board meeting the Governor's full proposal was endorsed. Mr. Slattery indicated there was no need for panic, and he encouraged everyone to feel free to pass comments on to the Governor's office. Discussion ensued.

XII. Other Business

None

XIII. Announcements

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

Jason Nordberg stated that earlier today staff had a public meeting on the planning process. Aaron Dawson from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) held a public meeting and staff appreciates those that came early and provided input to that. That kicks off the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Certification Review for Flint. This happens every four (4) years for the Federal Transportation Planning Process in Genesee County. For the next several days, FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be in the GCMPC office going through documents and asking questions, trying to see how the planning process is doing in Genesee County. The last certification was a clean certification with recommendations and commendations and no corrective actions.

Aaron Dawson, FHWA, stated that there is an opportunity for members from the TAC committee or this committee to come in and comment on the state of the planning process tomorrow from 11:00 to 12:00 in the GCMPC conference room.

XIV. Adjournment

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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