

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 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 Mayor Susan Soderstrom Ray Culbert Paul Zelenak Mark Richard William Daniels John Gilbert
City of Linden		
City of Montrose City of Mt. Morris City of Swartz Creek		
	Robert Plumb Dennis Cramer	
Argentine Township		Brian Saad Leslie Renckly Paulette Johnson
Atlas Township		

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

Federal Highway Admin		Andrea Dewey
	Aaron Dawson	
Gen Cty Drain Comm		Jeff Wright
Gen Cty Road Comm	Alex Patsy	
GCMPC		Derek Bradshaw Christine Durgan Ed Benning
Mass Trans Authority		
	Shawnice Dorsey	
Mich Dept of Trans		Anita Boughner Jay Reithel Steven Katenhus Trevor Block

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

IV. Minutes

*****A. Minutes of the July 17, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Chris Gehringer, **supported by** Robert Plumb, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Introduction of Guests

None

VI. Public Comment

Dennis Cramer, City of Swartz Creek, announced that Hill Road between Seymour and Morrish is fantastic.

VII. Public Hearing

None

VIII. Finances

A. FY 2020 Dues for Local Units

Tod Sorensen stated that the FY 2020 Local Unit dues will be coming up soon.

Jason Nordberg stated that the executive committee will meet next month at 6:30 p.m. before the regular scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Alliance Committee. Debby will email a reminder to the executive committee.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Chris Gehringer, **supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the Financial Report as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

X. Old Business

A. 2019 Federal Metropolitan Transportation Planning Certification Review Presentation by Aaron Dawson

Aaron Dawson presented a PowerPoint of the 2019 Federal Metropolitan Transportation Planning Certification Review to the committee. Mr. Dawson advised that there are three (3) findings from this review: Fully Certified; Certified Conditionally; or Not Certified. In order to continue being the Planning Organization for the Flint Area the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission has to be certified every four years. Mr. Dawson reported that the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission has been Certified. Mr. Dawson reviewed the Commendations and Recommendations with the committee and stated that there were no Corrective Actions. The next review will be on site in May 2023. Discussion ensued.

Jason Nordberg thanked Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) staff and mentioned that GCMPC staff felt this new style of review was very beneficial.

B. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Sharon Gregory advised that in July this committee approved the TIP and staff provided the TIP to MDOT for their review. Once MDOT finished their review in August they sent it on to FHWA and FTA. At this time staff is waiting for the official letter of approval from the Feds that is has been approved. That should arrive by October 1st which is the beginning of GCMPC's fiscal year.

C. FY 2020 Unified Work Program (UWP) Update

Sharon Gregory advised that staff has received all the project authorizations for FY 2020, so the Unified Work Program is good and staff is ready to start FY 2020.

*****D. 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 stated that in May MDOT had their Call for Safety Projects and those applications were due to MDOT by August 5th. The same as every year, staff gets approval from this committee to submit the applications to MDOT because the due date is before the September meeting. Staff received eight (8) applications. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval for the prioritized list of FY 2021 safety projects for MDOT consideration to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance and for the Metropolitan Alliance Chairperson to sign the attached Resolution of Support.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Plumb, **supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the Prioritized list of FY 2021 Safety Projects for MDOT consideration and to approve the signing of the Resolution of Support by the Chairperson.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Genesee: Our County, Our Future Plan Update

Sharon Gregory stated that staff is currently working on a draft of the final plan of the Genesee: Our County, Our Future planning document. This is a combined plan between the Transportation division, the Community Development division, and the Solid Waste division. This is the first time that staff has done one plan that includes all divisions. Ms. Gregory advised that staff anticipates having the draft plan ready for this committee by the beginning of October. The public input sessions are going to be held on Wednesday, September 25th at the Clio Area Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 26th at the Flint Farmers' Market from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Thursday, September 26th at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ms. Gregory invited committee members to stop by and give comments. Discussion ensued.

Jason Nordberg advised that these public input sessions are regarding the Transportation and Community Development Projects.

IX. New Business

*****A. FY 2020 MDOT Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Planning Guide**

Sharon Gregory advised that staff goes out at the beginning of the fiscal year and visits with every agency that has a TIP project coming up in fiscal year 2020. Staff goes over the planning guide to help local agencies follow the schedule to make sure their project gets obligated by April. There is some extra paperwork on the environmental side that needs to be done, so staff encourages agencies to keep to the planning guide schedule.

Jason Nordberg stated that Ms. Gregory provided a detailed package to the committee on steps that have to take place in the process.

B. Draft Genesee County 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Capacity Project

Sharon Gregory advised that in July staff had the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Call for Projects specifically for capacity projects. Staff analyzed the projects and the top five (5) in the list are currently in the TIP. The newly submitted project is the Grand Blanc Road one. Because there is not enough money, staff has created an Illustrative List. In case funding becomes available staff will already have the Illustrative List ready and that can be brought into the LRTP. Discussion ensued.

C. Roundabout Implementation Study for Genesee County Intersections Update

Sharon Gregory stated that in July staff implemented a Request for Proposal for a Roundabout Study for intersections in Genesee County. Staff received five (5) proposals. Staff scored the proposals without seeing the cost which was in a separate sealed envelope. Staff had interviews and the one most qualified consultant was chosen. Staff met with the Purchasing Department and opened the cost proposal for that consultant and the cost was under the budget for the study. Staff made a recommendation and that recommendation is now going through the committee approval process. Staff will have further information to report at the next meeting.

X. Other Business

None

XI. Announcements

Jason Nordberg announced that the next recycle day event is being held at Clio High School on Saturday, October 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The committee was encouraged to take recycling flyers and distribute them.

Alex Patsy mentioned the Crossing Surface Program that repairs bad grade crossings in the State of Michigan. The 2020 Call for Projects is open, with program letters containing additional details mailed to all road authorities and railroads. The application deadline is Friday, September 27th.

XIV. Adjournment

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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