

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
January 7, 2016**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2016, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I.  Call to Order

Chairperson Markland called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

II.  Roll Call

Present: Bob Slattery, Brad Barrett, Derek Bradshaw, Elena Danishevskaya, Fred Peivandi, Jakki Sidge, Jay Reithel, Jim Koenig, Larry Doyle, Larry Green, Lynn Markland, Mary Ann Price, Michael Hart, Michael Pifer, Micki Hoffman, Paul Zelenak, Robert Cole, Robert Johnson, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Tom Svrcek, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Absent: Andrea Dewey, Bonnie Mathis, Byran Sutton, Carl Johnson, Chris Gehringer, Craig Williams, Dave Cain, Dave Miller, David Arceo, David Dorr, David Guigear, Ed Benning, Eileen Kerr, Eric Wiederhold, Erik Tamlyn, John Barsalou, Joseph Madore, Karen Miller, Kay Muhammad, Mark Emmendorfer, Pamela Boyd, Paul Fortino, Rian Birchmeier, Robert Jennings, Sam Stiff, and Steven Fuhr.

Others Present: Ken Johnson, Mary Ann Ketels, Paulette Johnson, Robert Maffeo, Dennis Heidenfeldt, Jill Bauer, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Jacob Maurer, Damon Fortney, and Debby Compton.

III. Minutes

*****A. Minutes of the December 3, 2015 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Robert Cole, **supported by** Tom Svrcek, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 regular meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects Update

Sharon Gregory stated that there is no handout for this, this is just an update to let you know where we are in the process. Ms. Gregory stated that an agenda for the Jan 12th Transportation Management System Subcommittee was just sent out. She stated that the core voting members of the TSM committee are the Genesee County Road Commission, Mass

Transportation Authority, City of Flint, City of Burton, Small Cities Representative and Michigan Department of Transportation however, any agency is invited to attend. She stated that staff has finished reviewing the projects and is currently finishing some scenarios. Staff will be presenting the scenarios to the TSM Subcommittee to start the discussion regarding project selection.

*****B. Draft 2045 Population Projections and Methodology Report**

Jason Nordberg stated that the Population Projections and Methodology report was presented at the November and December Technical Advisory Committee meetings for review and comment. He stated that the projections have been updated since the December meeting to reflect input received from several municipalities. Mr. Nordberg stated that at this time the Transportation Management System (TSM) Subcommittee is requesting that TAC recommend approval of the draft 2045 Population Projections and Methodology Report to the Metropolitan Alliance. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Approved: Approved, **moved by** Tom Svrcek, **supported by** Robert Cole, to approve the draft 2045 Population Projections and Methodology Report to the Metropolitan Alliance.
Motion passed unanimously.

C. MDOT Safety Plan

Damon Fortney stated that MDOT is going to be working with us to develop Local Road Safety Plans to identify different safety issues within our county. He stated that MDOT is still finalizing contracts for that and they are planning a kick off meeting in February 2016. Mr. Fortney stated that staff will keep the committee updated.

V. New Business

***** A. Genesee County Iron Belle Trail Projects – MDNR Applications**

Jacob Maurer stated that in late November the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) announced a second round of grant funding for communities and organizations working on sections of trail that will be part of Michigan's two Iron Belle Trail routes. He stated that staff has been working with various communities over the past several weeks on grant applications seeking engineering and design assistance. Mr. Maurer stated that in total 8 projects were submitted. He stated that at this time staff is requesting TAC to provide a recommendation of support to the Metropolitan Alliance for the 8 Genesee County Iron Belle Trail applications requesting MDNR funding for engineering and design assistance.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Jakki Sidge, to approve support to the Metropolitan Alliance for the eight Genesee County Iron Belle Trail applications requesting MDNR funding for engineering and design assistance.
Motion passed unanimously.

B. Flint River Water Trail – NPS Technical Assistance Update

Jacob Maurer stated that the Flint River Watershed Coalition (FRWC) has been approved to receive technical assistance through the National Park Service (NPS) in 2016. He stated the FRWC intends to capitalize on this opportunity by developing an application to submit for a National Water Trail Designation of the Flint River. Mr. Maurer stated that FRWC and GCMPC staff, along with other key partners, will kick off the planning process with a Flint River Water Trail Forum on January 21, 2016 in both Genesee and Lapeer Counties. He stated that communities along the Flint River will soon receive an invitation from the FRWC. Discussion ensued.

VI. Other Business

Bob Slattery asked what the general schedule was for going forward with the Transportation Improvement Program approval projects process. Jason Nordberg stated that there will be several TSM meetings to review the scored projects. We hope to be able to bring a funding recommendation from TSM to TAC and Metro in February to begin public comment. Discussion ensued.

VII. Announcements

Derek Bradshaw announced that GCMPC employee Claire Wilke has been recently promoted to a Planner II.

Jim Koenig from MDOT introduced their new employee, David Fairchild. He stated that he will be working on the west side of the state.

Chairperson Markland wished everyone a Happy New Year.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Markland adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

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