

**GLS REGION V PDC**  
**May 24, 2016**

The GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Chairperson Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**A.  Roll Call**

**Present:** Cheryl Clark, Derek Bradshaw, John Horvath, John Mandelaris, Julie Hales-Smith, Mike Hemmingsen, Richard Van Haften, and Sidney Grinnell.

**Absent/excused:** Alan Himelhoch, Bill Henry, Charles Van Duren, Christina Johnson, David Hetfield, Ed Benning, Gary Roy, Jeffrey Kelley, Mary Ann Ketels, Robert Johnson, and Robert McLaren.

**Others Present:** Jason Nordberg, Damon Fortney, and Debby Compton.

** B. Approval of the Minutes of the GLS Region V PDC Regular Meeting held March 22, 2016**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Mike Hemmingsen, **Seconded by** Richard Van Haften, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Approved minutes on file in the GCMPC office)

** C. Approval of the Agenda of GLS Region V PDC Meeting to be held May 24, 2016**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Cheryl Clark, **Seconded by** Mike Hemmingsen, to approve the Agenda of the GLS Region V meeting to be held May 24, 2016, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Document on file with minutes in the GCMPC office)

** D. Opportunity for the Public to Address the GLS Region V PDC**

No one spoke at this time.



## E. Communications

### 1. Midway Disposal Construction Permit Application Package; Burnside Township, Lapeer County

Mr. Jason Nordberg stated that this is a construction permit for Midway Disposal that staff received in the office. He stated that staff did respond with a letter stating that it is consistent with the Lapeer County Solid Waste Management Plan. The letter was sent around for the committee to read.



### 2. Grand Blanc Township Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project

Mr. Jason Nordberg stated that this project and the next one for Caledonia Charter Township are similar. He stated that staff receives Project review requests for water or sewer projects. He stated that staff is asked to determine whether or not the population projections used for the application are reasonable/consistent with other area projections and in this case they used Genesee County Planning Commission's population projections so the projections used are consistent. He stated that the second item we respond to is whether or not the project is consistent with area plans. In this case the project is in the township and they are replacing existing infrastructure so the project is consistent with area plans. Staff provided a memo to the township with these findings.



### 3. Caledonia Charter Township Water Distribution Improvements Project

Mr. Jason Nordberg stated that this project is for water infrastructure. He stated that the township used the state's population projections for this project so it is consistent with what we have. The project will primarily replace existing infrastructure. There are a small number of new water lines being put in to close a loop and to serve residents that are only served by private wells. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Nordberg stated that this is just a communication, no action is required. He stated that staff responded to the applicants with the information they requested. The files were passed around for the committee members to review.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Mandelaris, **Seconded by** Julie Hales-Smith, to acknowledge and approve that the files were received and reviewed by the committee members.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

II. **ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Financial Report**

**1. Report**

Mr. Derek Bradshaw reviewed the financial report ending March 31, 2016.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Cheryl Clark, **Seconded by** Julie Hales-Smith, to approve the Financial Report ending March 31, 2016 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.  
(Documents on file with minutes)

**2. Checks**

Mr. Derek Bradshaw reviewed the checks.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Cheryl Clark, **Seconded by** John Mandelaris, to approve the checks in the amount of \$46,413.19 and to authorize the signing by the proper authorities.

Motion passed unanimously.  
(Documents on file with minutes)

**B. FPR-03-16-02; City of Corunna, Heritage Park Development along the Shiawassee River**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that the City of Corunna is applying for \$288,600 from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund which will be matched with \$101,400 in other funds for a total project cost of \$390,000. He stated that funding will be utilized to create ADA accessible access, within Heritage Park, to the Shiawassee River. He also stated that the amenities that will be added include a new sidewalk and an ADA accessible Kayak launch. Mr. Fortney stated that staff recommends that the commission endorse the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for development of City of Corunna's ADA accessible sidewalk and kayak launch. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Mike Hemmingsen, **seconded by** Richard Van Haften, to endorse the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund application for the development of City of Corunna's ADA accessible sidewalk and kayak launch.

Motion passed unanimously.

**C.  FPR-03-16-03; City of Flushing, construction of a 2,600 foot asphalt trail from Aberdeen Court to Winter's Eave Road**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that the City of Flushing is applying for \$300,000 from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund which will be matched with \$239,200 in other funds for a total project cost of

\$539,200. He stated that funding would be utilized to construct a 2,600 foot asphalt trail connection from Aberdeen Court to Winters Eave Drive. Mr. Fortney stated that staff recommends that the commission endorse the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for construction of the City of Flushing's asphalt trail.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Cheryl Clark, **seconded by** Richard Van Haaften, to endorse the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund application for the City of Flushing to construct a 2,600 foot asphalt trail connection from Aberdeen Court to Winters Eave Drive.

Motion passed unanimously.

D.  **FPR-03-16-04; Atlas Township, Goodrich, Land Acquisition of 155.1 acres on Hegel Road in Atlas Township**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is applying for \$547,500 in acquisition funds from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund which will be matched with \$182,500 in other funds for a total project cost of \$730,000. He stated that funding will be utilized to purchase 155.1 acres on Hegel Road in Atlas Township. He stated that the property's proposed use would include passive recreation, hiking, bird watching, fishing, paddle sports, and environmental education use by Goodrich Schools. Mr. Fortney stated that staff recommends that the commission endorse the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for GCPRC's land acquisition.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Richard Van Haaften, **seconded by** John Mandelaris, to endorse the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund application for the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission for purchase of 155.1 acres on Hegel Road in Atlas Township.


Motion passed unanimously.

E.  **FPR-03-16-05; Genesee County Parks and Recreation, Development of a non-motorized trail segment along the Iron Belle Trail**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is applying for \$300,000 from Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund which will be matched with \$1,229,000 in Federal Funds and \$788,900 in other funds for a total project cost of \$2,317,900. He stated that the funding will be utilized for the development of a 3.4 mile section of non-motorized pathway, extending the Flint River Trail, and building upon the Iron Belle Trail route. Mr. Fortney stated that staff recommends that the commission endorse the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resource

Trust Fund for construction of the 3.4 mile non-motorized pathway extension of the Flint River Trail. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Richard Van Haften, **seconded by** Derek Bradshaw, to endorse the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund application for the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission for construction of a 3.4 mile non-motorized pathway extension of the Flint River Trail.  
Motion passed unanimously.

F.  **FPR-03-16-06; City of Flint, Land Acquisition, Transform failing infrastructure and blighted properties into community assets that encourage economic development**

Mr. Derek Bradshaw presented a map to the committee of the City of Flint project and explained the project. Mr. Bradshaw stated that the river will have trails on both sides, a bridge, rock rapids, a beach area and more. He stated that the goal is to get it under construction next year. This application is part of a larger project and will use various funding sources. This grant request is for land acquisition. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Richard Van Haften, **seconded by** Julie Hales-Smith, to endorse the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund application for the City of Flint's land acquisition to purchase 107 acres along the Flint River, located in the City of Flint.  
Motion passed unanimously.

G.  **FPR-04-16-07; Goodland Township, Land Acquisition of 9 acres located behind the Goodland Township Hall**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that Goodland Township is applying for \$67,000 in acquisition funds from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund which will be matched with \$22,400 in other funds for a total project cost of \$89,400. He stated funding will be utilized to purchase 9 acres of land adjacent to Goodland Township Hall and Historic Library. He stated that this property will provide Goodland Township with their first public park and the residents are interested in developing this property to include a walking path, pavilion, play equipment, and a parking lot. Mr. Fortney stated that staff recommends that the commission endorse the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for Goodland Township's land acquisition.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Cheryl Clark, **Seconded by** Julie Hales-Smith, to endorse the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund application for Goodland Township to purchase 9 acres of land adjacent to Goodland Township Hall and Historic Library.  
Motion passed unanimously.

H.  **FPR-04-16-08; City of Clio, Reconstruction of the portion of the Pine Run Creek Trail located between the CSX Railroad and Center Street and also the construction of a defined trailhead off of Center Street**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that the City of Clio is applying for \$256,400 from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund which will be matched with \$90,100 in other funds for a total project cost of \$346,500. He stated that funding will be utilized to reconstruct a portion of the Pine Run Creek Trail and to develop a defined trailhead off of Center Street. Mr. Fortney stated that staff recommends that the commission endorse the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for construction of a trailhead and reconstruction of a portion of the Pine Run Creek Trail. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Cheryl Clark, **Seconded by** Richard Van Haaften, to endorse the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund application for the City of Clio to construct a trailhead and reconstruct a portion of the Pine Run Creek Trail.  
Motion passed unanimously.

I.  **FPR-04-16-09; City of Clio, Construction of a defined trailhead to the Clio Bike Path, Pine Run Creek Trail, and the replacement of restroom facilities and improved vehicle parking**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that the City of Clio is applying for \$262,500 from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund which will be matched with \$90,300 in other funds for a total project cost of \$352,800. He stated that funding will be utilized to construct a defined trailhead to the Clio Bike Path and improve/replace current restroom facilities, and improve vehicular parking. Mr. Fortney stated that staff recommends that the commission endorse the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for construction of a trailhead and improvement of current facilities.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Cheryl Clark, **Seconded by** Richard Van Haaften, to endorse the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund application for the City of Clio to construct a trailhead and improve current facilities.  
Motion passed unanimously.

J. **FY 2017 GLS Region V Work Program**

Mr. Jason Nordberg stated that the Region V Work Program identifies work items and the amount of funding budgeted for each item in the upcoming 2017 Fiscal Year. He stated that MDOT is continuing to provide an allocation of \$19,000 for Regions to provide annual transportation technical assistance for non-metropolitan

areas of the state to manage the Rural Task Force (RTF) and Small Urban programs. Mr. Nordberg stated that this year staff is requesting an additional \$5,000 in funding to cover staff costs for the RTF in addition to the \$19,000. Mr. Nordberg stated that an additional \$2,000 is being provided by MDOT from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF) for our continued participation in the Regional Transit Study. Mr. Nordberg stated that staff is proposing a budget of \$99,423. He stated that this funding request is based upon the amount received in the 2016 fiscal year with an additional \$7,000 being proposed for work related to the RTF and regional transit study project. Mr. Nordberg stated that staff recommends the GLS Region V Planning & Development Commission approve the FY 2017 GLS Region V Work Program with an allocation of \$99,423, and provide Derek Bradshaw the authority to sign all contracts and agreements related to the work program.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Cheryl Clark, **Seconded by** John Horvath, to approve the FY 2017 GLS Region V Work Program with an allocation of \$99,423, and to authorize Derek Bradshaw the approval to sign all contracts and agreements related to the work program.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Document on file with minutes)

III. 

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. MAR Update**

Mr. Derek Bradshaw stated that last week he attended the Transportation Commission for the State of Michigan meeting and he was appointed to the Asset Management Council for Michigan Association of Regions. Discussion ensued.

**B.  Region 6 Regional Prosperity Initiative Update**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that the Craft Agriculture directory is now up and running on the I-69 Thumb Region website which features local businesses and producers throughout the region. He stated that staff is working on promotional materials and a printed version of the directory to help market small businesses in the region. Mr. Fortney stated that staff is looking into doing a video of some of the businesses as well.

Mr. Fortney stated that Upjohn Institute provided a final draft of the I-69 Thumb Region Work-Based Education Programs report and presented findings to the April Steering Committee meeting. He stated that staff worked with Upjohn on some small updates to the report and they completed the final draft in late April. Mr. Fortney stated that this report will guide the use of 2016 funds allocated for an education related project.

Mr. Fortney stated that Olsson Associates is nearing completion of the Site Strategy and Square Footage study for the region. He stated they presented their final report to economic developers and stakeholders on May 12<sup>th</sup>. He stated that Olsson is also working with the economic development agencies to develop marketing materials for the region. He stated that they provided a draft copy of a regional marketing piece at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, and a final version will be ready for printing and distribution in the coming weeks. Mr. Fortney stated that the next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lapeer City Hall.

C.  **MDOT Regional Traffic Safety Plans**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) continues to work with GLS Region V to develop a Regional Traffic Safety Plan. He stated that the first stakeholder meeting was held in March. Mr. Fortney stated that the Atkins Group, the consultant creating the plans, provided an overview of the project and reviewed traffic crash data for the region. He stated that stakeholders discussed their biggest concerns regarding safety in their areas and what they saw as their vision for this process. Mr. Fortney stated that the second meeting was held on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> in the MTA Administration Building. He stated that this meeting included discussion on safety targets and a group exercise to select strategies for improving safety. Mr. Fortney stated that the next meeting will be in September.

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Announcements at this time.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Grinnell stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

Chairperson Grinnell adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**Motion: Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Cheryl Clark, **Seconded by** Richard Van Haften, to approve the adjournment of the GLS Region V PDC regular meeting.

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