

**GLS REGION V PDC**  
**January 26, 2016**

The GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 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:** Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Gary Roy, Jeffrey Kelley, John Mandelaris, Julie Hales-Smith, Mike Hemmingsen, Robert McLaren and Sidney Grinnell.

**Absent/excused:** Alan Himelhoch, Bill Henry, Charles Van Duren, Cheryl Clark, Christina Johnson, David Hetfield, John Horvath, Mary Ann Ketels, Richard Van Haaften and Robert Johnson.

**Others Present:** Mike Grinnell, Anna Pinter, Jason Nordberg and Debby Compton.

**B. Approval of the Minutes of the GLS Region V PDC Regular Meeting held November 17, 2015**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Derek Bradshaw, **Seconded by** Robert McLaren, to approve the GLS Region V minutes for the meeting held on November 17, 2015 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

**C. Approval of the Agenda of GLS Region V PDC Meeting to be held January 26, 2016**

Jason Nordberg stated that there is an addition to the Agenda. Under "Action Items," the item "Budget Adjustment" will be added as item C.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Kelley, **Seconded by** John Mandelaris, to approve the Agenda for the GLS Region V meeting to be held on January 26, 2016 with the addition of item "Budget Adjustment" under "Action Items."

Motion passed unanimously.  
(Document on file with minutes)

- D. Opportunity for the Public to Address the GLS Region V PDC**  
Chairperson Sidney Grinnell introduced his son, Mike Grinnell.

- E. Communications**  
Derek Bradshaw stated that the Michigan Planner September/October 2015 issue had an article in it talking about the I-69 Thumb Region Partnership. Mr. Bradshaw passed copies of the article out to the committee members.  
(Document on file with minutes)

**II. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Financial Report**

**1. Report**

Derek Bradshaw stated that we did not receive the Financial Reports so they will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Mandelaris, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Kelley, to approve to address Financials at the next meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Checks**

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the checks.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Kelley, **Seconded by** Ed Benning, to approve the checks in the amount of \$34,994.07 and to authorize the proper authorities to sign the checks.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Document on file with minutes)

**B. 2016 Meeting Times**

Jason Nordberg stated that the information from the Survey Monkey Poll was collected and the results received were eight (8) responses for 6:00 p.m.; Four (4) responses for 10:30 a.m. and several one (1) votes for various other times. Mr. Nordberg stated the majority vote was for the meetings to remain at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Mandelaris, **Seconded by** Gary Roy, to approve the GLS Region V meetings to continue to be held at 6:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Budget Adjustment**

Derek Bradshaw stated that an estimate of \$137,250 was used as the amount of FY 2015 carryover funds that would be available for FY

2016 within the Regional Prosperity grant. He stated that we now know the carryover amount is \$140,733. Mr. Bradshaw stated that there are some minor adjustments recommended within this new carryover amount. Mr. Bradshaw requested approval of the budget adjustment.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Kelley, **Seconded by** Robert McLaren, to approve the budget adjustment as presented. Motion passed unanimously.  
(Document on file with minutes)

III.  **DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
A. **MAR Update**

Derek Bradshaw stated that there are three (3) different issues being considered statewide. He stated that a couple of them revolve around the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Mr. Bradshaw stated that basically what is happening, is over the past several years MDOT has been pushing more and more responsibilities down on the regions to help them to implement statewide initiatives that they are working on. He stated that we have seen some small funding increases to deal with Rural Task Force and some of those other activities that we have taken on. MDOT has been providing us \$34,000 for the last fifteen years at least. Mr. Bradshaw stated that there are conversations on a statewide basis that you cannot continue to push more and more of these initiatives on the Regions and expect us to do all of this public involvement without giving us more money. Mr. Bradshaw stated that the other issue is the Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI). MAR is looking to do a study of the impacts of the Regional Prosperity money. He stated that since all of the money is going through the regions there is thought that it is in the region's best interest to show the positive impacts. Discussion ensued.

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

Derek Bradshaw stated that tonight there is a meeting in Shiawassee County with the consultant from High Pointe. He stated that they are coming to talk about our connections, square footage and inter-modal freight connection project and meet in Lapeer County tomorrow night. The key part of this is to take this to the next step. Mr. Bradshaw notified the committee that Region 6 received \$235,000 grant for continuation of the RPI activities. Mr. Bradshaw stated that we have quite a few projects going on right now for Region 6 RPI so we will start to see draft reports soon.

C. **Governor's Regional Transit Mobility Initiative Update**

Anna Pinter stated that Phase two is nearing completion. She stated that there was a final draft expected at the end of January. Ms.

Pinter stated that details regarding Phase Three of the process are forthcoming.

**D.  Lapeer County Parks and Recreation Plan Update**

Anna Pinter stated that GCMPC staff is continuing the process of an update to the County's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. She stated that the public comment period runs January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. She stated that there have been no comments so far. Ms. Pinter stated that the draft plan will be presented to the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners for final approval on Feb 18, 2016.

**E.  MDOT Local Road Safety Plans (LRSP)**

Anna Pinter stated that MDOT has begun working with Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs) to develop Local Road Safety Plans (LRSPs). Ms. Pinter stated that plans will be developed through the RPOs and will also have county-specific issues addressed. She stated that contracts are currently being finalized for the project, and MDOT expects to begin working with RPOs during the month of February, beginning with a kickoff meeting. Ms. Pinter stated that staff will provide further information about this project to the committee as it becomes available. Discussion ensued.

**F.  FY 2017-2020 Rural Task Force (RTF) Call for Projects Update**

Jason Nordberg stated that for the past three to four months staff has been working with the cities, villages, road commission and transit agencies in the Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties. He stated that according to the Rural Task Force by-laws every nine (9) years the cities and villages receive 90% of allocations for a year. He stated that what that means is Lapeer County cities and villages receive approximately \$700,000 in projects and Shiawassee County cities and villages receive almost \$600,000 in projects. Discussion ensued.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Derek Bradshaw stated that GCMPC is partnering with the Flint River Watershed Coalition to go after a national water trail designation from the National Park Service for the Flint River. He stated it is a 104 mile long water trail that starts in Lapeer and ends in Northern Genesee County. He stated that last week they had two kick off meetings, one in Genesee County in the morning and another one in Lapeer County in the afternoon. Mr. Bradshaw stated they had excellent attendance. Discussion ensued.

Ed Benning stated that they started a new transit service in Eaton County. He stated that they are taking individuals that have disabilities to work at Meijer's Distribution Plant. Meijer is interested in hiring 200 individuals from our community. Discussion ensued.

John Mandelaris stated that if someone doesn't get the Michigan Planner and didn't get a copy of the article that Derek was talking about earlier he had some extra copies.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Grinnell adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Mandelaris, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Kelley, to approve the adjournment of the GLS Region V meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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