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**Tuesday, January 24, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTION
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the GLS Region V PDC Meeting held November 15, 2016 (attached)
 - C. Approval of the Agenda of GLS Region V PDC Meeting to be held January 24, 2017
 - D. Opportunity for the Public to Address the GLS Region V PDC
 - E. Communications
- II. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Financial Report
 1. Report (handout)
 2. Checks (handout)
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. MAR Update (discussion)
 - B. I-69 Thumb Region Update (attached)
 - C. Michigan's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission Report (attached)
 - D. I-69 Thumb Region - Ecotourism (attached)
 - E. I-69 Thumb Region – Recast City (attached)
 - F. Regional Traffic Safety Plan Update (attached)
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- V. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – March 28, 2017

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**GLS REGION V PDC
November 15, 2016**

The GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. INTRODUCTION 

Chairperson Grinnell and Vice-Chairperson Roy were unable to attend this meeting. Commission member Jeffrey Kelley stepped in as Acting Chairperson.


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

A. Roll Call

Present: Christine Durgan, Cheryl Clark, Jeffrey Kelley, John Horvath, John Mandelaris, Julie Hales-Smith, Mike Hemmingsen, Robert McLaren.

Absent/Excused: Alan Himelhoch, Bill Henry, Charles Van Duren, Christina Johnson, David Hetfield, Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Gary Roy, Mary Ann Ketels, Richard Van Haaften, Robert Johnson, Sidney Grinnell.

Others Present: Anna Pinter, Damon Fortney, Debby Compton.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the GLS Region V PDC Meeting held September 27, 2016 

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert McLaren, **supported by** Mike Hemmingsen, to approve the minutes of the GLS Region V regular meeting held on September 27, 2016.

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 November 15, 2016

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Cheryl Clark, **supported by** Robert McLaren, to approve the GLS Region V agenda for November 15, 2016 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Document on file with minutes)

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

No one spoke at this time.

- E. **Communications**
There were no Communications.

II. **ACTION ITEMS** 

- A. **Financial Report**

- 1. **Report**


- Christine Durgan stated that our accounting staff is in the process of doing year-end, so there is no financial report at this time but one will be presented at the next meeting.

- 2. **Checks**

- Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Cheryl Clark, **supported by** Robert McLaren, to approve the checks in the amount of \$28,157.84 and to authorize the signing by the proper authorities. Motion passed unanimously.
(Documents on file with minutes)

- B. **2017 Region V Meeting Dates**

- Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Mike Hemmingsen, **supported by** Robert McLaren, to approve the GLS Region V 2017 Meeting Dates as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
(Document on file with minutes)

- C. **2017 Regional Prosperity Initiative Resolution of Support and Submittal Letter** 

- Anna Pinter stated that the I-69 Thumb Region will apply for \$250,000 to be used to assist with the implementation of projects and strategies outlined in the Accelerate Plan. Anna reviewed the budget and stated that it was approved at the I-69 Thumb Region Steering Committee meeting on November 10th. Currently letters of support for the 2017 I-69 Thumb Region Regional Prosperity application are being requested. Staff is requesting the GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission to approve the Chairperson, or other authorized signatory, to sign the cover letter and Resolution of Support to submit with the application for 2017 Regional Prosperity Initiative funding.

- Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** John Mandelaris, **supported by** Julie Hales-Smith, to authorize the signing by the proper authorities the cover letter and resolution to submit with the application for 2017 Regional Prosperity Initiative funding. Motion passed unanimously.
(Document on file with minutes)

- D. **I-69 Thumb Region Selection of Communities for Training** 

- Anna Pinter stated that the I-69 Thumb Region is providing two opportunities for national development experts to spend one on one

time with communities in the Region. All local units of government throughout the Region were invited to complete and submit an interest form for one or both of the opportunities. The interest forms were reviewed and scored by staff, and the highest scoring communities are being recommended. The first opportunity is on December 8th with the Incremental Development Alliance, a national non-profit that aims to grow the ranks of small developers. The second opportunity is on February 8th with Recast City, a consulting firm that works with real estate developers, city and other civic leaders to support manufacturing space for small scale producers.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Cheryl Clark, **supported by** Julie Hales-Smith, to approve the recommendations for City of Vassar for Small-Scale Manufacturing Analysis and City of Marlette for the Incremental Development Implementation Clinic. Motion passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. MAR Update

Christine Durgan stated that the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities is getting a lot of attention. Anna will be going to some of the training. Staff will keep the commission updated. Discussion ensued.

Christine Durgan stated that Derek Bradshaw, Justin Sprague, and Carmine Avantini were invited to do a presentation on the Accelerate Plan at the Michigan Association of Planning in October. It was well attended and well received.

B. I-69 Thumb Region Regional Prosperity Initiative Update

Anna Pinter stated that the December Steering Committee meeting has been cancelled. The 2017 Meetings have been moved from the second Thursday to the second Wednesday of every other month.

C. MDOT Regional Transit Mobility Initiative Update

Damon Fortney stated that staff has completed a draft of the GLS Region V Regional Transit Mobility Phase III report summarizing the information collected from the August meetings with the MTA, SATA, and GLTA representatives. Staff will meet with SEMCOG and EMCOG in the upcoming months to review data collected for the entire I-69 Thumb Region. After all meetings and reviews are complete, the final report will be submitted to MDOT and GLS Region V.

D. 2016 Asset Management PASER Report Update

Damon Fortney gave a presentation on the 2016 Asset Management PASER Report to the commission. The report has

separate pages along with a map for each city, township and village. For the Genesee County PASER report staff added in the local road ratings. It does not have any effect on the report. Discussion ensued.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS 

Christine Durgan announced that today would be Debby's last day with GCMPC. She has taken a position in another department within the county.

Robert McLaren stated he would not be returning to the commission.

John Horvath stated he would not be returning to the commission.

John Mandelaris stated he would be returning to the commission.

Cheryl Clark stated that she would be returning to the commission.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chairperson Kelley adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Cheryl Clark, **supported by** Mike Hemmingsen, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

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



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission

FROM: Anna Pinter, Planner III
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: I-69 Thumb Region Update

The application for 2017 Regional Prosperity Initiative funding was submitted December 1, 2016. The State provided an update in early January that they would need an additional 30 days to review applications. Awards are expected to be announced late January or early February.

On December 7th and 8th the Incremental Development Alliance came to the area to discuss how to rebuild neighborhoods and small downtowns in small increments, rather than relying on large scale developers. The public lecture and discussion was held on December 7th at Davison Township Municipal Center. About 20 people attended and positive feedback was received from many that attended.

On December 8th, Incremental Development Alliance visited Marlette and had an informal discussion with the City Manager, Mayor and other stakeholders to talk about how Marlette could move forward with, and encourage, small scale development.

Applications for the Tourism First Impressions program, being done in conjunction with MSU Extension, were due December 2nd. Four communities submitted applications and all four were selected to participate in the program. Elkton (Huron), Imlay City (Lapeer), Marlette (Sanilac) and Sebawaing (Huron) will have an assessment done to learn about how first time visitors view their community, receive feedback, on both assets and challenges, and be eligible for a \$2,000

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grant to address identified challenges. The first call between MSU Extension, GLS Region V staff and each Community Leadership Team will be in March to explain the process and expectations. Assessments will likely take place in June or July 2017.

The first eight promotional videos for the Agri-Tourism Directory have been completed and will be made available on the directory soon. Currently they can be found on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAM-AJ3X4EYtbCklb9pilGQ>.

The regional finale of the Catapult Your Craft Food & Beverage Business Competition will be held at the I-69 Thumb Region's 5th Annual Regional Summit on Tuesday, January 24 from noon – 5:00 p.m. at the Davison County Club. The Summit is free and open to the public.

The County level winners that will participate in the regional competition are: Genesee – Olympus Fare; Huron – The Tap Room at Bird Creek Farms; Lapeer – The Mulefoot Gastropub; Sanilac – The Elk Street Brewery; Shiawassee – Town to Town Gourmet Pastries; St. Clair – Harsens Island Brewery; and, Tuscola – Gary's Gourmet. The businesses will compete for \$5,000 first place, \$3,000 second place and \$1,000 third place prizes.

The next meeting of the I-69 Thumb Region Steering Committee will be held on February 8, 2017 at the Lapeer County Health Department.



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TO: Members of the GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission

FROM: Damon Fortney, Planner II
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Michigan's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission Report

On November 30, 2016 the 21st Century Infrastructure Commission of Michigan published their long-term infrastructure strategy to address Michigan's needs for the next 30-50 years in the areas of transportation, water, sewer, storm water, wastewater treatment and drainage, energy, and communications. The report addresses each issue individually; and identifies current deficiencies and proposed actions needed in the future (i.e. how much funding is needed, how to secure funding). The final report is posted on the web at: <http://www.miinfrastructurecommission.com/21st-century-infrastructure-commission-report>.

To begin implementation of this strategy, the State of Michigan will establish a regional infrastructure pilot in 2017 to identify existing infrastructure data and gaps, determine an appropriate comprehensive database system to house this data, and begin to coordinate amongst asset management data and planning across infrastructure sectors. Ideally a Prosperity Region with a foundation of asset management practices, data collection, and the ability to coordinate amongst infrastructure stakeholders will be selected. This will be a state-led pilot project facilitated by key departments within the State of Michigan's executive branch. Local participation, through Prosperity Region 6, may include data collection, identification of stakeholders, and meeting facilitation.

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In addition to the pilot project, the Michigan Legislature will establish a Michigan Infrastructure Council in 2018, an entity that can leverage the lessons learned in the regional pilot and help to coordinate and unify infrastructure efforts across the state for the decades to come. The Council will be comprised of the following members:

- Infrastructure technical experts from the public and private sectors representing transportation, water, energy, and communication
- Financial/procurement experts from public and private sectors
- Representatives of key state departments
- Representatives of regional entities

Staff will closely monitor this initiative as it progresses. If you have any questions about this topic, please feel free to contact me at (810) 766-6560 or at dfortney@co.genesee.mi.us.



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TO: Members of the GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission

FROM: Jacob Maurer, Planner II
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: I-69 Thumb Region - Ecotourism

The I-69 Thumb Region Tourism Subcommittee is proposing to highlight the region's existing ecotourism attractions over the next six months. Ecotourism is traveling to natural places, supporting sustainable tourism and conservation of the environment, including rural or urban areas, without damaging the environment. Examples of ecotourism in your community may include non-motorized trails, wildlife conservation, water trails, birding routes and renewable energy farms.

The I-69 Thumb Region Tourism Subcommittee was formed to help promote awareness of tourism throughout the seven county region. The subcommittee, composed of members from the I-69 Thumb Region Steering Committee and others, has proposed the following three work items:

1. Document existing ecotourism attractors throughout Region 6 via a digital platform; likely to be set up similar to the I-69 Thumb Region Agritourism Directory story map: <http://i-69thumbregion.org/agritour/>.
2. Host a 1-day Ecotourism Symposium that will provide information on resources currently available in our communities.
3. Offer a region-wide mini grant opportunity to non-governmental organizations that could bring awareness and visibility to local eco-tourism efforts and amenities.

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The tourism subcommittee will be meeting in early February to finalize the details of the proposed work items. If you have any questions about the ecotourism projects, please feel free to contact me at (810) 766-6565 or jmaurer@co.genesee.mi.us.



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Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: **I-69 Thumb Region – Recast City**

The I-69 Thumb Region will host Ilana Preuss, Founder of Recast City, to provide a training to regional leaders about how to both strengthen the local business community and encourage reinvestment in downtowns by working with small-scale manufacturing businesses. These businesses can help to expand local job opportunities and bring vibrancy to downtown and neighborhood center reinvestment.

The training will cover: Who is this business community? Why is it important for local economic development? How can these businesses help to strengthen a downtown or neighborhood center? How do we engage and work with this business community? What other stakeholders are key to the success of this work?

Local producer and maker industries are a growing asset and a key sector to strengthen local economic resilience. Recast City works with business and civic leaders to understand the local small-scale manufacturing sector, discover the potential for expansive growth, build a strong pipeline for jobs and identify state and federal resources to support this sector.

The training will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Lapeer Country Club. There is no cost to attend, however pre-registration is encouraged. To date, 27 people have registered to attend.

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FROM: Damon Fortney, Planner II
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Regional Traffic Safety Plan Update

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) continues to work with GLS Region V and Atkins Group to develop a Regional Traffic Safety Plan for Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties. Meetings were held throughout 2016 for stakeholders to discuss safety issues in the region and possible solutions that should be included in the plan.

The final draft of the GLS Region V Traffic Safety Plan is nearly completed. The consultant has provided a draft of the plan which can be viewed at the following link: <http://gcmplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/GLS-Traffic-Safety-Report.pdf>

Staff has requested some revisions and will provide a copy of the plan to this commission when complete. A stakeholder meeting will be organized to discuss implementation of the plan. Invitations will be sent out to all local units of government and road agencies in the region.

If you have any questions about the Regional Traffic Safety Plan, please feel free to contact me at (810) 766-6560 or dfortney@co.genesee.mi.us.

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