



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
September 5, 2013**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2013, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

 Chairperson Benning called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

 **Present:** Andrea Dewey, Brandon Wilcox, David Guigear, Derek Bradshaw, Jakki Sidge, Jay Reithel, Larry Green, Mary Ann Price, Micki Hoffman, Robert Johnson, Lynn Markland, Ed Benning, Michael Pifer, Ken Johnson and Dennis Heidenfeldt.

Absent/Excused: Bonnie Mathis, Bryon Vowell, Chris Gehringer, Chuck Melki, David Dorr, David Tatrow, Dennis Bow, Donna Archambault, , Eileen Kerr, Eric Wiederhold, Frank Crosby, Fred Peivandi, Jacki Pethers, John Barsalou, Joseph Madore, Kay Muhammad, Kurt Soper, , Mark Emmendorfer, Michael Hart, , Paul Zelenak, Pete Wingblad, Randy Taylor, Rian Birchmeier, Robert Cole, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Steven Fuhr, Tom Darnell, Tom Svrcek and Paul Brake.


Others Present: Mary Ann Ketels, Jennifer Skutt, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory and Nichole Odette.

III. MINUTES

 **A. Minutes of the June 6, 2013, Regular Meeting**

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Robert Johnson, **Seconded by** Micki Hoffman, to approve the June 6, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented.
Motion passed unanimously

 **B. Minutes of the June 11, 2013, Special Meeting**

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Larry Green, **Seconded by** Micki Hoffman, to approve the June 11, 2013 special meeting minutes as presented.
Motion passed unanimously

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Long Range Transportation Plan Timeline Update

Mr. Nordberg explained that the timeline was developed for five Associate Planners on staff, but with only himself and Sharon in the Transportation department, some chapters may have to be contracted out.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Survey Technical Report

Ms. Gregory stated that staff received 292 surveys and the results are detailed within the report. Ms. Gregory presented slides with highlights of the report. Any comments regarding the Transportation Survey Technical Report should be provided to Ms. Gregory by September 13th.

B. Financial Summary – Phase 1 Technical Report


Mr. Nordberg explained that the Phase 1 Technical Report is an overview of how transportation money was spent over FY 2008 to FY 2012. Mr. Nordberg went over slides illustrating spending policies for those years, as well as the 25 year spending goals of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

C. MDOT FY 2015 Call for Safety Projects

Ms. Gregory stated that the FY 2015 MDOT Call for Safety Projects is due to MDOT on October 4th; however, staff would like them by September 25th in order to review, rate and get the projects through committees. The individual project limit is \$600,000 and staff suggests contingencies be built into the project costs to compensate for unseen work that may be added to the project at the MDOT Local Agency Program level.

D. FY 2014 TIP Amendment Schedule

Ms. Gregory stated that this schedule limits the number of amendment approvals to six per year and staff recommends adhering to this schedule to keep things streamlined.

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Guigear, **Seconded by** Brandon Wilcox, to recommend to the Metropolitan Alliance to follow the proposed FY 2014 TIP Amendment Schedule.


E. Prosperity Regions Discussion

Mr. Bradshaw explained that staff recently hosted a meeting with speakers from the Governor's office, MDOT and other agencies regarding the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative. Currently, Genesee County is a part of Region V, along with Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties; however, the Governor's intent is to expand our region to also include Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and St. Clair Counties. Next month, the State will be accepting applications for a \$250,000

grant to prepare a Regional Prosperity Plan. Staff may partner with the I-69 International Trade Corridor and other agencies in the new region to submit an application.

F. Dort Highway Extension NFC Request

Ms. Gregory explained that new roads must have a NFC designation that reflects an expected function in order to be eligible for funding. A request must be made to the Michigan Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration to designate a proposed road or re-designate an existing one. The Genesee County Road Commission is requesting that the proposed Dort Highway Extension Project (construction of new four (4) lane boulevard extending Dort Highway from the I-75 interchange south to Baldwin Road) be designated as a Major Collector. They are also requesting that Mc Wain Road between Cook road and Baldwin Road, currently designated as a Major Collector, be re-designated as a local road to accommodate the addition of the Dort Highway Extension Major Collector Designation. There are statewide targets for NFC classifications and this will assure the targets are not affected. Staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee provide a recommendation of support for Genesee County Road Commission to request the designation of the Dort Highway Extension as a Major Collector and to re-designate Mc Wain Road between Cook Road and Baldwin Road to a local road to the Metropolitan Alliance.

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Micki Hoffman, **Seconded by** David Guigear, to recommend support of the Genesee County Road Commission's request to designate the Dort Highway Extension as a Major Collector and to re-designate Mc Wain Road between Cook Road and Baldwin Road to a local road, as presented, to the Metropolitan Alliance.
Motion passed unanimously.

G. Recipient Designation for Section 5310 Funds

Ms. Gregory explained that MDOT is preparing a letter from the Governor to the FTA, expressing the Governor's concurrence regarding the designation of transit agencies for Section 5310 funding. For this letter, MDOT needs the following documentation: concurrence on the designated recipient by the publicly owned operators of public transportation in the urbanized area; an appropriately certified MPO resolution concurring on the designation; and an Opinion of Counsel from the designated recipient certifying its legal capacity to perform the functions of a designated recipient. The Flint Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) is the transit agency for the Flint Urbanized Area and a resolution to designate the MTA as the recipient of Section 5310 funds in Genesee County was provided.

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Lynn Markland, **Seconded by** Michael Pifer, to recommend approval to the Metropolitan Alliance to concur on the designation.

Motion passed unanimously.

 **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Nordberg stated that MDOT will be calling the local road agencies to collect information before going out to take traffic counts in your community.

 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Benning adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Odette, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission