

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
February 2, 2017**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. Call to Order 

Chairperson Peivandi called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call 

Present: Betty Wideman, Bob Slattery, Darrell Harden, David Guigear, Derek Bradshaw, Fred Peivandi, Gary Stevens, Jakki Sidge, Joseph Medici, Larry Green, Mary Ann Ketels, Michael Pifer.

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Andrea Dewey, Andrea Schroeder, Bonnie Mathis, Brad Barrett, Brian Saad, Chris Gehringer, Craig Williams, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Ed Benning, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, Jay Reithel, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karen Miller, Karyn Miller, Larry Doyle, Lynn Markland, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Pamela Boyd, Paul Fortino, Paul Zelenak, Robert Johnson, Robert Widigan, Ryan Doyle, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Steven Furh, Teresa Onica, Tom Svrcek, Vicki Fishell, Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Curtis Armstrong, Emily Alexander, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Damon Fortney, Debby Compton.

III. Minutes 

*****A. Minutes of the January 5, 2017 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Jakki Sidge, **supported by** Darrell Harden, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 regular meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business 

A. 2016 Asset Management PASER Report

Damon Fortney advised that in October staff presented findings from the 2016 PASER Survey of Genesee County. At the October meeting the Committee stated that it would be helpful to see local (non-federal aid) PASER ratings as well as information on communities that have a road millage in place. Staff received local PASER data from three cities and road millage information from two local units. The Genesee County Road Commission provided data on a large portion of township local roads. The 2016 PASER report can be viewed on our website at the following link:

<http://gcmopc.org/pavement-conditions/> Discussion ensued.

V. **New Business**

A. **2017 TAMC PASER Training**

Damon Fortney advised that the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) will begin implementing their annual PASER program in February. Local road agencies are invited to participate in the surveying of Federal-aid roads within their boundaries. In order to be reimbursed for time spent surveying, the council requires all participants to take part in a PASER training session. All new raters must attend a PASER webinar in addition to attending the classroom training. PASER Training dates are listed in the attached flyer.

B. **TAMC Investment Reporting Tool (IRT)**

Damon Fortney advised that Michigan's Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) currently requires local road agencies to submit Act 51 Reports through the Investment Report Tool (IRT) and Act 51 Distribution and Reporting System (ADARS). In the upcoming months TAMC will be redesigning and improving the IRT to make the process of submitting data easier for local agencies. TAMC is looking for any agencies that already have experience in using the IRT that are willing to participate in the update process. Those interested can contact Roger Belknap, TAMC Coordinator. Discussion ensued.

C. **I-69 Thumb Region - Ecotourism**

Damon Fortney advised that 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. The subcommittee has proposed the following three work items: Document existing ecotourism attractors throughout Region 6 via a digital platform. Host a 1-day Ecotourism Symposium and offer a region-wide mini grant opportunity to non-governmental organizations. The Tourism Subcommittee is planning to host a kick-off meeting February 15th at the Lapeer County Health Department.

D. **Non-Trunkline Federal Aid (NTFA) Traffic Data Submittal**

Damon Fortney advised that MDOT's Non-Trunkline Federal Aid (NTFA) program sent a notice to road agencies requesting that traffic count data be submitted by February 28, 2017. If your agency provided traffic counts to GCMPC in 2016, staff will submit that data to the NTFA program before the February 28th deadline. If you have any traffic counts that have not already been submitted, please email those to Damon Fortney prior to February 17th.

E. **FAST Act Performance Measures**

Damon Fortney advised that the performance provisions established by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), and the Fixing

America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, rules have now been established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to implement performance measures. As of January 18th, all final rules had been published to the federal register. State DOT's are charged with developing targets and plans, while MPO's have 180 days to either adopt the state's or transit agencies targets, or set their own targets. FHWA, MDOT, and MPO's around the state have been working together to work through details of these rulemakings to develop and set reasonable targets for the state and local transportation system. Over the next two years staff will be working through TAC and Metropolitan Alliance to establish and implement targets and performance measures.

VI. Other Business 

There was no Other Business.

VII. Announcements 

A. 2017 Genesee County Planning Forum

Jason Nordberg advised that the 2017 Annual Planning Forum will be held on Friday, February 24th. Award nomination forms were included in the packets that were sent out.

Derek Bradshaw noted that there is a lot of good work being accomplished in Genesee County. Please think about what good projects that have been completed in your community and consider submitting them for an award. The Forum is free to attend.

Derek Bradshaw advised Friday, February 3rd is your last chance to register for the Small-Scale Manufacturing & Downtown Vibrancy Training. Do you have empty storefronts on Main Street? Are you struggling to build locally owned businesses in your community? Do you want to draw more people downtown? These are just some of the things you will learn about in this training. The training session is free to attend. It will be held at the Lapeer Country Club on Wednesday, February 8th.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Peivandi adjourned meeting at 1:55 p.m.

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