

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 7, 2017**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 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 Slattery called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**



**Present:** Aaron Dawson, Andrea Schroeder, Betty Wideman (Mark Adas), Bob Slattery, David Guigear, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Larry Green, Mary Ann Ketels, Michael Pifer, Robert Johnson, Ryan Doyle, and Tom Svrcek.

**Absent/Excused:** Adam Zettel, Bonnie Mathis, Brad Barrett, Chris Gehringer, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Ed Benning, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Fred Peivandi, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Jakki Sidge, Jay Reithel, Joseph Madore, Joseph Medici, Joseph Rizk, Karen Miller, Karyn Miller, Larry Doyle, Lynn Markland, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Paul Zelenak, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Steven Furh, Teresa Onica, Vicki Fishell, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

**Others Present:** Alex Patsy, Jason Nordberg, Damon Fortney, Carl Thompson, and Debby Compton.

**III. Minutes**

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**Minutes of the November 2, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Larry Green, **Supported by** Robert Johnson, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Old Business**



There was no Old Business.

**V. New Business**

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**FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #9**

Mr. Damon Fortney stated that amendment #9 adds one project. The Flint River Trail from Vassar Road to Irish Road. This is part of the overall trail project on the Flint River Trail. The Genesee Road to Vassar Road section was able to

transfer savings to the Vassar Road to Irish Road section. This Amendment meets the financial constraints of the TIP and will have no disproportionately high or adverse impacts to any of the identified Environmental Justice (EJ) populations in Genesee County. At this time, staff is recommending endorsement of Amendment #9 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

**FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program  
Proposed Amendment # 9**

Project Proposed to be Added with a TIP Amendment												
Year	Agency	Project	Length	Limits	Description	Phase	Fund Type	Federal	State	Local	Total Cost	Comments
2018	GCRC	Flint River Trail	n/a	Vassar Road to Irish Road	Wetland Credits	n/a	TAU	\$80,000	\$ -	\$20,000	\$100,000	Wetland credits are required for the Flint River Trail project to proceed. This wetland credits project is being funded by bid savings transferred from the Genesee Rd. to Vassar Rd. section of this project.

TAU--Transportation Alternatives Urban Areas > 200,000 Population

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Robert Johnson, **Supported by** David Guigear, to recommend approval for the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #9 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Recent Administrative Modifications and Technical Corrections to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects**



Mr. Damon Fortney stated that typically staff writes many Administrative Modifications and Technical Corrections for TIP projects throughout the year. These revisions are minor and do not require public comment or formal approval by TAC and the Metropolitan Alliance. Mr. Fortney reviewed the list of Administrative Modifications and Technical Corrections that staff has made through November 2017. Mr. Fortney asked for any comments or concerns from the committee. There were none.

**C. Annual Status Report for the TIP**



Mr. Damon Fortney directed the committees' attention to the hand-out of the Annual Status Report for the TIP. Every year the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to publish the annual status of TIP projects. Staff publishes all projects obligated or completed during the fiscal year. The projects are grouped under the type of transportation improvement

performed by individual agencies and represent a \$71.7 million dollar investment into the Genesee County transportation network.

**D. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grants**



Mr. Damon Fortney stated that the MNRTF provides projects for natural resource protection and outdoor recreation. Applications are accepted annually and must be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of application. The electronic application process opens in January for the current year, so applications should be getting prepared now for 2018 projects. Communities are required to have a five-year Parks and Recreation Plan approved by the DNR and that has to be in place by March. A Public Hearing must also be held before the application is submitted. Mr. Fortney discussed the types and dollar amounts of typical projects. Discussion ensued.

**\*\*\* E. Safety Performance Measure Target Adoption**



Mr. Damon Fortney stated that a few months ago staff presented safety trends to this committee. Staff presented the targets the state has set for a number of crashes that is expected to see over the next few years. MPOs are required to either set their own targets or accept and follow the states targets. Crash trends locally in Genesee County are very similar to statewide trends in crash rates. Based on discussions with other MPOs, MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration it makes sense to adopt the states targets. Staff is recommending adoption of statewide targets. At this time staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee provide a recommendation of approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to adopt the statewide safety targets for 2018 through a resolution of support.  
**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Guigear, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to adopt the statewide safety targets for 2018 through a resolution of support.

Motion passed unanimously.

**\*\*\* F. Transit Asset Management Performance Measures Resolution**



Mr. Damon Fortney stated that these Asset Management Performance Measures are the Flint Mass Transportation Authorities that this committee and the Metropolitan Alliance already approved back in June 2017. Since that time MDOT has provided more guidance and a common format for MPOs to use for a resolution of support. Therefore, at this time staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee provide a recommendation of approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance through a Resolution of Support.  
**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Larry Green, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to adopt the Transit Asset Management Performance measures through a resolution of support.

Motion passed unanimously.

**G. GCMPC Rideshare Program – Next Steps**



Mr. Carl Thompson stated that the Rideshare program provides a free matching carpool and vanpool service through an interactive, online, and confidential database. Users will create an account online by entering their basic contact information, trip origin/destination, and personal preferences. If you do not have access to a computer, staff will accept a paper application and set up an account for you. Once all information is submitted, users will automatically be notified when they match with others with similar destinations. Mr. Thompson reviewed the benefits, the service area, the population served and the next steps as well as the guaranteed ride home service. Brochures were provided to the committee. Discussion ensued.

**VI. Other Business**



There was discussion on the coal powered steel mill in Shiawassee County.

**VII. Announcements**



Mr. Derek Bradshaw announced that staff is preparing to update the GCMPC plan. It will be one (1) combined plan for Community Development and Transportation. This will all start in January. Staff will be talking to all local units of government. Discussion ensued.

**VIII. Adjournment**



Chairperson Slattery wished the committee a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He announced the next meeting will be held on January 4, 2018.

Chairperson Slattery adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

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