

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

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 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, Bob Slattery, Chris Gehringer, David Guigear, Derek Bradshaw, Emily Alexander, Fred Peivandi, Joseph Medici, Karyn Miller, Larry Green, Lynn Markland, Mary Ann Ketels, Michael Pifer, Robert Johnson, Ryan Doyle, Teresa Onica.

**Absent/Excused:** Adam Zettel, Andrea Schroeder, Betty Wideman, Bonnie Mathis, Brad Barrett, Brian Saad, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Don Mayle, Ed Benning, Eric Wiederhold, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Jakki Sidge, Jay Reithel, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karen Miller, Larry Doyle, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Paul Zelenak, , Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Steven Fuhr, Tom Svrcek, Vicki Fishell, Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

**Others Present:** Matt Pitlock (phone), Alex Patsy, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Damon Fortney, Jacob Maurer, Debby Compton.

**III. Minutes** 

**\*\*\*A. Minutes of the June 1, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** David Guigear, **supported by** Emily Alexander, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Old Business** 

**\*\*\*A. FY 2019 List of Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects**

Damon Fortney stated that staff received eight (8) local safety projects. The projects were reviewed according to MDOT Time-of Return (TOR) Analysis. The prioritized list of projects was discussed with the committee and staff recommended the Technical Advisory Committee endorse approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2019 Safety Projects.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Fred Peivandi, to recommend approval for the FY 2019 Prioritized list of Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects to the Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion passed unanimously.

**V. New Business** 

**A. Recent Administrative Modifications & Technical Corrections to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects**

Sharon Gregory explained the definitions of an Administrative Modification and a Technical Correction. A list of recent Administrative Modifications and Technical Corrections to the FY 2017-2020 TIP was reviewed with the committee.

**\*\*\*B. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6** 

Sharon Gregory stated that Amendment #6 changes four (4) projects: two (2) MTA projects; and two (2) MDOT projects. The projects are changing due to cost increases and decreases. Amendment #6 meets the financial constraints of the TIP and will have no disproportionately high or adverse impacts to any of the Environmental Justice (EJ) populations in Genesee County. Staff is recommending endorsement of Amendment #6 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Larry Green, **supported by** Chris Gehringer, to endorse Amendment #6 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Status of FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects** 

Sharon Gregory stated that three FY 2017-2020 TIP projects did not get obligated due to obligational authority running out in July. However, all three projects have now been obligated and are moving forward. At this point, all local allocations for FY 2017 have been obligated. The City of Flint has four (4) FY 2017 Safety and Bridge projects they are in the process of requesting to move to FY 2018. With obligational authority running out in late July this year, everyone is encouraged to pay attention to the important dates on the FY 2018 planning guide. The guide was put up for review, and suggested latest dates were reviewed with the committee. Staff is in the process of meeting with everyone who has a FY 2018 project. Everyone receives a copy of the guidelines at that time and staff explains the project process. Discussion ensued.

**D. Genesee County Non-Motorized Trail Counts Program Update** 

Jacob Maurer presented a PowerPoint on the Non-Motorized Trail Counts Program. There are two types of counters: the Pyro-Box, and the Multi-Urban

Post. The Pyro-Box is temporary and can be moved to multiple locations. The Multi-Urban Post is permanent and can be added to a new or existing trail/pedestrian route. An eco-counter was on display for the committee to see. To date, staff has had the opportunity to collect data in twelve (12) communities. Two upcoming projects that will have built-in Eco-Counters in FY 2018 are the Chevy Commons and the Flint River Trail. There is no cost to borrow an Eco-Counter. Interested parties should contact Jacob Maurer, fill out and submit the Equipment Checkout Request Form, and schedule a tutorial session for first time installations. Discussion ensued.

## VI. **Other Business**

There was no Other Business at this time.

## VII. **Announcements**

Derek Bradshaw announced that the Recycle Day Event held on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. The Flushing Township Police did a great job handling the traffic. There were 1,066 vehicles that came through the Flushing site. A total of 1,600 vehicles attended this event counting both the Flint Water Service Center and Flushing High School. The next Recycle Day Event will be held on Saturday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at Bentley High School and the Flint Water Service Center. Discussion ensued.

Jacob Maurer announced some funding opportunities from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT).

- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant. DOT will be accepting applications until October 16, 2017. These grants are highly competitive. The projects could include repair to bridges, infrastructure, safety improvements, projects that anchor economic revitalization or job growth in communities. The minimum for urban projects is \$5 million and it requires a minimum non-federal match of 20% which leaves a typical project cost of \$6.2 million. A rural area project's federal minimum is \$1 million and those projects are funded at 100%. The primary change to this year's Call for Projects is the focus on serving communities in rural areas and to exceed the minimum cost share requirements. There are some webinars hosted by the DOT on September 13<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup>. Staff will get information to the committee later this week. Discussion ensued.
- Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program. This funding opportunity was announced in June. Eligible costs may include reconstruction, rehabilitation, acquisition of property, environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, equipment acquisition, and operational improvements directly related to system performance. The minimum award for a large project is \$25 million and a small project is \$5 million. These require a 40% match with no more than 20% in additional federal funding. That would equate to about \$8.3 million for a small project to meet match

requirements. Applications are due November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Staff will send out more information later this week.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chairperson Slattery adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

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