

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 4, 2017**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. Call to Order 

Vice-Chairperson Ed Benning called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. Roll Call 

Present: Andrea Schroeder, Bob Slattery, Chris Gehringer, David Guigear, Ed Benning, Emily Alexander, Jakki Sidge, Joseph Medici, Larry Green, Mary Ann Ketels, Mary Ann Price, Michael Pifer, Pamela Boyd, Robert Johnson, Ryan Doyle, Scott Bennett, Tom Svrcek.

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Andrea Dewey, Betty Wideman, Bonnie Mathis, Brad Barrett, Brian Saad, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Derek Bradshaw, Eric Weiderhold, Fred Peivandi, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Jay Reithel, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karen Miller, Karyn Miller, Larry Doyle, Lynn Markland, Mark Emmendorfer, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Paul Zelenak, Sam Stiff, Steven Furh, Teresa Onica, Vicki Fishell, Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Kelly Crannell, Alex Patsy, Aaron Dawson, Michael Hart, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Damon Fortney, Debby Compton.

III. Minutes 

*****A. Minutes of the April 6, 2017 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Chris Gehringer, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

Vice-Chairperson Benning asked if there were any guests in attendance. Pamela Boyd introduced Kelly Crannell from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Ms. Boyd stated that Ms. Crannell works on the construction side of MDOT but has been learning how things work in the field, and she wanted to join everyone here in Flint today.

IV. Old Business

***A. FY 2018 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Sharon Gregory advised that this is the document that describes all of the Transportation activities for the upcoming fiscal year and identifies funding sources and agencies involved in these activities. For the upcoming year staff will be maintaining and implementing the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Staff will also be preparing for the development of the 2020-2023 TIP and the updating of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). There are some requirements of the FAST Act that staff will be working on as well, such as the performance measures. Staff will also focus on other activities including speed study data collection, building permit collection, traffic counts, safety data analysis, and pavement data analysis. Staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2018 Unified Work Program (UWP).

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** David Guigear, **supported by** Larry Green, to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2018 Unified Work Program and to authorize Derek Bradshaw to sign all contracts and agreements related to the work program and the approval for staff to make changes to the work program upon request from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Motion passed unanimously

B. GLS Region V Traffic Safety Plan Update

Damon Fortney advised that back in late November or early December staff had a meeting with the consultants to go over the draft plan they provided. Staff worked with the consultants and made changes. Staff just received the new plan which should be the final plan. It includes a roundabout analysis that identifies the intersections in our region. This analysis provides an estimated reduction in crashes if these intersections were converted to roundabouts. Staff should be having an implementation meeting soon, and is working with the consultants to finalize a date. Everyone will be notified of the meeting date.

***C. Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors

Damon Fortney stated that at the April TAC meeting staff reviewed the Critical Freight Corridors, Mr. Fortney presented a map showing the Primary Freight Network. MDOT has proposed that US-23 be added as a Critical Freight Corridor.

Staff is requesting the Technical Advisory Committee to provide a recommendation to the Metropolitan Alliance to support the designation of US-23 in Genesee County, between I-75 and the Genesee/Livingston County border, as a Critical Urban Freight Corridor. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Robert Slattery, **supported by** Pamela Boyd, to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to support the designation of US-23 in Genesee County, between I-75 and the Genesee/Livingston County border, as a Critical Urban Freight Corridor

Motion passed unanimously

*****D. Election of Officers** 

Jason Nordberg advised that after the April TAC meeting the election committee convened. There is usually a rotation of officers that serve. It was proposed to continue with the rotation. It would have been Mr. Benning, MTA as Chairperson. However, Mr. Benning has multiple commitments at this time. It was then proposed that for the 2017-2018 term Bob Slattery (Large Cities) serve as the Chairperson, Mr. Benning (MTA), serve as the Vice-Chairperson, Lynn Markland (Small Cities/Villages) serve as the Secretary, and Fred Peivandi (GCRC) be on a bye.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** David Guigear, **supported by** Robert Johnson, to approve the rotation for this year with Bob Slattery (Large Cities) being Chairperson, Ed Benning (MTA) being Vice Chairperson, Lynn Markland (Small Cities/Villages) being Secretary, and Fred Peivandi (GCRC) being on a bye.

Motion passed unanimously

V. New Business 

*****A. FY 2017 Unified Work Program (UWP) Amendment #1**

Sharon Gregory stated that this is Amendment #1 to our current Unified Work Program. Staff is proposing to move funds out of one category into three other categories. Staff thought that the Long Range Transportation Plan was due in 2019 but it is actually not due until 2020. The major work will start for the Long Range Transportation Plan in 2018. There is no change for the total funding for the UWP. Staff is requesting the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2017 Unified Work Program (UWP) Amendment #1.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Chris Gehringer, **supported by** Scott Bennett, to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2017 Unified Work Program (UWP) Amendment #1.

Motion passed unanimously

*****B. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4** 

Sharon Gregory advised that for the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4 there are two (2) projects that are changing. The MTA's 5311 funds received a major increase; these are

the Rural Area Formula Grants. The increase was more than the 25% threshold, so an amendment was necessary. The 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. Staff is requesting the Technical Advisory Committee to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Scott Bennett, **supported by** Emily Alexander, to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4.

Motion passed unanimously

VI. **Other Business**

Jason Nordberg announced that the PASER road rating season is coming up. The Asset Management Council is looking at the whole road system; this includes federal aid and local roads as well as the paved and non-paved roads. Staff usually rates Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee federal aid roads all in one year. Staff is proposing to rate the federal aid and local roads in Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties this year and next year rate all of Genesee County federal aid and local roads. This would provide a picture of the whole road system. Staff will be doing a TIP Call for Projects in the fall of 2018, that road rating for Genesee County will be the complete (federal aid and local) rating for the next TIP. Discussion ensued.

Bob Slattery mentioned that you can go to www.michigan.gov/TAMC for further information.

Bob Slattery announced that the Asset Management Conference is being held on May 24th in Mt. Pleasant.

VII. **Announcements**

Jason Nordberg announced that the next Household Hazardous Waste Recycle Day will be held on Saturday, May 13th at the Davison High School and the Flint Water Service Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairperson Benning mentioned that the House and Senate at the Federal level have approved a continuing resolution for the FAST Act. It is moving to the president and is expected to be signed. It will free up many of those large projects around the country that have been delayed. Discussion ensued.

Bob Slattery announced that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding is safe for now.

Pam Boyd announced that the MPO Coordination Rulemaking is expected to be repealed and signed this week.

VIII. Adjournment 

Vice-Chairperson Benning adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Jakki Sidge, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

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