

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Eric Johnston called the meeting to order at approximately 1:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Vice Chairperson Johnston announced that a sign-in sheet would be used for today's official roll call. No verbal roll call was done.

Present: Alex Patsy, Brian Saad, Derek Bradshaw, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnston, Michael Pifer, Reggie Smith, Rod McGaha, Scott Bennett, and Shawnice Dorsey.

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Brian Ulman, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Christina Nicholaides, Clyde Edwards, Coetta Adams, Connie Greene, Corey Jarbeau, Dan Eashoo, David Dorr, Ed Benning, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jay Reithel, Jolena Sanders-Sims, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Lynn Markland, Mary Ann Price, Max Gierman, Melinda Johnson, Michelle King, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Richard Bayus, Robert Bincsik, Sheri Wilkerson, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Spencer Lewis, Susan Weber, Thomas Spillane, Vadice Burgett, Vince Lorraine, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Robert Johnson, Jim Busch, Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Kris Garris, and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the December 7, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ellen Glass, **Supported by** Scott Bennett, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets**

Mr. Garris stated that on October 17th, 2023, MDOT released the federally required state safety targets for the 2024 Safety Performance Measures. Genesee County Metro

Alliance (GCMA) previously adopted the 2023 Statewide Safety Targets last year. GCMA has until February 27, 2024, to either adopt the statewide safety targets or set their own. The five statewide performance targets are Fatalities, Fatality Rate, Serious Injuries, Serious Injury Rate, and Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries. Mr. Garris reviewed how the crash trends in Genesee County compare to those across the state via a slide presentation. Overall, crash trends and statistics in Genesee County are very similar to the statewide trends in crash rates. Based in this information and discussions with other MPOs, MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provide a recommendation of approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to adopt the statewide safety targets for 2024.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Scott Bennett, **Supported by** Ellen Glass, to recommend approval to adopt the statewide safety targets for 2024 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

*****B. Transit Asset Management Performance Measures Adoption**

Mr. Garris stated that the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) has provided estimated Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance measure targets for 2024. Transit targets are required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and are based on performance measures established under the National Public Transportation Safety Plan. The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) may choose to either adopt and support the MTA's estimated targets or set their own. Staff has reviewed the targets and is requesting that TAC provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance to adopt the MTA's estimated 2024 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Scott Bennett, **Supported by** Reggie Smith, to provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance to adopt the Mass Transportation Authority's (MTA) estimated 2024 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****C. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #14**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz reviewed all the changes included in the TIP Amendment #14, including 2 transit GPA changes and 1 local bridge GPA addition to the FY 2023-2026 TIP. The project changes listed in the transit GPA consist mostly of projects moving from FY 2023 into FY 2024. The new FY 2026 local bridge GPA completes 4 new bridge projects. The Genesee County Road Commission, the City of Flint and the City of Linden were awarded funding for capital preventative maintenance for bridges. At this time, staff is recommending the approval of Amendment #14 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Scott Bennett, **Supported by** Brian Saad, to approve Amendment #14 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. FY 2023 Annual Status Report of TIP Projects

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that GCMPC is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to publish an annual list of TIP projects that were obligated in the previous fiscal year. Over \$164 million dollars were invested into Genesee County's transportation network in FY 2023. To see a complete breakdown

of funding, the list of TIP projects is available for review on our website using the link provided in the memo. Mr. Maurer recognized Ms. Dutkiewicz in her efforts in preparing and improving the Annual Status Report from previous years.

E. FY 2024 MPO TIP Amendment Schedule

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated the FY 2024 MPO TIP Amendment Schedule was developed by GCMPC staff in collaboration with MDOT. This schedule lists the steps that staff takes when developing the TIP and explains the timeline in TIP Amendment process that staff follows along on a month-to-month basis. Please find this schedule on our website under the Transportation heading. Mr. Maurer added that the TIP Amendment Schedule will help to ensure that staff is monitoring federal and state resources spending and to give all the transit and road agencies ample time to submit TIP changes to GCMPC staff.

F. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Mini Grant RFP

Mr. Garris stated that MDOT has announced the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is accepting applications through a Request for Proposals (RFP) for their SRTS Mini Grant. The Mini Grant supports active transportation programs, encouraging and educating students about how they can travel safely to and from school. Applicants can receive up to \$15,000 per school or up to \$120,000 per applicant with 8 or more schools. Schools with students in grades K-12, or affiliated non-profits, are eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm on March 1, 2024. A virtual informational session will be held on February 8, 2024, at 3:30 pm. For more information about this SRTS Mini Grant, please visit the website via the link provided in the memo or contact the SRTS Coordinator, Adam Jenks, at 517-908-3816. Discussion ensued.

F. Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) 2023 Road Pavement Conditions Presentation

Mr. Patsy gave a presentation on current road conditions in Genesee County. This information was gathered from the PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) that is done each year. He stated that every 2 years every hard surface road is completed with the help of the staff at GCMPC, with federal aid routes being done on the odd years and non-federal aid routes being completed on the even years. The presentation was broken down by 2 lane primary roads and multi-lane primary roads. With the PASER rating system, the roads are assessed with a number system of 1-4 (poor), 5-7 (fair) and 8-10 (good). Mr. Patsy stated that overall, the conditions of the roads in Genesee County have improved in the last few years and they are continuing to trend favorably. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Derek Bradshaw spoke about the Genesee County Broadband Task Force established recently. This task force will establish the current state of broadband access in the county and work towards pursuing local and federal funding sources to help fill in the gaps in access that are discovered. Currently there is a variety of cable systems and fiber optics in Genesee County and the goal of the task force is to establish a system with

more accessibility and continuity. The results could impact whether a person or business would consider moving into the County. The task force will be looking into hiring a consultant to assist in this process. Stay tuned for more information to come.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Johnston adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Soto, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission