TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES July 10, 2014

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2014, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: David Guigear, Joseph Madore, Kay Muhammad, Larry Green, Mary Ann Price, Michael Hart, Robert Johnson, Tom Svrcek.

Absent/Excused: Amy Planck, Andrea Dewey, Annette Shelton, Bonnie Mathis, Brandon Wilcox, Bryon Vowell, Byran Sutton, Chris Gehringer, Chuck Melki, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Eileen Kerr, Eric Wiederhold, Fred Peivandi, Jakki Sidge, Jay Reithel, John Barsalou, Kurt Soper, Lynn Markland, Mark Emmendorfer, Michael Pifer, Micki Hoffman, Paul Brake, Paul Zelenak, Pete Wingblad, Randy Taylor, Rian Birchmeier, Robert Cole, Robert Jennings, Sam Stiff, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Steven Fuhr, Tom Darnell.

Others Present: Pamela Boyd, Linda Burchell, Lamonica Harris, Jennifer Skutt, Jason Nordberg, Damon Fortney, Jacob Maurer and Nichole Odette.

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the June 5, 2014, Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, Moved by Robert Johnson, Seconded by Larry Green, to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2014 regular meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A.Complete Streets Technical Report

Mr. Fortney stated that the Complete Streets Technical Report was provided to the Long Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee (LRTPSC) in April for review and comment. It was presented to this committee last month for review and staff has incorporated the comments received into the technical report.

Motion: Action: Approve, Moved by Larry Green, Seconded by Joseph Madore, to recommend approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Complete Streets Technical Report.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. 2005 and 2040 Capacity Deficiencies

Mr. Maurer stated that the capacity-related deficiencies for the 2005 base year and the year 2040 were provided to this committee last month for review and comment. Staff did receive some feedback, resulting in a segment on Morrish Road being added to the list of 2040 deficiencies.

Motion: Action: Approve, Moved by David Guigear, Seconded by Tom Svrcek, to recommend approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the 2005 and 2040 Capacity Deficiencies.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Transit Technical Report

Mr. Maurer stated that the Transit Technical Report is represented by two major documents, Mass Transportation Authority's five year plan and the 2007 On-Board Transit Survey. Staff determined there will be five growth areas in transit: senior citizens, disabled population, work-related transportation, educational support and non-emergency medical transportation. Staff is requesting that the TAC review and provide comments regarding the Draft Transit Technical Report to Jacob Maurer by Friday, July 18th. Discussion ensued.

B. Draft Intermodal Freight Technical Report

Mr. Fortney stated that the Intermodal Freight Technical Report provides an over-view of freight movement trends in Genesee County and surrounding areas and gives recommendations on how we can improve our intermodal facilities within the County. Staff is requesting that the TAC review and provide comments regarding the Draft Intermodal Freight Technical Report to Damon Fortney by Friday, July 18th.

C. FY 2016 Call for Safety Projects

Mr. Fortney stated that MDOT has released a Call for Safety Projects to all local road agencies for the 2016 fiscal year and is requesting that applications are submitted to their office by Monday, September 15th. Staff requests that copies of the applications be submitted to our office by Thursday, August 28th, so that they can be reviewed, prioritized and endorsed at the September 17th Metropolitan Alliance meeting.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. LRTP 2040 Call for Projects

Mr. Fortney stated that staff received thirteen project applications from the Genesee County Road Commission, as well as the projects listed in the MDOT Five Year Plan. Staff will begin review of the applications.

Ms. Skutt stated that MTA will soon begin their strategic planning process, with announcements going out to all local units of government and community agencies to request input and feedback. Also, a consultant has been hired for the I-75 Corridor Study, which will look at transportation and commuter needs from Bay City to Detroit.

Ms. Boyd stated that she will be attending in place of Brandon Wilcox, who left MDOT to take a job in Boston with Federal Highways. Ms. Boyd hopes to have his position filled by September. On July 2nd, the State released a second round of earmarks, called the Priority Road Investment Program, and the deadline to get those projects obligated is December 2015. Mr. Nordberg will circulate that list out to you. We're hoping to get all of the local FY 2014 projects obligated by the end of August because at the national level, the Highway Trust Fund is scheduled to go bankrupt in August. We believe Congress will do another stopgap measure to add some funds to the Highway Trust Fund through the General Fund.

Mr. Nordberg stated that the August TAC and Metro Alliance will most likely be cancelled, but we will reserve that option until a week before the meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Action: Adjourn, Moved by Robert Johnson.

Chairperson Muhammad adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Nichole Odette, Secretary Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission