

**LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2040
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
August 20, 2014**

The Long Range Transportation Plan 2040 Steering Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.



I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Michalik called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.



II. ROLL CALL

Present: Kay Muhammad, Marian Michalik, and Mary Ann Ketels.

Absent/Excused: Andrea Dewey, Brad Sharlow, David Arceo, Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Fred Peivandi, Jackie Pethers, Jay Reithel, John Barsalou, John Burt, Ken Johnson, Linda Burchell, Lynn Markland, Pamela Boyd, Robert Cole and Robert Johnson.

Others Present: Jim Koenig, Erik Tamlyn, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Shane Kelley, Jacob Maurer and Nichole Odette.

III MINUTES



A. Minutes of the July 16, 2014, Regular Meeting



Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mary Ann Ketels, **Seconded by** Kay Muhammad, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2014 regular meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Joshua Grab arrived at 1:36 p.m.


IV. OLD BUSINESS



A. Draft Non-Motorized Technical Report

Shane Kelley explained that staff received some comments on Friday and would like to spend sufficient time reviewing and possibly incorporating them into the report. Staff will bring the Draft Non-Motorized Technical Report before this committee next month.

B. Draft Congestion Management and Projects

 Sharon Gregory explained that staff received 13 projects from the Road Commission, MDOT provided projects from their Five Year Plan and the MTA also submitted a list of transit projects. The projects were analyzed using our Congestion Management Process and were reviewed for fiscal constraint. Ms. Gregory went over handouts of the 2040 LTRP Project list and the Illustrative Project list. The 2040 LTRP Project List includes the current TIP projects, and submitted projects. If projected funding was not available the projects went to the Illustrative List. Public input sessions will tentatively be held during the week of September 15th.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Technical Report Introduction

1. Environmental Justice

Shane Kelley stated that in May 2012 the U.S. Department of Transportation updated its original Environmental Justice Order, with only minor changes that clarify definitions. The Order directs federal agencies to identify and address the effects of all programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and/or low-income populations. Staff will map the LTRP 2040 projects with Environmental Justice Zones to assess the significance of the projects on the identified population groups.

2. Environmental Mitigation and Consultation

Shane Kelley explained the legislation's requirements and goals. Staff will distribute the LTRP project list and environmental portion of the report to over 160 consultation agencies and 15 mitigation agencies for a review and comment period. Staff will also designate one day to meet with the agencies to discuss any environmental concerns they may have regarding the projects.

3. Financial Summary

Sharon Gregory explained that the Financial Summary reflects the fiscal constraints by each year and category for 2040 LTRP project list. All MPOs use a standard financial chapter for their LTRPs.

4. Land Use, Scenario Planning, and Sustainability

Jacob Maurer stated that Scenario Planning offers a way to explore various development possibilities and how they will affect our transportation system. Staff looked at the County's most recent population and employment projections and calculated scenarios to generate different effects on the transportation system. The four scenarios are Status Quo, Sustainable Growth, Hyper Growth and Planned Hyper Growth. Each scenario was adjusted based on the desired growth pattern. Discussion ensued.

5. Federal Requirements Monitoring

Jacob Maurer stated that MAP-21 continues to require that MPOs consider projects and strategies that will strive to meet eight Planning Factors and then went over how those eight factors are represented in the different 2040 LTRP technical reports.

6. Performance Measures

Jacob Maurer explained that within 18 months of the enactment of MAP-21, state Department of Transportation agencies are required to establish performance measures. MPOs will then have six months to set performance targets for those performance measures. The targets are required to be included in Long Range Transportation Plans. Although no official guidance has been released, staff has begun to look at each technical report in order to establish a starting point to identify possible performance measures.

7. Summary Document

Jacob Maurer explained that the 2035 LRTP summary document will be replicated for the new plan; however, one page blurbs for each technical report will be added, along with some new chapters. Each technical area will have three levels of information, including the one page blurb, the summary document, and the technical report, which is the most concise.

VI. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The next LRTP meeting is September 17, 2014.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Michalik adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Odette, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission