

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 7, 2024 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lynn Markland called the meeting to order at approximately 1:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Alex Patsy, Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnston, Eric Weiderhold, Lynn Markland, Max Gierman, Melinda Johnson, Michael Pifer, Michelle King, Reggie Smith, Shirley Kautman-Jones.

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Brian Saad, Brian Ulman, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Christina Nicholaides, Clyde Edwards, Coetta Adams, Connie Greene, Corey Jarbeau, Dan Eashoo, David Dorr, Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jay Reithel, Jolena Sanders-Sims, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Richard Bayus, Robert Bincsik, Rod McGaha, Scott Bennett, Shawnice Dorsey, Sheri Wilkerson, Spencer Lewis, Susan Weber, Thomas Spillane, Vadice Burgett, Vince Lorraine, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Dylan Campbell, Paulette Johnson, Lindsay Ross, Paige DeHate and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the February 1, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Eric Johnston, **Supported by** Ellen Glass, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2024 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #15**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz reviewed the four changes included in TIP Amendment #15, including a City of Clio project, a Road Commission project and 2 City of Flint Bridge

projects. TIP Amendment #15 also changes 2 local GPA projects. At this time, staff is recommending the approval of Amendment #15 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Amber Abbey, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to approve Amendment #15 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

B. FY 2026 Safety Call for Projects

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) released the annual safety call for projects for FY 2026. MDOT is requesting project applications be submitted to their office by May 1, 2024. To allow staff time to review and endorse these applications, we are asking that you submit a copy of your application to our office by March 20, 2024. Projects will be ranked using Time-of-Return analysis and a prioritized list will be sent to MDOT. The prioritized list of projects and a resolution will be brought back to this committee for approval in April and the resolution endorsing the submitted projects will be sent to MDOT in May.

C. FY 2024 Non-Motorized Data Collection

Ms. Dru Hajec stated the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) is now accepting requests from all Genesee County municipalities who are interested in collecting pedestrian count statistics along their non-motorized trail network. If your community is interested in having non-motorized data collection in your jurisdiction, staff will meet with you to discuss locations and times. Data is collected over a 2-week period and will depict general usage trends such as daily average, busiest days, hourly profiles, and comparisons between weekday vs. weekend. Requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis. Previous trail count data can be found on the Genesee County GIS Map Gallery and more non-motorized information can be found on the GCMPC website. Please reach out to Kris Garris for any questions about the non-motorized count program. Discussion ensued.

D. FY 2024 PASER Data Collection

Ms. Hajec stated that GCMPC will be collecting pavement condition data using the PASER system on all federal-aid roads within Genesee County in FY 2024. Collection is anticipated to begin in April. Staff will be coordinating with local road agencies who wish to participate in the data collection. Reimbursement through the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) is available to local units if participating raters have completed TAMC PASER training within the past 3 years. Staff will work with local units to establish memorandums and assist in reimbursement activities as needed. Please contact Kris Garris with any questions. Discussion ensued.

E. MDOT TAP Grant Overview

Ms. Lindsay Ross, MDOT grant coordinator, gave a presentation on Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grants by reviewing how funding is distributed based on populations, project types, how TAP is funded, grant amounts, eligible applicants, the application review process, project timeline, application requirements, competitiveness, potential problems, and past Genesee County TAP project examples. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Maurer stated that staff would be sending out an email regarding the Michigan Health Endowment fund, who are looking for applicants to apply for up to \$500,000 for projects that provide access to healthy food and physical activity. Concepts are to be sent in no later than March 22, and full applications are due May 6.

Mr. Maurer briefly spoke about the annual report recently published by GCMPC. This report highlights accomplishments, projects and programming that GCMPC staff has been working on over the course of 2023, in the areas of housing, environmental, transportation, ARPA infrastructure projects and community development and how these projects align with the County's goals and values.

Ms. Shirley Kautman-Jones announced that the Village of Goodrich will be hosting the M-15 Heritage Route Committee meeting on March 28 at 9:30 am at the Village of Goodrich Hall.

Mr. Alex Patsy announced that Mr. Dylan Campbell has been promoted to Mr. Patsy's former position, Programming and Development Engineer, at the Genesee County Road Commission.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Markland adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:09 pm.

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