

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Alex Patsy called the meeting to order at approximately 1:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Adam Zettel, Alex Patsy, Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Derek Bradshaw, Don Grice, Lynn Markland, Max Gierman, Melinda Johnson, Michael Pifer, and Michelle King.

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

Others Present: Jacob Maurer, Kris Garris, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Dru Hajec, Candace Lester, Dylan Campbell, and Sarah Patino.

III. MINUTES

***** A. Minutes of the May 2, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Amber Abbey, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. US-23 Corridor Study Update

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated staff met with US-23 Consultant, Rowe Professional Services (Rowe), in May to discuss study progress and upcoming developments. Rowe released a Public Input Survey for the US-23 Corridor Traffic Study. Staff worked alongside Rowe to develop the survey, so it was simple and quick to work with to encourage more participation. There are multiple choice questions, and participants

can arrange the roads in priority order. There is also a mapping component. A road segment can be selected that will be reviewed by Rowe and staff for potential alternatives or developments in that area.

Mr. Maurer stated that comments can be added, if participants want to add more than one comment to the map another survey will have to be completed. The survey will be up for the life of the project, and it will be incorporated into the website that is launching soon.

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated Rowe will be meeting with Steering Committee members to provide additional updates on June 11th.

Mr. Maurer asked if everyone on the Steering Committee had received invites to the meeting with Rowe, and if they had not to please reach out.

V. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #17**

Ms. Dutkiewicz reviewed TIP Amendment #17. This amendment abandons one transit project, which is based on the Flint MTA receiving their allocation amount for fiscal year 2024. This amendment also changes five local projects. One project for Montrose and three projects for the Genesee County Road Commission are included due to an update in funding source. The City of Flint project for the West Second Street bridge is included due to receiving additional State funding. There is one small urban project being added for the City of Linden. The City of Linden currently has a fiscal year 2025 project listed in the Genesee County TIP, and the small urban funding will allow them the opportunity to expand the project to the city limits. The fiscal year 2024 Transit Capital GPA is adding one new transit project for 5339 - CTF Bus and Bus Facilities. This GPA change is due to Flint MTA using their allocation for the fiscal year 2024. At this time, staff is recommending the approval of TIP Amendment #17 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** Michael Pifer, to approve Amendment #17 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*****B. Flint MTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and Safety Targets**

Ms. Dru Hajec stated the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) has completed its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). The purpose of PTASP is to help transit operators better manage safety risks through the practice of Safety Management Systems. Included in the plan are the 2024 Transit Safety Performance Targets (SPT), which are updated annually and revised using the five-year average. The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) may choose to either adopt and support the MTA's targets or set their own targets. Previously staff has recommended that the GCMA support the MTA's Transit Safety Performance Targets as they are experts in their field. Once the 2024 Transit SPTs are adopted, they can be found within the Genesee County System Performance Report. Staff has reviewed the MTA Safety Plan and concur with each of the targets provided. At this time, staff is requesting the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance to adopt both the Flint Mass Transportation Authority's Public Transportation

Agency Safety Plan (PTASP); and 2024 Transit Safety Performance Targets (SPT). **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Amber Abbey, to provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Flint MTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and Safety Targets. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated staff will be contacting all road and transit agencies that have fiscal year 2025 Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) to discuss project updates and any anticipated issues. TIP progress status meetings will be held monthly to make sure all projects are moving forward in a timely manner. It is important that agencies do all they can to ensure projects are ready for application as early as possible for the fiscal year 2025. The Transportation Systems Management (TSM) subcommittee will meet this summer prior to the start of the new fiscal year to review TIP policies and procedures. In addition to preparing for the next TIP cycle, discussion will be had regarding project construction costs and if local federal funding sources will remain pro-rata in the fiscal year 2025. Once the fiscal year 2025 MDOT Local Agency Programs (LAP) project schedule is available staff will submit documentation to each local agency.

Mr. Maurer added last year at this time some major updates were received on allocations directly related to the census, this is not anticipated to occur again this year. Other statewide changes were already built into current estimates that were updated last fall, so the expectation is there will not be too many changes for agencies that have 2025 projects. Some agencies have been contacted to collaborate on how projects from 2025 and 2026 could be combined.

D. FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated the fiscal year 2026 to 2029 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects is scheduled for this upcoming fall. Staff will be meeting with The Transportation System Management Subcommittee (TSM) in the summer to discuss project applications, project scoring, and policies and procedures related to the Call. Now is a good time for local road agencies to begin thinking about what projects they will be submitting, and to begin reviewing current TIP policies and procedures. Please provide comments on what your agency thinks may need to be revised or changed. Staff anticipates that the fiscal year 2026-2029 TIP document will receive final local approval in the early summer of the fiscal year 2025. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Derek Bradshaw provided an update on the Genesee County Recycle Day program. The program is a popular free event, and appointments fill up very quickly. Staff is continuing to work diligently to establish a permanent recycling center to better serve Genesee County residents recycling needs. Discussion ensued.

A. 2024 Michigan Transportation Planning Association Conference

Mr. Maurer stated registration is open for the 2024 Michigan Transportation Planning Association Conference located in Muskegon, Michigan. If interested and time allows attendance is highly encouraged.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Patsy adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Lester, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission