

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 6, 2025 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025, in Room 222 of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chairperson Alex Patsy, Vice-Chairperson Amber Abbey called the meeting to order at approximately 1:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairperson Abbey 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, Corey Jarbeau, Derek Bradshaw, Dylan Campbell, Ellen Glass, Lynn Markland, Max Gierman, Melinda Johnson, Michael Pifer, Paige DeHate, Reggie Smith and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Absent/Excused: Brian Ulman, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Christina Nicholaides, Clyde Edwards, Coetta Adams, Connie Greene, Dan Eashoo, David Dorr, Dennis McDonagh, Ed Benning, Eric Johnston, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jay Reithel, Jeff Clark, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Larry Green, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Olayinka Ajimoko, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Randall Naumann, Richard Bayus, Robert Bincsik, Robert Cole, Rod McGaha, Scott Bennett, Shawnice Dorsey, Sheri Wilkerson, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Spencer Lewis, Susan Weber, Thomas Spillane, Vadice Burgett, and Vince Lorraine.

Others Present: Abdul Khandker, Corwin Matthews, Jacob Maurer, Cody Roblyer, Kris Garris, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Dru Hajec, and Theresa LeFavour

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the February 6, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Ellen Glass, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2025 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Genesee County Master Plan Update

Mr. Cody Roblyer stated staff is continuing to make progress on the Master Plan. Three additional reports were presented to the Steering Committee at their last meeting. The feedback received from this committee is used to make reports for the following meeting

for final approval. Also, in the past month, staff met with the Youth Commission to discuss the Master Plan and how get better input from the younger demographic.

B. Genesee County Coordinated Transit Plan Update

Ms. Dru Hajec stated that the Coordinated Transit Plan is now complete. For this cycle Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Office of Passenger Transportation (OPT) hired a consultant, KFH Group, to complete the plans statewide. The purpose of these plans is to identify transportation needs, find opportunities to address the gaps and how to prioritize strategies. The Region V Coordinated Transit Plan includes information for Genesee, Shiawassee and Lapeer Counties.

The FTA's Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program maintains formula grants. This program funds transportation services planned, designed, and provided to meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities. To be selected for these funds, the projects must be included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan.

This plan can be broken down into eight different segments: background on the plan purpose, outreach and planning process, previous plans and studies, current transportation services and resources, assessment of transportation needs, demographic analysis, prioritized strategies, and adoption process.

It was found that the transportation needs are expanded services, coordination, outreach and education, funding, operational challenges, and additional needs and issues. To address these issues, prioritization for implementation was identified based upon resources, time and feasibility. The items addressed as high priority are continued support of services, mobility management, working with community leaders to identify funding sources, and assessing opportunities for improvement.

Discussion ensued.

Chairperson Alex Patsy resumed duties upon his arrival.

V. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #22**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated the TIP amendment includes two changes to projects and changes to two GPA's. The two GPA's changing are a transit capital GPA and a transit operating GPA. Two MDOT projects include an M-54 small culvert project and a region-wide MDOT project involved with traffic safety and pavement markings.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Amber Abbey, **Supported by** Corey Jarbeau, to approve the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #22.
Motion carried unanimously.

B. FY 2027 Safety Call for Projects

Mr. Kris Garris stated that MODT has released its yearly Call for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects for FY 2027. This includes the HSIP, HSIP Streamline,

and High-Risk Rural Road (HRRR) projects. All local road agencies are eligible to apply for this. In order to allow staff time to review and endorse applications, staff is requesting application be submitted by Wednesday, April 10th, 2025 in order to meet the MDOT application deadline of May 1st, 2025. Discussion ensued.

C. Upcoming 2025 Genesee County Road Commission Projects

Mr. Dylan Campbell made a presentation regarding the 2025 projects which Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) will be working on. These will include \$43 million in total improvements, 100 miles of chip seal, \$15 million in federal aid projects, subdivision projects, six SAD's, four traffic signal upgrades, and three large culverts. The main projects will be on Clio Rd., Grand Blanc Rd., Genesee Rd., and three bridges. They are hoping to start two non-motorized pathways. Future work in Mt. Morris Township was also discussed. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated Genesee County staff will be hosting three public open house events for the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. There will not be a formal presentation allowing the public to attend any time during the event. Information is available on the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission website with the ability to leave comments allowing Ms. Dutkiewicz to respond.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Derek Bradshaw announced that in the last 6-7 weeks, he and Assistant Director Christine Durgan have discussed making strategic changes for the Planning Commission to ensure that there is some flexibility in our programs. He wanted the committee to be aware of some changes being made.

Mr. Jacob Maurer announced that the 2024 annual report has been completed and is now available.

Mr. Patsy announced that Eric Johnston has been named the new Director of the Road Commission and that bridge applications are due at the end of the month.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Patsy adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa LeFavour
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission