

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 3, 2025 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2025, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Patsy called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 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: Abdul Khandker, Alex Patsy, Corwin Matthews, Daniel Jenkins, Dennis McDonagh, Derek Bradshaw, Dylan Campbell, Jay Reithel, Lynn Markland, Max Gierman, Melinda Johnson, Michael Pifer, Michelle King, Neil Rankin, Paige DeHate, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Brian Ulman, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Christina Nicholaides, Coetta Adams, Connie Greene, Corey Jarbeau, Dan Eashoo, David Dorr, Dennis McDonagh, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnston, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jeff Clark, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Larry Green, Mary Ann Price, Olayinka Ajimoko, Rachel Stanke, Randall Naumann, Reggie Smith, 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: Kendra Love-Brezzell, Sheila Taylor, Cody Roblyer, Kris Garris, McKenna Dutkiewicz, and Theresa LeFavour

III. MINUTES

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

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Melinda Johnson, **Supported by** Michelle King, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2025 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Genesee County Master Plan Update

Mr. Cody Roblyer stated that several reports were presented to the Master Plan Steering Committee for initial review. These reports included the access to core services, congestion management process, coordinated transit, and the transportation model

update. Comments gathered from the committee and through virtual submissions will be incorporated into the final drafts.

Visits to local colleges are being planned by staff in order to get public comments from college students.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. MDOT I-475 Corridor Non-Motorized Improvements

Mr. Jay Reithel from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) gave a presentation on the MDOT I-475 Corridor Non-Motorized Improvements. The following MDOT non-motorized improvement projects were discussed:

The non-motorized path on Chavez has had new fencing added. This project's total allocated cost was \$15,000 with a match from bonding funds.

The Second Street bridge deck park is being revised to a courtyard concept. The funds allocated are \$2 million along with a match from bonding funds.

The Oakley Street pedestrian structure will connect to the pedestrian crossing presently on Saginaw and Oakley to make for a safer crossing and sidewalk. Funds for this project are \$5 million with \$3.4 million provided by TAP.

The Carmen Street pedestrian bridge in Burton has a \$7.5 million cost with \$2 million provided by TAP and leveraged bonding funds.

Discussion ensued.

*****B. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #23**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #23 will change two projects, abandon one project and change one General Program Account (GPA) in the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

The first project is a region-wide pavement marking retroreflectivity test increasing the budget by over 25%.

The second project is a 2026 region-wide permanent marking project. This project will be combined with an abandoned job revising the budget to anticipate the accommodation of the project along with any needs.

The local traffic safety and operations GPA has one project change. This is a 2025 Genesee County Road Commission safety project at the intersection of Wilson and Clio Roads. This project has increased from \$300,000 to \$450,000, based on the US Engineer's estimate. GCRC has increased their local match to account for the new budget.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Dennis McDonagh, to approve the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #23. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. FY 2026 Unified Work Program Development

Ms. Sheila Taylor stated that the Unified Work Program (UWP) describes all transportation planning activities for the upcoming fiscal year and identifies funding sources and agencies involved in these activities. The primary activities for the 2026 fiscal year will focus on continued development of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and implementation of the new 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Other activities include finalizing the Transportation Safety Action Plan, performance measure monitoring and updates, transportation related data collection, building permit collection, transit planning, non-motorized planning, safety data analysis, and pavement data analysis. Staff will present the UWP to the committee for approval in May and to MDOT the beginning of June.

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

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz gave a presentation of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document which has been drafted and is ready for review. One of the key differences is the Environmental Justice chapter has been replaced with the Project Impact chapter. As part of the TIP document, staff have held three open houses for the draft of projects. Over 14,000 communications were sent out. In addition, emails and phone calls have been received. The full TIP document will go out for public comment on April 20th and will be completed May 20th. The public hearing will be held May 21st.

E. Draft Genesee County 2050 LRTP Capacity Deficiencies

Mr. Kris Garris stated as part of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), staff have prepared a draft of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) to include 2014 Base Year and 2050 Horizon year CMP deficiencies. The deficiencies are a combination of level of service (Daily, AM Peak, PM Peak, and Flow Density) deficiencies and highlight the road segments and corridors which have congestion issues based on these factors. Staff is requesting review of the attached maps and tables with recommendations for the identified deficiencies. Staff will update the maps based on the recommendations.

One key point is the overall reduction in capacity issues between 2014 to 2050. Some of the reductions are due to the slight population decline the model is predicting, as well as already established solutions by communities. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Derek Bradshaw stated Genesee County, in partnership with University of Michigan, Flint will be hosting an Economic Development Symposium on June 5, 2025. Various agencies will be participating and will be discussing future economics.

Ms. Sheila Taylor reminded everyone that the election of officers will take place at the meeting on May 1st.

Mr. Alex Patsy introduced Ms. Kendra Love-Brezzell as the new Deputy Managing Director at the Genesee County Road Commission.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Patsy adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa LeFavour
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission