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

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 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 1:32 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, Adam Zettel, Alex Patsy, Corwin Matthews, Dylan Campbell, Ellen Glass, Lynn Markland, Max Gierman, Melinda Johnson, Michael Pifer, Michelle King, and Robert Cole.

Absent/Excused: Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Andy Pickard, Brian Ulman, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Coetta Adams, Connie Greene, Corey Jarbeau, Dan Eashoo, Daniel Jenkins, David Dorr, Dennis McDonagh, Derek Bradshaw, 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, Paige DeHate, Rachel Stanke, Randall Naumann, 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, Cody Roblyer, Kris Garris, and Theresa LeFavour

III. MINUTES

***A. Minutes of the April 3, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ellen Glass, **Supported by** Robert Cole, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2025 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Genesee County Master Plan Update

Mr. Cody Robyler provided an update on the Master Plan Update by showing the Master Plan website at www.ourfuturegenesee.org. On the website, the plan and individual reports can be viewed, and comments can be made. Staff had public sessions at three local colleges, Mott Community College, University of Michigan-Flint, and Kettering University with a survey specific to college students. Emails will also be sent to college

students with the survey. During "take your child to work" day at Genesee County, one of the activities done by staff was a survey specific to kids.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Technical Correction

Mr. Kris Garris stated that a technical correction has been made for the 2025 Local Livability and Sustainability GPA in the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This GPA contains one 2025 Safe Routes to School project from the City of Linden. This project has been in progress for a few years with improvements such as 5 foot sidewalks on both sides of Hyatt Lane and a 10 foot concrete pathway on the north side of Stan Eaton Drive.

*****B. FY 2027 Safety Call for Projects List**

Mr. Cody Robyler stated in February, MDOT held a call for FY 2027 Safety Call for Projects which were due to MDOT on May 1, 2025. Staff received six local safety program applications which were reviewed according to MDOT Time-of-Return Analysis.

Mr. Alex Patsy stated that the City of Burton came to him wanting to put in an application.

Mr. Abdul Khandker stated the City of Flint has submitted three projects to MDOT.

Mr. Jacob Maurer stated that staff has found out it is no longer a requirement by MDOT to have an endorsement, however this would be an additional check from the MPO.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ellen Glass, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to approve the FY 2027 Safety Call for Projects List. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*****C. FY 2026 Unified Work Program**

Mr. Jacob Maurer stated that staff has made progress on the United Work Program. The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan is anticipated to be completed in mid-winter, a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) cycle will begin October 1st, 2025, staff will be completing work with consultant, AECOM, who has been working on the Transportation Safety Action Plan, along with regular work items. Staff is also looking at a potential partnership with Flint Township for a planning study along Bristol Road for pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Staff were looking at updating the Transportation Travel Demand model, however this will now be completed in the next fiscal year. This correction will be made before going to the Metropolitan Alliance for approval.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Robert Cole, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to approve the FY 2026 Unified Work Program. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Traffic County Survey Requests

Mr. Kris Garris stated that Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) requests annually for local units of government to update traffic count information on roads under their jurisdiction. GCMPC has traffic counters and accessory equipment available for rental by local jurisdictions. The counters collect vehicle counts as well as vehicle classification and speed. Staff is available to assist with set-up and training. Optimal times for taking traffic counts are in the spring before schools are out for the summer and in the autumn after the Labor Day holiday. Tuesday through Thursday generally provides the best average weekday count.

Discussion ensued.

E. Genesee County 2050 LRTP Capacity Deficiencies

Mr. Kris Garris stated last month staff brought the capacity deficiencies list for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan to the committee and requested feedback from local units and also met with road agencies. Staff have reviewed feedback, and changes were made to the map. These changes have been approved by the Master Plan Steering Committee on April 22nd, 2025.

Mr. Jacob Maurer states that level service F disappears from the 2050 map due to upcoming projects. Additionally, the population employment projection changes.

Discussion ensued.

F. LRTP 2050 Capacity Call for Projects

Mr. Kris Garris stated the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) is now accepting transportation capacity-related project applications for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). All Act 51 agencies are eligible to submit an application for capacity-related improvements to federal-aid eligible roads in their jurisdiction. Project applications must be received by GCMPC by May 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Applications will then be evaluated, scored, and endorsed by the Genesee County Master Plan Steering Committee.

Information can also be found on the GCMPC website.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Jacob Maurer stated this committee has an annual rotation for elections where seats are held by Large Cities, Small Cities/Villages, the MTA, and the Road Commission. The Road Commission will be on the bye for the 2025-2026 rotation. Up for nomination for the 2025-2026 (a continuation of the current rotation) would be: Abdul Khandker, Large Cities as Chairperson, Melinda Johnson, MTA as Vice-Chairperson, and Adam Zettel, Small Cities/Villages as Secretary.

Motion: Action: Motion to approve the election of Abdul Khandker as Chairperson.
Moved by Alex Pasty, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to approve the election of Abdul Khandker as Chairperson.
Motion: Action: Motion to approve the election of Melinda Johnson as Vice-Chairperson.
Moved by Ellen Glass, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to approve the election of Melinda Johnson as Vice-Chairperson.
Motion: Action: Motion to approve the election of Adam Zettel as Secretary.
Moved by Lynn Markland, **Supported by** Ellen Glass, to approve the election of Adam Zettel as Secretary.
All Motions carried unanimously.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. NFC Revisions

Mr. Jacob Maurer stated every ten years, because of the census, staff will go over the adjusted census bureau boundaries. The next step is to certify the National Function Class (NFC). The county will be putting together a county-wide workshop for road agencies to attend to see if any of their roads within the MPO boundary, in the urban boundary need to be re-classified. If a municipality is proposing a change in functional classification, it must be justified and must be a federal aid road. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Maurer announced "save the date" information will be sent out for the June 5th Economic Seminar.

Mr. Alex Patsy announced the Road Commission will be starting paving projects in May.

Mr. Maurer announced that a "save the date" for a Trail Symposium on June 11th, 2025, will be sent out. Genesee County, along with the support of the Mott Foundation, are putting on this Trail Symposium.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Patsy adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa LeFavour
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission