

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 3rd Floor, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Peake called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Jeffrey M. Peake, William Brandon, Cheryl Sclater, Dr. Beverly Brown, Deborah Cherry, Derelle Blake, and Ian Shetron.

Absent: Alan Himelhoch, Martin L. Cousineau, Tyler Rossmassler, and Lesly Foreman

Others Present: Derek Bradshaw, Sheila Taylor, Jacob Maurer, Damon Fortney and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** William Brandon, **Seconded by** Cheryl Sclater, to approve the June 3, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Patrick Dargel inquired as to whether sidewalks on Court Street between Genesee and Belsay are included in the road project. He stated that many people walk along that section of road. He inquired at the Burton DPW, but they did not know the answer.

Katie Nehring, owner of Nehring's Market, is requesting that the proposed roundabout to be built at the corner of Belsay and Bristol in Burton in front of her store, not be constructed. She states the project would disrupt customer access and negatively impact her business.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VIII. FINANCES

A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Contract, Vouchers and Bills.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the July Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$71,344.66.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

B. Commission Expenses and Per Diems

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Deborah Cherry, **Seconded by** Dr. Beverly Brown, to approve the Commission Expenses and Per Diems.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

C. Financial Update

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Financial Update ending May 31, 2025.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Financial Update as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

D. Budget Transfer Request

Derek Bradshaw stated the budget transfer requests are due to a \$1,030,000 trails grant received from the Mott Foundation.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Deborah Cherry, **Seconded by** Dr. Beverly Brown, to approve the Budget Transfer Request as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status

1. Housing Program Update – June 2025 Status Report

Damon Fortney stated that we have 14 project completions under the Home Improvement, Urgent Repair and Roof Revitalization Programs; there are another 8 projects underway. Under the Neighborhood Purchase/Rehab/Resale (NPRR) program, construction at the home on Phyllis Drive in Clio is complete and staff will work with the Land Bank to obtain an appraisal in preparation for selling the home.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded** William Brandon, to approve the Housing Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

2. 3-C Transportation Planning – June 2025 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that staff has finalized 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report and has submitted to MDOT for approval. Staff worked with the Lapeer and Shiawassee County Road Commissions to collect pavement data. Data collection in Genesee County is scheduled to begin in July and will extend into August. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Beverly Brown, **Seconded by** Ian Shetron, to approve the 3-C Transportation Planning report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. American Rescue Plan Act – June 2025 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that demolition of the Clio Road apartments, funded by \$350,000 in County ARPA dollars, is set to begin soon, with completion anticipated by late August.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded by** Cheryl Sclater, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. Environmental Program Update – June 2025 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that the 2nd Recycle Day on June 10th was a success and provided HHW and electronics disposal for 166 residents. Staff continues to work with the Recycling and Education Center architect, DLZ, on a site layout and traffic flow. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded by** Deborah Cherry, to approve the Environmental Program report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

5. Community Development Program – June 2025 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that staff received approval from the Board of Commissioners for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Action Plan and will now submit the Plans to HUD for review and final approval. Projects will be set up in the Neighborly grant management software and contracts will be drawn up. Staff is working on the Program Year 2024 CAPER report, the annual report submitted to HUD detailing previous year accomplishments and spending.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded by** Deborah Cherry, to approve the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

6. Report of the Director – June 2025 Status Report

Derek Bradshaw stated that staff presented five technical reports to the Master Plan steering committee for review, including the financial plan, community survey, barriers to affordable living, project impact analysis, and farmland preservation. GCMPC has been awarded a weatherization grant from the State of Michigan, and staff will soon begin training to implement the program. This funding provides energy conservation and related health & safety services for low-income households, including windows, insulation, energy efficient appliances, and furnace replacements. Staff will begin moving to the new County building starting August 1st. County departments will be closed to the public

August 1-8 to ensure a smooth transition to our new space. The next GCMPC meeting will be postponed to August 12.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ian Shetron, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Report of the Director as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

B. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners made comments at this time.

Deborah Cherry made comments regarding the proposed roundabout in Burton and TIP approval processes.

William Brandon reported that he attended his first Genesee County Parks Board meeting and provided a summary of the meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Peake adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Soto, Program Services Specialist
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission