

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, in the Board Room, RM #1014 of the Genesee County Administration Building.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

UNIT REPRESENTED

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Genesee County

Brian Flewelling
Martin L. Cousineau
Greg Hull
Christina Hickson
Duane Mosher

City of Burton

City of Clio

Margaret (Peggy) Manser

Kirk Todd

City of Davison

Ben Lindstrom

Eric Daly
Patricia Lockwood
Sean Sage
Donald Bancroft
Mayor Sheldon Neeley
Rodney McGaha

City of Fenton

City of Flint

Abdul Aziz Khandker

Joseph Karlichek

City of Flushing

City of Grand Blanc

Chris Douglas
Don Becker

John Creasey

City of Linden

Pamela Howd

Tom Hicks
Jerry Link

City of Montrose

City of Mt. Morris

Mark Richard

La'Shaya Darisaw
John Vance

City of Swartz Creek

John Gilbert

Charles Campbell

	Nate Henry	
Argentine Township	Robert (Bob) Cole	Jason Kosofsky Ed Renckly Toni Yaklin
Atlas Township	Paulette Johnson	Jim Busch
Clayton Township Davison Township Fenton Township	Shelley Thompson	Travis Howell William Clark Andrew Marko Robert Kessler Karyn Miller
Flint Township	John Whiteside	Tracey Tucker
Flushing Township Forest Township Gaines Township	Bill Bain	Mary Ann Price Rocky Fowler
Genesee Township	Donna Baynai	Robert Henderson Andrew Sorensen Robin Ackerman Mike Yancho
Grand Blanc Township	Joanie Towarnicky	Coetta Adams Steven Schlight Michele Loper
Montrose Township		Dewayn Allen Jennifer Stainton Paula Spicer Cory Bostwick Leonard Marden Connie Chirich Joseph Madore Rachel Stanke Gregg Bryan
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson	Sue Thomas Taunya Marek Shannon McCafferty Angie Adamec Chris Caverly
Mundy Township		
Richfield Township		
Thetford Township		
Vienna Township	Richard Johnson	
Gaines Village Goodrich Village		
Lennon Village Otisville Village Otter Lake Village		
Federal Highway Admin		Terry Gill David Dorr Andy Pickard

Gen City Drain Comm
Gen City Road Comm

Jeff Wright
Alex Patsy
Dylan Campbell

GCMPC

Derek Bradshaw

Christine Durgan
Ed Benning
Shawnice Dorsey
David Savoie
Corwin Matthews

Mass Trans Authority

Mich Dept of Trans

Jay Reithel

Trevor Vincke
Paige DeHate

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Binkowski, John Ward, Patrick Dargel, Sheila Taylor, McKenna Dutkiewicz, and Theresa LeFavour

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE August 11, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Robert Cole, **Supported by** Mark Richard to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, Special Meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

NONE. Patrick Dargyl from the City of Burton.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE.

VIII. FINANCES

NONE.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

*****A. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan**

Ms. Sheila Taylor stated in partnership with AECOM, staff has prepared a draft Transportation Safety Action Plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify and prioritize safety projects across the county to reduce crashes and improve transportation safety.

Sarah from AECOM made a presentation discussing the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. The eight federal required components are included in the plan. Goals are discussed in the plan with a 2065 goal of zero related fatality and serious injuries. The 2035

mid-range goal is to reduce these by 25%. These goals were used to come up with recommendations to correct problem areas. Public and stakeholder engagements took place to receive feedback and recommendations. Online mapping tools and surveys were also provided for public involvement.

Ten years of data from crashes (2014-2023) were reviewed and broke down into intersections and segments. Each crash was weighted by severity. A high-injury network was created with less than 10% of the road network accounting for over ¾ of all fatal and serious injury crashes. Seven separate emphasis areas have been established. A prioritized project list has been created and is a requirement of the plan. A customized toolkit has been created for the plan which can be used for all locations.

Ten locations were chosen to do conceptual designs and modeling. Short-term and long-term recommendations were provided at these locations. Alternatives are also provided. Annual tracking and funding sources are discussed in the plan as well. Because this plan is complete, every community in the county is eligible for SS4A funding.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Robert Cole, **Supported by** Mark Richard to approve the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. US-23 Study Update

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated in partnership with Rowe Professional Services and Fishbeck, staff have prepared the US-23 Corridor study. The purpose of this study is to identify potential projects along both the major intersections across the corridor and the corridor itself.

John Ward from Rowe made a presentation of the US 23 study update. The corridor runs from Owen Rd. to the south and Bristol Rd. to the north along with a one-mile segment each way of the interchange. The interchanges include Hill Rd., Grand Blanc Rd., Thompson Rd., North Rd., Torrey Rd., Silver Lake Rd. and Owen Rd.

Data was collected from various sources. This data tracked peak hour origin and destination patterns, and future growth was calculated. Short-term and long-term alternatives are discussed for each interchange. Typical short-term solutions include signal timing adjustments and installing optical speed bars which slow traffic. Various long-term solutions are provided for each different interchange where necessary.

Discussion ensued.

C. Proposed NFC Revisions Update

Ms. McKenna Dutiewicz stated staff has received one National Functional Classification (NFC) revision proposal from the City of Montrose for Hickory St. to be revised from a local road to a minor collector. Staff reviewed the proposal and NFC guidance, recommending approval from the Transportation System Management (TSM) subcommittee on August 21st, 2025, to send the revision proposal to MDOT. The proposal was approved and submitted to MDOT on August 29, 2025. MDOT is expected to provide a determination on conditional approval by October.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2025 PASER Update

Ms. Sheila Taylor stated staff have been collecting PASER data on all non-federal aid roads. Staff are hoping to complete the collection data within a few days. Staff will put the PASER reports together and bring them to the Metropolitan Alliance for review.

B. FY 2026 LAP Planning Guide

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated the MDOT Local Agency Program (LAP) project schedule has been released. This project schedule can act as a guide for any agency that has a project in FY 2026.

C. Roundabout Safety Outreach and Education

Ms. Sheila Taylor stated staff have begun sharing roundabout safety outreach and education through social media. Communications will also be sent out to local units of government so that it can be shared at the local level. Ongoing education will provide tips on how to maneuver safely through a roundabout.

Discussion ensued.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated staff is currently working on a draft summary document for the Genesee County Master Plan. This document will be presented to the steering committee in October for review for public comment and approval of public comment.

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated the Small Urban Call for Projects has been opened through the State of Michigan. Genesee County has one small urban group, the Fenton Small Urban Boundary. Projects selected through the Call for Projects will be brought to this committee through the TIP and be added to the TIP as a TIP amendment.

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated the State Bank Trail or the Silver Lake Road Trail project has been in the works since 2023. The recently received lowest bid was 16% higher than the engineer's estimate. This is about \$1 million the city needed to raise to complete the construction. The City of Fenton contacted MDOT and MDOT has increased the state allocation to cover this cost.

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated the Michigan Trails Greenway Alliance have announced their third round of Catalyst Fund grant. This offers up to \$5,000 for communities to support planning, feasibility studies, design work and other early-stage efforts that help make trail implementation a reality in communities. Eligible applicants include non-profit groups, friends of trail groups, and organizations working to plan, expand or improve Michigan trails. The deadline to apply for this funding is September 26, 2025.

Ms. Sheila Taylor stated the TIP document and Unified Work Program have both been approved at the federal level so we are good to start our 2026 year on October 1, 2025.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa LeFavour, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission