

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
January 10, 2019**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2019, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. **Call to Order** 

Vice-Chairperson Markland called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. **Roll Call** 

Present: Aaron Dawson, Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Bob Slattery, Brad Barrett, Chris Yeates, Don Mayle, Jay Reithel, Larry Green, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Mary Ann Price, Michael Pifer, Robert Johnson, Shawnice Dorsey, Tim Elkins, and Tom Svrcek.

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Betty Wideman, Bonnie Mathis, Brain Saad, Chris Gehringer, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Joe Oskey, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Kim Zimmer, Mark Emmendorfer, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Scott Sutter, Sheri Wilkerson, Steven Furh, Teresa Onica, Trevor Block, Vicki Fishell, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Jason Nordberg and Debby Compton.

III. **Minutes** 

***A. **Minutes of the December 6, 2018 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Jason Nordberg announced that Jacob Maurer and his wife just delivered their first baby, a girl on January 7th.

Mr. Nordberg stated that in the future staff will hold the January meeting the second Thursday of the month due to the January 1st New Year holiday.

IV. Old Business

***A. 2019 Safety Performance Targets

Jason Nordberg stated that the 2019 Safety Performance Targets were brought to the committee last month for review. Staff did not receive any questions on the performance targets. Mr. Nordberg reviewed the safety targets with the committee. At this time staff is recommending approval to adopt the Safety Performance Targets for 2019 to the Metropolitan Alliance through a resolution of support. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Tom Svrcek, **supported by** Robert Slattery, to recommend approval to adopt the 2019 Safety Performance Targets to the Metropolitan Alliance Committee through a resolution of support.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

***A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #15

Jason Nordberg stated that an amendment #15 update was sent out to the committee yesterday. The only difference in the updated version was an increased amount for a project that was already in the amendment. City of Fenton ran into safety issues on their Torrey and North Road project. While getting into the engineering of the project it was determined that a roundabout would work better in that area. Staff would typically not do this for a project like this in the middle of a TIP, however, staff is also working on the TIP call for projects right now. In the TIP Call for Projects they submitted an Expand Application and they were the highest scoring expansion application. Including this project all of the submitted Expand Applications would be funded. This amendment meets the financial constraints of the TIP and will have no disproportionately high or adverse impacts to any of the identified Environmental Justice (EJ) populations in Genesee County. The projects that are being amended are eligible for the funding programmed, and they meet the intended state (including State TEDF Category C) and federal goals and objectives identified for the funding. Staff has reviewed these projects and has determined that they are exempt from Air Quality analysis. The Interagency Work Group (IAWG) will review the listing of projects for this amendment to provide concurrence with staff's determination that these projects are exempt from Air Quality analysis. At this time staff is recommending endorsement of amendment #15 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Brad Barrett, to recommend endorsement of the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #15 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. **FY 2020-2023 TIP Call for Projects Update** 

Jason Nordberg advised that staff received five (5) Expansion Projects. The applications have been reviewed and site inspected. Next week staff will start meeting with the TSM Subcommittee. Staff is looking at several meetings between now and the end of January to get this to the February TAC and Metro meetings. To put it in perspective staff received roughly eighty (80) to ninety (90) million in projects and only received forty (40) million in allocations. Discussion ensued.

C. **2019 Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council PASER Training** 

Jason Nordberg advised that this is the year that staff will not be rating Genesee County roads. All federal aid and local roads were rated last year. This year staff will focus on rating Shiawassee and Lapeer County roads. If your community is interested in having someone participate in the rating of your roads, there is training available so they can get reimbursed. Mr. Nordberg reviewed the training dates with the committee.

Other Business 

None

VI. **Announcements** 

A. **Federal Certification for the Genesee County Transportation Planning Process**

Jason Nordberg stated that due to the government shutdown right now staff only has a tentative date set for the Federal Certification Process. Originally it was set for the Metropolitan Alliance meeting on February 20th beginning with a public hearing. On Thursday, the 21st and Friday, the 22nd the on-site review Certification Process was to take place. Every four (4) years the Transportation Planning Process in Genesee County must be certified by the FTA and FHWA. Everything that staff does has to be certified to make sure that the process is being followed correctly.

Aaron Dawson, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) stated that the FHWA is an organization that has contract authority, funded by the Highway Trust Fund. It can continue to operate even without an appropriations bill while the government is shutdown. However, processes like Certification Reviews or Air Quality Conformity where FHWA partners with other agencies that are currently shutdown are being delayed. FHWA must certify the Flint MPO by the end of May no matter what happens. As of right now FHWA is ahead of schedule, but if the shutdown continues the on-site review will have to be pushed back. Discussion ensued.

Vice-Chairperson Markland stated that during the campaign he attended Candidates night to promote a road mileage that City of Fenton had on the ballot. One of the guys running for state representative mentioned that the state has money for roads, even if they were to release the money there are not enough aggregate and asphalt contractors to do the projects. This week he attended another event at the Chamber of Commerce to talk about upcoming city projects for 2019. The senator in the neighboring community was there to

speak as well and he talked about one of the governor's big issues, fixing the roads. He made the same comment the state representative made that even if they had the money for roads, which they say Lansing has right now, there would not be enough companies out there to be able to do the roads. This senator said he got this information from MDOT. Discussion ensued.

VII. **Adjournment**

Vice-Chairperson Markland adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Compton, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission