

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 27, 2021

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, in a Zoom meeting conference call format due to Coronavirus concerns.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

<u>UNIT REPRESENTED</u>	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>
Genesee County	Commissioner Meredith Davis Grand Blanc, Genesee County Commissioner Debra Newman Swartz Creek, Genesee County	
City of Burton		Danny Wells Gregory Fenner
City of Clio	Duane Mosher Clio, Genesee County	
City of Davison City of Fenton		Eric Wiederhold Bonnie Bare Mayor Tim Bishop Patricia Lockwood Sean Sage Mayor Sheldon Neeley John Daly
City of Flint		
	Mark Adas Grand Blanc Twp, Genesee County	
City of Flushing		Brooke Good Tony Nowiski
City of Grand Blanc	Chris Douglas Grand Blanc, Genesee County	
		Mayor Susan Soderstrom Don Becker
City of Linden	Ray Culbert Linden, Genesee County	
		Ellen Glass
City of Montrose	Mark Richard No Response	
City of Mt. Morris		Dennis Heidenfeldt

City of Swartz Creek	John Gilbert Swartz Creek, Genesee County	Robert Plumb
Argentine Township	Nate Henry Swartz Creek, Genesee County	Brian Saad
Atlas Township	Leslie Renckly Linden, Genesee County	Shirley Kautman-Jones
Clayton Township	Paulette Johnson Atlas Township, Genesee County Katie Vick Atlas Township, Genesee County Shelley Thompson Swartz Creek, Genesee County	Tom Spillane Matthew Karr
Davison Township	Travis Howell Davison Twp, Genesee County	Andrew Marko Robert Kesler Karyn Miller
Fenton Township	Kade Katrak Fenton Twp, Genesee County	Tracey Tucker
Flint Township	John Whiteside Flint Township, Genesee County	Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price Rocky Fowler Lee Purdy Diane Hyrman
Flushing Township	Bill Bain No Response	Joel Feick Monica Shapiro
Forest Township Gaines Township	Tod Sorensen Genesee Twp, Genesee County Robin Ackerman Flint, Genesee County	Mark Emmendorfer Michele Loper
Genesee Township		Elmer Wilson
Grand Blanc Township	Tom Tithof Montrose Twp, Genesee County	
Montrose Township		
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson Flint, Genesee County	

Mundy Township	Shane Towne Flint Twp, Genesee County Debra Ridley No Response	Kimberly Jimenez
Richfield Township	Gerry Masters No Response	
Thetford Township		
Vienna Township		
Goodrich Village	Sherry Moore Goodrich Village, Genesee County Angie Adamec Goodrich Village, Genesee County	
Otisville Village		Melissa Schluentz
Otter Lake Village		Joan Skias
Lennon Village		Samuel Stiff
Gaines Village		Bruce Ferris
Federal Highway Admin		Valerie Delauty
Gen Cty Drain Comm		Andrea Dewey
Gen Cty Road Comm	Alex Patsy No Response	Aaron Dawson
GCMPC	Derek Bradshaw Atlas Twp, Genesee County	Jeff Wright
Mass Trans Authority		Ed Benning
Mich Dept of Trans	Shawnice Dorsey Flint, Genesee County Anita Boughner Brighton, Livingston County Jay Reithel Saginaw Twp, Saginaw County Steven Katenhus Kawkawlin, Bay County Trevor Block Bangor Township, Bay County	

Others Present: Cheryl Gregory, Auburn Hill, Jason Nordberg, Flint, Genesee County, Jacob Maurer, Holly, Oakland County, and Debby Compton, Birch Run, Saginaw County.

III. Minutes

***** A. Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Travis Howell, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

IV. Public Hearing

A. Genesee County LRTP 2045 Amendment #1

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING AT 7:08 P.M.

Chairperson Johnson provided the public an opportunity to comment on the Genesee County Long Range Transportation Plan 2045 Amendment #1.

Jacob Maurer advised that staff received two (2) written comments regarding the need to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety where I-75 and I-69 meet. That was in relation to the proposed illustrative project for MDOT. Staff replied to those comments and forwarded the comments and responses to MDOT for their review.

Chairperson Johnson repeated this opportunity for comment twice more with no further comments at this time.

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15 P.M.

V. Old Business

A. Roundabout Implementation Study Update

Cheryl Gregory from Rowe Professional Services Company. The first milestone has been completed, which was to look at 3,600 intersections within Genesee County. The intersections were filtered down to 228 and then began a second analysis. The secondary analysis focused on safety and have now been filtered down to 36 potential intersections. Discussions continue to go on with road agencies and local units. Ms. Gregory thanked everyone that has commented on their website, Facebook page or provided direct feedback to the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Ms. Gregory reviewed with the committee the thirty-six (36) potential intersections that have been broken down into three (3) tier intersections. Still on track for completion by the end of the 2021 fiscal year. Discussion ensued.

*****B. 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets**

Jacob Maurer stated that back in November of last year staff brought these safety targets to this committee. Staff looked at local data as it relates to the statewide trends and the proposed targets for 2021. Staff is confident that these trends are consistent with local data and staff is recommending that we adopt these targets as our own. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval for the adoption of the statewide safety targets for 2021 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance and for authorization for the Metropolitan Alliance Chairperson to sign the attached Resolution of Support.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Tom Tithof, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the adoption of the statewide 2021 safety performance measure targets and authorization for the Chairperson to sign the Resolution of Support.

Motion carried unanimously

VI. New Business

*****A. MTA Flint Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan**

Jacob Maurer stated that the MTA has just completed its required Agency Safety Plan. This plan will help the agency better manage safety risks. The plan describes its Safety Management Policy, Risk Management Process, Safety Training Program, and its safety performance measure targets for 2020/2021. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending adoption of the MTA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and approval for authorization for the Chairperson to sign the Resolution of Support.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Bill Bain, **Supported by** Sherry Moore, to approve the adoption of the MTA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and the authorization for the Chairperson to sign the Resolution of Support.

Motion carried unanimously

*****B. Transit Safety Performance Measure Adoption**

Jacob Maurer stated that this is somewhat related to the previous agenda item. The MTA also established their Transit Safety Performance Measures for 2021. We as Metropolitan Alliance may either adopt and support these targets or set our own. Staff felt the MTA knows the most about the data regarding transit in Genesee County and how that relates to target setting and transit safety. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending adoption of these transit safety performance measures and the authorization for the Chairperson to sign the Resolution of Support.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Travis Howell, to approve the adoption of the Transit Safety Performance Measure targets and authorization for the Chairperson to sign the attached Resolution of Support.

Motion carried unanimously

*****C. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Amendment #13

Jacob Maurer advised that in response to our adoption of the MTA's Transit Safety Projects staff is recommending that we amend the current FY 2020–2023 Transportation Improvement Program document. Included in your agenda packet, staff has outlined those changes in red text as well as red boxes in the document. Staff will be doing a full update to this document in the fall with the next call for projects for the next TIP cycle. Also attached is the second part of amendment #13 which is project amendments. This amendment adds one (1) project, which is a local traffic and safety GPA. This amendment also deletes one (1) project, which is an MDOT safety project. Mr. Maurer reviewed the four (4) GCRC statewide projects that were awarded. 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 Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rules. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval of both the text amendment and projects' amendment to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Tom Tithof, **Supported by** Sherry Moore, to approve both the text amendment and projects' amendment to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion carried unanimously

*****D. Genesee County LRTP 2045 Amendment #1**

Jacob Maurer stated that this is the first amendment to the Genesee County 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This amendment has two (2) main areas for changes. The first area is where staff is integrating the Transit Safety Plan as well as updating the text. The second area of this amendment is the addition of a project to the Illustrative projects list. The project is the I-75/I-69 interchange modernization project and currently does not have a year on it.

Trevor Block gave a presentation at this time on the I-75/I-69 interchange.

Mr. Maurer advised that this amendment meets the financial constraints of the 2045 LRTP and will have no disproportionately high or adverse impacts to any of the identified Environmental Justice (EJ) populations in Genesee County. This amendment also meets the Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rules. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval of Amendment #1 to the Genesee County 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Paulette Johnson, to approve the Genesee County Long Range Transportation Plan 2045 Amendment #1.

Motion carried unanimously

E. FY 2020 Listing of Obligated Projects

Jacob Maurer advised that included in your agenda packet was a list of obligated FY 2020 projects. These projects were obligated, let for bid, under construction, and/or completed during FY 2020. These projects represent a \$72.5 million dollar investment into the Genesee County transportation system. On the final page of the listing is the investment made in the performance areas. These are areas that are required for us to track as an MPO of how we are meeting these federal performance targets. Contact Jacob Maurer with any questions.

VII. Announcements

Trevor Block announced the I-475 project public outreach plan will be held next month before the Metro meeting. The MPO will send the invitation out to this committee.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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