

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
January 9, 2020**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2020, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. **Call to Order** 

Chairperson Markland called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Present: Andrea Schroeder, Brad Barrett, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Eric Johnston, Jay Reithel, Larry Green, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Michael Pifer, Robert Johnson, Tim Elkins, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Correction: Present: Ellen Glass

Absent/Excused: Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Alex Patsy, Betty Wideman, Bonnie Mathis, Brian Saad, Chad Young, Chris Gehringer, Chris Yeates, Craig Williams, Custis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Ed Benning, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Scott Sutter, Shawnice Dorsey, Sheri Wilkerson, Steven Furh, Steven Katenhus, Teresa Onica, Tom Svrcek, Trevor Block, and Vicki Fishell.

Correction: Scott Sutter, no longer on committee.

Others Present: Amber Abbey, Peter Wingblad, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Jacob Maurer, Caleb Slavik, and Debby Compton.

III. **Minutes** 

***A. **Minutes of the November 7, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Ellen Glass, **supported by** Wendy Jean-Buhrer, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Old Business** 

- A. **Roundabout Implementation Study for Genesee County Intersections Update**
Sharon Gregory advised that staff has received an extension on the funding and this week is working on the draft Request for Proposal (RFP). The draft RFP

should be ready to go to MDOT on Friday, January 10th and staff is looking to release the RFP in February.

V. **New Business** 

A. **Genesee: Our County, Our Future draft plan**

Derek Bradshaw, Sheila Taylor and Jason Nordberg presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Genesee: Our County, Our Future draft plan to the committee. Mr. Bradshaw advised that this presentation is a draft of the plan and staff is looking for comments from this committee on the draft plan. The goal is to get the plan out for public comment in February. Everyone in the office worked on this plan. This is the first combined plan in Michigan. Staff looked at the top sixteen plans in the country before preparing this plan. The plan has to meet federal requirements, however staff wanted to make sure that local officials, community agencies and residents could look at it and understand it as well.

Derek Bradshaw encouraged the committee to look at the plan and contact staff with any comments. Discussion ensued.

***B. **2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Re-affirmation** 

Sharon Gregory stated that the current 2040 LRTP is set to expire on January 21, 2020. The 2045 LRTP will not be approved until July 31, 2020 so staff is looking to get the 2040 LRTP reaffirmed until July 31, 2020 to assure there is a valid LRTP in place at all times. Staff has reviewed the 2040 LRTP and found that the analysis and recommendations of the plan are still valid and applicable for Genesee County at this time. Staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval to the Metropolitan Alliance to reaffirm the 2040 LRTP through July 31, 2020.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Michael Pifer, to recommend approval of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Re-affirmation through July 31, 2020, to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Nordberg introduced the new transportation planner, Caleb Slavik, to the committee.

C. **2020 Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council PASER Training** 

Caleb Slavik advised that the Planning Commission is preparing for PASER training. PASER training is required in order to be eligible for reimbursement through the Transportation Asset Management Council. Individuals can participate in PASER windshield surveys, but to be eligible for reimbursement they are required to attend training. The training consists of a webinar, a classroom setting and then another webinar. Staff is attending the February 25th seminar in Saginaw at the Horizon Conference Center. In 2020, staff will work with MDOT and local road agencies in Genesee County to survey the paved federal-aid and local roads within the county. Zachary Sompels of the

GCMPC office is coordinating the survey so any questions can be directed to him at 810-766-6564 or at zsompels@co.genesee.mi.us.

D. **FY 2019 Listing of Obligated Projects** 

Sharon Gregory stated that staff is required to publish the status of TIP projects within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year. A list of the TIP projects that were obligated, let for bid, under construction, and/or completed during FY 2019 was distributed to the committee and made available to the public. Ms. Gregory advised the committee that these projects represent a \$75.6 million dollar investment into the Genesee County transportation network, and include: \$5.1 million in Bridge Work, \$150,091 in Commuter Services, \$1.9 million in Non-Motorized Facilities, \$48.5 million in Road Restoration/Resurfacing, \$6.4 million in Safety, \$10.7 million in Transit Equipment and Services, \$432,500 in Transit Facility Improvements, and \$2.5 million in other improvements. The complete list of TIP projects is available for review on the GCMPC website at www.gcmopc.org.

***E. **FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4** 

Sharon Gregory advised that TIP amendment #4 adds one (1) project, changes two (2) projects and deletes one (1) project. The deleted project is not really being deleted. It is a Rideshare project that is being reprogrammed with a different number and the funds are not changing. The City of Grand Blanc has a project that is being added, but they are not responsible for the local match as Lake State Railway will be paying the local match for that project. MDOT has two (2) traffic signal modernization projects that are getting some extra funding. The 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. This amendment also meets the Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rules required for the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Staff is recommending endorsement of Amendment #4 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to recommend endorsement of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. **Draft Genesee County Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance** 

Derek Bradshaw and Eric Johnston presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee on the draft Genesee County ORV Ordinance.

Derek Bradshaw advised that with this ordinance in place it becomes a state law and the laws can be enforced.

Eric Johnston reviewed the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) closure criteria. Mr. Johnston advised that the local police will enforce the laws.

The police department doing the traffic stop will receive fifty percent of the fine and the GCRC will receive fifty percent.

There will be a Public Hearing for the ORV Ordinance on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Genesee County Board of Commissioners meeting in the Harris Auditorium.

Discussion ensued.

VI. **Other Business** 

None

VII. **Announcements** 

None

VIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Markland adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

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