

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 1, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020, via Zoom Conference due to Coronavirus concerns.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Johnston called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Chairperson Johnston advised of changes to the agenda. When approving the minutes, approve all past minutes at one time. Under New Business, the Rowe Roundabout Implementation Study Update will be moved to Item A, so the presenters do not have to stay on the call through the remainder of the meeting.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Robert Johnson, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to approve the changes to the October 1, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

II. Roll Call

Present: Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Andy Harris, Chad Young, Derek Bradshaw, Eric Johnson, Fred Peivandi, Jay Reithel, Larry Green, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, Michael Pifer, Robert Johnson, Scott Bennett, Shawnice Dorsey, Tim Elkins, and Trevor Block.

Absent/Excused: Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Betty Wideman, Amber Abbey, Bonnie Mathis, Brian Saad, Chris Yeates, Clarence Goodlein, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Don Mayle, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, 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, Sheri Wilkerson, Steven Furh, Steve Katenhus, Teresa Onica, Thomas Spillane, Vicki Fishell, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Zachary Sompels, and Debby Compton.

III. Minutes

*****A. Minutes of the March 5, 2020 Regular Meeting**

*****B. Minutes of the April 2, 2020 Regular Meeting**

*****C. Minutes of the June 4, 2020 Regular Meeting**

*****D. Minutes of the August 6, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Larry Green, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020, April 2, 2020, June 4, 2020, and August 6, 2020, regular meetings as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

A. Rowe: Roundabout Implementation Study Update

Jack Wheatley and Cheryl Gregory of Rowe Professional Services Company presented a PowerPoint to the committee with a question and answer session following the presentation.

Chairperson Johnston thanked Mr. Wheatley and Ms. Gregory for their presentation.

*****B. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #11**

Sharon Gregory stated that this is revised Amendment #11. Most of the changes are MDOT changes. The City of Fenton had one change. They received TAP money for their non-motorized path, which caused an increase in that project. MDOT has a new project, a pavement marking job on I-75 north and I-69 west. Their revised project is an asphalt project on I-75 north from the Genesee County line to Dort Highway. The project is not getting deleted, but it is getting reprogrammed with a new job number. At this time, staff is recommending endorsement of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #11 from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Larry Green, to recommend endorsement of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #11 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****C. FY 2022 Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects**

Zachary Sompels stated that in May the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) released their Call for Safety projects. Staff requested that anyone applying send us a copy of their application as well so staff could prioritize the applications using the MDOT Time of Return analysis. Staff received twelve (12) local safety projects all from the Genesee County Road Commission.

At this time, staff is recommending approval from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the prioritized list of FY 2022 Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Scott Bennett, to recommend approval of the prioritized list of FY 2022 Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Asset Management Readiness Scale Update

Zachary Sompels stated that Region V partnered with the Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC) to create "The Scale" which is a tool to measure and understand the proficiency of water assets such as wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater. Region V is offering a \$1000.00 grant to eligible agencies who have not yet filled out the scale. The list of qualifying agencies was included in the agenda packet to the committee. Mr. Sompels advised that staff is available to help with any questions.

VI. Other Business

None

VII. Announcements

Jason Nordberg announced to the committee that staff is in the process of cross-training. Jacob Maurer will now be doing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Sharon Gregory will be assisting Jacob with the transition. Along with the Rideshare Program and Region V Program, Sharon will also work to develop the new Air Quality Awareness Program.

Derek Bradshaw advised that staff normally will handle the TIP on a two to four-year basis. Mr. Bradshaw advised that Sharon handled the TIP for seven (7) years and programed over a half billion dollars in that time. Sharon was thanked for all her work on the TIP in those seven years.

Don Mayle thanked Sharon and said it was a pleasure working with her on the TIP.

Max Gierman announced that the resolution for the Fast Act was signed last night. Obligation authority will be available through December 11, 2020.

Don Mayle advised that it is the full amount of allocation for a year, but the obligation authority is only the first quarter's portion through December 11th.

Jason Nordberg stated that this means staff is able to obligate only a quarter of the projects for the year until they pass another continuing resolution, or they pass full legislation. So, if everyone were to submit their projects right now, only a quarter of them would be able to move forward until they increase that authority.

Everyone was encouraged to submit their projects early to try to meet deadlines early.

Don Mayle stated that they fully expect them to pass more resolutions as the December date gets closer. Get your projects in line and as the obligation authority comes in more projects will get obligated.

Alex Patsy announced that the Genesee County Road Commission's Dort Highway project from Cook Road north into the interchange was approved. That project should be complete mid-November. Dan's Excavating was approved to start the south half of that job from Baldwin Road up to Cook Road and that should be complete by end of July next year.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Johnston adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Scott Bennett, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to approve the adjournment of the October 1, 2020, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

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