

**GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, via a ZOOM Conference due to COVID Concerns.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

<b><u>UNIT REPRESENTED</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>
Genesee County City of Burton		Commissioner Ted Henry Danny Wells Gregory Fenner
City of Clio	Duane Mosher	Eric Wiederhold Bonnie Bare Leigh LaForest Patricia Lockwood Sean Sage Mayor Sheldon Neeley John Daly Mark Adas Brooke Good
City of Davison City of Fenton		Mayor Susan Soderstrom Ray Culbert Ellen Glass
City of Flint		Steve Sorensen James Freeman
City of Flushing City of Grand Blanc	Chris Douglas	Robert Plumb Dennis Cramer Brian Saad Leslie Renckly
City of Linden		Tere Onica
City of Montrose City of Mt. Morris	Mark Richard	Tom Spillane Matthew Karr Rhonda Clark
City of Swartz Creek	John Gilbert	
Argentine Township		
Atlas Township	Paulette Johnson	
Clayton Township	Shelley Thompson	
Davison Township		

Fenton Township		Robert Kesler
	Andrew Marko Christine Reid	
Flint Township		Karyn Miller
	John Whiteside	
Flushing Township	Jenifer Almassy Bill Bain	
Forest Township		Frederick Thorsby
Gaines Township		Mary Ann Price Lee Purdy Matt Davis Diane Hyrman
Genesee Township	Tod Sorensen Robin Ackerman	
Grand Blanc Township		Al Mansour
	Monica Shapiro Tom Tithof	
Montrose Township		Mark Emmendorfer Brian Baxter
Mt. Morris Township		
	Robert Johnson	Michael Dunklee
Mundy Township	Dan Morey Shane Towne	
Richfield Township		Kay Doerr
Thetford Township	Gerry Masters	Gary Stevens Mike LaPointe
Vienna Township		
Goodrich Village		Doug McAbee Angie Adamec Tim Light
Otisville Village		
Otter Lake Village		Joan Skias
Lennon Village		
Gaines Village		Emily Alexander Valerie Delauter Melissa Neal Andrea Dewey Aaron Dawson Jeff Wright
Federal Highway Admin		
Gen Cty Drain Comm		
Gen Cty Road Comm	Alex Patsy	
GCMPC	Derek Bradshaw	
Mass Trans Authority	Ed Benning Shawnice Dorsey	
Mich Dept of Trans		Anita Boughner
	Jay Reithel	

Steven Katenhus  
Trevor Block

**Others Present:** Jason Nordberg, Jacob Maurer, and Debby Compton.

#### **IV. Minutes**

##### **\*\*\*A. Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Gerald Masters, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Motion Carried unanimously.

#### **V. Finances**

##### **\*\*\*A. FY 2021 Dues for Local Units and to Pay Secretarial**

Tod Sorensen advised that the Executive Committee met to discuss the membership dues for Local Units and to pay the secretary. The Executive Committee recommends continuing the \$150.00 dues assessment for the Local Units, of which there are thirty-one (31) units at \$150.00 with an estimated cost of \$4,650.00. After dues are collected \$4,350.00 will be transferred to GCMPC for FY 2021 secretarial costs. At this time, the Executive Committee is recommending a motion to assess the dues at \$150.00 per unit and pay the secretarial \$4,350.00 once the dues are collected.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tod Sorensen, **Supported by** John Gilbert, to approve the FY 2021 dues for local units (31) at \$150.00 and to pay secretarial \$4,350 once all dues have been collected.

Motion carried unanimously.

##### **\*\*\*B. Financial Report**

Tod Sorensen reviewed the financial statement ending September 30, 2020.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Bain, **Supported by** Gerald Masters, to approve the financial statement as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **VI. New Business**

Rowe was not available at this time, so the committee moved to Item B.

##### **A. Rowe: Roundabout Implementation Study Update**

Cheryl Gregory presented a PowerPoint to the committee.

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

Jacob Maurer advised that TIP Amendment #11 changes one (1) project for the City of Fenton. They have an increase in federal funds from a grant they received from MDOT. The TIP also adds three (3) MDOT projects and abandons one (1) project. 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. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval for the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #11 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gerald Masters, **Supported by** Paulette Johnson, to approve the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #11 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jacob Maurer stated that earlier this year the Michigan Department of Transportation released their Call for Projects for the FY 2022 Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects. The applications were due to MDOT in July and staff had asked this committee for permission to rank the applications based on the Time of Return Analysis. In your agenda packet there are twelve (12) projects that staff received from the Genesee County Road Commission. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval for the prioritized list through the attached resolution that was also included in your agenda packet for the FY 2022 Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance and the approval for Chairperson Johnson to sign the resolution.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Gerald Masters, to approve the FY 2022 Safety and High Risk Rural Road Projects as presented and the approval of Chairperson Johnson to sign the Resolution of Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Asset Management Readiness Scale Update**

Jacob Maurer stated that the Asset Management Readiness Assessment Scale was a project carried out in partnership with GLS region V. Region V has a grant opportunity for asset owners in the three counties (including Genesee County) to complete this Readiness Assessment Scale. It is completely voluntary, but highly encouraged. Staff has received a few responses, but is making a big push through the months of October and November. A list of Asset Owners in Genesee County has been attached to your agenda packet. Questions should be directed to staff members Jacob Maurer or Zachary Sompels.

**Motion to add Item E under New Business: Resolution to Affirm Actions, Declarations and Resolutions of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance since March 10, 2020**

Jason Nordberg advised that staff is recommending approval to add Item E to the agenda under New Business: Resolution to Affirm Actions, Decisions, and Resolution of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance since March 10, 2020.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Gilbert, **Supported by** Jenifer Almassy, to approve adding Item E under New Business: Resolution to Affirm Actions, Decisions, and Resolution of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance since March 10, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Resolution to Affirm Actions, Decisions, and Resolution of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance since March 10, 2020**

Jason Nordberg stated that on March 10, 2020 the State declared an Emergency Executive Order and then on March 13, 2020, there was a local State of Emergency declared at the county level. Once the State of Emergencies were put in place this committee began to meet virtually. The State Supreme Court has now stated that after the extension of those executive orders, everything that was put into place is no longer in effect.

Even though the new legislation states that all actions taken by committees from March 10, 2020 to the present are still in effect, staff wants to put a resolution in place. The resolution states that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance does ratify and affirm the actions, decisions, and resolutions made by the committee since March 10, 2020 to the present. The resolution is attached.

At this time, staff is requesting approval of the resolution that would ratify and affirm the actions taken since the emergency was declared.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Gilbert, **Supported by** Jenifer Almassy, to approve the Resolution to Affirm Actions, Decisions, and Resolutions of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance since March 10, 2020 as presented and the approval for Chairperson Johnson to sign the resolution.

Bill Bain stated that he is concerned with the county making this resolution in light of the Governor's executive orders being deemed illegal and unconstitutional by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Jason Nordberg stated that the new legislation that was passed had a blanket coverage for any action taken by any local municipality since March 10, 2020, so that legislation does cover everything retroactively back to March 10, 2020. This action is just another coverage for GCMPC. Staff is just looking to have something in place through the committee.

**No:** Bill Bain.

Motion carried.

At this time, the Committee returned to Item A for the Rowe Roundabout Implementation Study.

**VII. Announcements**

None

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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