

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2022 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ed Benning called the meeting to order at approximately 1:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Jason Nordberg announced that a sign-in sheet would be used for today's official roll call. No verbal roll call was done.

Present: Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Ed Benning, Eric Johnston, Brian Stark, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, and Shawnice Dorsey

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Amber Abbey, Brian Saad, Brian Ulman, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Christina Ignasiak, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dan Eashoo, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Ellen Glass, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jay Reithel, Jolena Sanders-Sim, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Michael Pifer, Michelle King, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Robert Bincsik, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Sheri Wilkerson, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Thomas Spillane, Tim Elkins, Tonya Ketzler, Vadice Burgett, Vicki Fishell, Vince Lorraine and Wendy Jean-Buhrer

Others Present: Jason Nordberg, Alicia Williams, Renate Soto, Robert Johnson, and Rod McGaha.

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the September 1, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Lynn Markland, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. FY 2024 List of Approved Safety Projects

Ms. Williams stated that during the month of September, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) released a list of Safety Projects and High-Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Projects for FY 2024. There were 10 projects that were selected for Genesee County for the Safety Project program, one from the City of Burton and the other nine were Genesee County Road Commission projects. Ms. Williams stated the total Federal funds received for these projects was \$663,398.00 and there will be a future amendment to the TIP to

include these projects. If you have any questions regarding the approved safety projects, please contact Alicia Williams.

V. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3**

Ms. Williams stated this amendment adds one project and changes one project in the FY 2023-2026 TIP. The project being added is an MDOT multi-county asphalt crack treatment used for preventative maintenance. The project that is changing is an MTA Transit Operating project that had an increase in Federal funds and State funds as requested. At this time, staff is recommending the endorsement of attached Amendment #3 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Eric Johnston, **Supported by** Mark Adas, to approve Amendment #3 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

B. FY 2023 State Safety Targets

Ms. Williams stated in September, MDOT released the statewide safety targets for 2023 as required to meet annual performance measure requirements. Metropolitan Alliance had previously adopted the 2022 targets as they were presented last year. Ms. Williams explained the five statewide performance targets have been listed with a baseline of 2017-2021. Staff is currently reviewing Genesee County crash data and will provide a recommendation for the 2023 safety at a future meeting. Reach out to Alicia Williams with any questions.

*****C. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #27**

Ms. Williams stated that with Amendment #27, we are abandoning two City of Flint Projects per the request of the City. The construction phase of Saginaw Street from Atherton Road to Oakley Street is being completely abandoned. The PE phase of Twelfth Street from Fenton Road to Grand Traverse will be paid for by the City of Flint. Altogether, Genesee County lost \$450,722.00 in federal funds. At this time, staff is recommending the endorsement of Amendment #27 to the FY 2020-2023 TIP from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Lynn Markland, **Supported by** Eric Johnston, to approve Amendment #27 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Markland stated that he would like to thank the MTA for the trolley service they started in the City of Fenton. There has been a lot of support and conversation regarding this through social media, etc. and the service has been very well received throughout the community.

Mr. Nordberg stated that staff members, Alicia Williams and Joe Russell are leaving the GCMPC as they have accepted employment at other sites closer to their homes. Ms. Williams' last day is 10/21/22 and Mr. Russell's last day will be 10/14/22, so please direct any correspondence to Jason Nordberg at this time. Mr. Nordberg congratulated them on their new positions.

Mr. Benning stated that he wanted to follow up on Mr. Markland's announcement regarding the trolley service. Mr. Benning explained that his close friend gave 2 trolleys to the MTA. The MTA wanted to put one in a suburban setting to see what the public reaction would be and if people would utilize the service. It has been very well received in the City of Fenton. Mr. Benning stated if there is enough interest, an attempt would be made to move it to other communities and possibly expand on the program. Mr. Benning stated that he is excited for the potential in the future.

Mr. Benning continued on that there is \$10 billion available for the formation of hydrogen hubs around the country. MTA may become the Midwest hub for this, with the minimum grant in the amount of \$500 million. In the future, a green liquid fuel line will be run across I-69, and the MTA could tie into that line. Mr. Benning stated that the MTA has partners such as Chrysler, Kettering University, Michigan Technological University and University of Michigan. This is a huge endeavor and MTA is very excited about the possibilities of this program.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Benning adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Soto, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission