

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, November 5, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2020, via a Zoom Conference due to the COVID 19 concerns.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Present: Derek Bradshaw, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnston, Jay Reithel, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, Michael Pifer, Shawnice Dorsey, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Absent: Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Andy Harris, Betty Wideman, Amber Abbey, Bonnie Mathis, Brian Saad, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Clarence Goodlein, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Don Mayle, Ed Benning, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Fred Peivandi, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Larry Green, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Robert Johnson, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Sheri Wilkerson, Steven Furh, Steve Katenhus, Teresa Onica, Thomas Spillane, Tim Elkins, Trevor Block, and Vicki Fishell.

Others Present: Anita Boughner, Jack Wheatley, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Jacob Maurer, Zachary Sompels, and Debby Compton.

III. Minutes

*****A. Minutes of the October 1, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Mark Adas, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Genesee County Roundabout Implementation Study Update

Sharon Gregory advised that Rowe Engineering began their skim analysis with 3,600 intersections. During the month of November, Rowe is working on a secondary analysis to decrease that amount and get closer to a number of intersections where roundabouts would be beneficial. At this time staff is looking for comments. The Committee was encouraged to email Sharon Gregory, or go to the GCMPC website and click on the Facebook link, or go to our Community Remarks page at communityremarks.com/genesee and click on the map where you think a roundabout might work and leave your comments. Staff would like all comments by Friday, November 6, 2020, if possible.

Eric Johnston stated that the Genesee County Road Commission will be meeting with Rowe next week.

Jack Wheatley from Rowe Engineering advised they are willing to meet with anyone to discuss intersections in detail. They are about 95% done with the skim analysis and about 10% into the secondary analysis. There are about 248 intersections that came out of the skim analysis that will go on to the secondary analysis. Intersection criteria was discussed, including federal-aid eligibility, gravel road approaches, crashes, and non-freeway roads. To narrow down intersections in the secondary analysis, the criteria will look at site constraints such as proximity to a railroad, location relative to a signal timed corridor, local road approach versus major road approach, and the existence of other funding initiatives. Rowe is working with MDOT's, Jay Reithel to review the state (M) roads.

V. New Business

*****A. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #12**

Jacob Maurer advised that TIP amendment #12 is deleting one project and changing one project. The roundabout in the City of Flushing is being deleted and the Genesee County Road Commission's Hill Road project is changing. The project will move to 2023 and will use the funds abandoned by the deleted City of Flushing 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 and meets the Clean Air Act. At this time staff is recommending endorsement of Amendment #12 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Lynn Markland, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to recommend endorsement of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #12 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets

Zachary Sompels stated that on Aug 31, 2020, the Michigan Department of Transportation released statewide safety targets for calendar year 2021. The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) previously adopted the 2020 Statewide Safety Targets last year. GCMA has until February 27, 2021 to either adopt the statewide targets or set our own local targets. Staff is in the process of reviewing the local crash trends and will make a recommendation in December to this committee. Mr. Sompels presented a PowerPoint of Crash Trends. Discussion ensued.

*****C. 2021 Meeting Dates**

Chairperson Johnston stated that the 2021 meeting dates were included in your agenda packet. The meeting dates will remain on the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. except January which will be held on the second Thursday of the month.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Jay Reithel, to approve the 2021 meeting dates as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****D. FY 2021 Unified Work Program Amendment 1**

Jason Nordberg advised that staff is proposing to move \$10,000 from TSM Activity Coordination to Model Maintenance and Analysis. There is no change in the amount of the UWP, just changing the way it is being charged. At this time staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee provide a recommendation of approval for Amendment 1 to the FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP) to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Adas, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to recommend approval for the FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP) Amendment 1 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. FY 2021 Federal Funding Allocations Update

Jacob Maurer advised that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) let staff know we are receiving a reduced amount of federal allocation for the FY 2021 projects. Staff looked at all the projects and made reductions according to the proportion of the total amount of federal funding. None of the projects had been obligated yet so staff was able to make the changes administratively and present them to the committee.

Jason Nordberg stated that this is typically what staff has done in the past, spread the reduction fairly over the projects based on how much money you received originally. As far as we know it will not be reduced any more.

Anita Boughner advised that it was reduced because typically we are a donor state. Each state gets back at least 95% of what they put into the federal pot. Texas typically puts in a lot more, so to get them up to the 95% everyone has to contribute across the board to make sure they are whole. This year Colorado had a deficit in addition to Texas. So, each state had to give up federal funds to make Colorado whole. Discussion ensued.

VI. Other Business

None

VII. Announcements

Jason Nordberg announced that GCMPC staff, Cody Roblyer, and Katie Mehl have started to work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Genesee County. Staff will be reaching out to the municipalities to participate in the plan by completing surveys and data requests. When a disaster happens and funding becomes available to mitigate its effects, you must have a plan already in place in order to receive that type of funding. That is why a hazard mitigation plan is so important. Staff is moving forward to make sure we have a plan in place for the future so we can capture that funding if needed.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: Action: Approve, Chairperson Johnston moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 p.m., supported by Ellen Glass, to approve the adjournment of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Chairperson Johnston announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at 1:30 p.m.

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