

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 2, 2023 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lynn Markland called the meeting to order at approximately 1:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Alex Patsy, Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Ed Benning, Eric Johnston, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, Michael Pifer, Michelle King, and Shirley Kautman-Jones

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Brian Saad, Brian Ulman, Chad Young, Chris Gehringer, Chris Yeates, Christina Nicholaides, 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-Sims, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Robert Bincsik, Rod McGaha, Scott Bennett, Shawnice Dorsey, Sheri Wilkerson, Thomas Spillane, Tonya Ketzler, Vadice Burgett, Vicki Fishell, Vince Lorraine, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Kris Garris, Trevor Vincke, Don Grice, Robert Johnson, Jeff Bagdade, and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

***** A. Minutes of the October 5, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Eric Johnston, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. FY 2025 List of Approved Safety Projects

Mr. Kris Garris stated in the Spring, MDOT released their call for Safety Projects for FY 2025. In October, MDOT released the approved list of Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP) and High-Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Projects. The Genesee County Road Commission received four project awards across the two grant programs totaling \$880,200 in federal

funds. Staff will update the TIP to include these safety projects once they are programmed by MDOT. Mr. Garris reviewed the four projects with the Committee.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024 State Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Garris updated the Committee regarding the 2024 State Safety Performance Measures. In October, MDOT provided MPOs with the statewide safety targets for the 2024 calendar year as required by the FAST Act. Previously, Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) adopted Statewide targets for 2023 and in years prior to that as well. GCMA has a deadline of February 27, 2024, to either adopt the statewide targets or set our own targets. The five statewide performance targets are Fatalities, Fatality Rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), Serious Injuries, Serious Injury Rate per 100 million VMT, and Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries. Staff is currently reviewing local crash trends in Genesee County to see how they relate to these statewide trends. Staff will provide recommendations for approval from the Committee at the December meeting.

B. FY 2024-2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Allocation Adjustments

Mr. Garris stated that the Flint/Genesee County Transportation Management Area (TMA) received new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) allocation estimates for FY 2024 – FY 2026. Genesee County will see a reduction in TAP funding of approximately \$590,000 over the next three fiscal years. This is a direct result of the Urban Census Boundary changes discussed in prior meetings. In order to remain fiscally constrained, the federal funding programmed in FY 2024-2026, must be reduced. Staff is currently working with local road agencies to ensure the fiscal constraints are met. Discussion ensued.

*****C. FY 2024-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #12**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated this Amendment changes one 2026 road commission project, abandons one road commission project which will be moved to FY 2027 due to the new Transportation Alternative Program estimates, and adds two transit projects to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. At this time, staff is recommending approval of Amendment #12 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** Michael Pifer, to approve Amendment #12 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. US-23 Corridor Traffic Study Update

Ms. Dutkiewicz provided an update on the US-23 Corridor Traffic Study stating a request for proposals (RFP) was released in July. Four consultants attended a required pre-bid meeting, however, just one bid was received. That one candidate was then interviewed by the Study Evaluation Committee and scored. On October 18th, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners approved and signed the contract for Rowe Professional Engineering Services to begin working on the US-23 Corridor Traffic Study. The contract and resolution were forwarded to MDOT for final authorization. In person and virtual meetings will be scheduled over the next several months with an estimated completion date of September 2024.

*****E. 2024 Meeting Dates**

Mr. Jacob Maurer reviewed the proposed 2024 meeting dates.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Eric Johnston, to approve the proposed 2024 Meeting dates.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. I-75 Corridor Study Presentation – Atkins

Mr. Jeff Bagdade with Atkins Realis, the consultant company that is working with MDOT to prepare the I-75 Pilot Corridor Plan, presented an overview of the Plan. He went over the Project Overview including Project Goals, the Study Area, Approach Tasks and Stakeholder Engagement; the Corridor Plan Scope including Travel Demand Modeling, Travel Time Reliability, Complete Streets, Safety, Equity, Environmental Scan, Goals and Objectives, Needs Analysis Process, and Solutions and Strategies; and reviewed the key dates and next steps of the Study. Discussion ensued.

G. I-475 Reconstruction Update – MDOT

Mr. Trevor Vincke from MDOT-Davison TSC introduced himself and provided an update on the I-475 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. Mr. Vincke gave an Overview of the PEL Study including the Rebuilding Process, the limits, purpose and needs of the Study, Preliminary Design Alternatives, Cost Considerations and Grant Application process, and a summary of the North Segment Project. Mr. Vincke reviewed the PEL Study project schedule and key dates for the North, Middle and South Projects and provided contact information if any Committee members have questions about the PEL or would like more information. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Eric Johnston announced that the Genesee County Road Commission named Mr. Alex Patsy as the new Director of Engineering.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Markland adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:30 pm.

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