

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, in an in-person meeting in the Human Resources Training Room (G51) of the Genesee County Administration Building.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

UNIT REPRESENTED

Genesee County

City of Burton

City of Clio

City of Davison

City of Fenton

City of Flint

City of Flushing

City of Grand Blanc

City of Linden

City of Montrose

City of Mt. Morris

City of Swartz Creek

MEMBERS PRESENT

Duane Mosher

Patricia Lockwood

Chris Douglas

Pamela Howd

Mark Richard

John Gilbert
Nate Henry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale K. Weighill
Martin L. Cousineau
Greg Hull
Tom Martinbianco

Eric Wiederhold
Josh Westfall
Mayor Tim Bishop

Mayor Sheldon Neeley
Rodney McGaha
Mark Adas
Brooke Good

Susan Soderstrom
Don Becker

Danielle Cusson

Aaron Burch
Steven Sorenson
Mayor Sara Dubey

Charles Campbell

Argentine Township		Brian Saad Kyle Kurtz Shirley Kautman-Jones
Atlas Township	Paulette Johnson	
Clayton Township		Katie Vick Shelley Thompson Tom Spillane Matthew Karr Travis Howell
Davison Township		
Fenton Township	Kade Katrak	Andrew Marko Vince Lorraine Karyn Miller
Flint Township	John Whiteside	Tracey Tucker
Flushing Township	Bill Bain	Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price Rocky Fowler Lee Purdy Diane Hyrman Tod Sorensen
Forest Township Gaines Township		
Genesee Township	Robin Ackerman	Joel Feick
Grand Blanc Township	Loren Crandell	Mark Emmendorfer
Montrose Township	Tom Tithof Robert Johnson Brian Baxter	
Mt. Morris Township		Dewayn Allen Kimberly Jimenez Michael Simon
Mundy Township	Debra Ridley	Leonard Marden Connie Chirich Rachel Stanke Nancy Belill Sherry Moore
Richfield Township		
Thetford Township Vienna Township Goodrich Village	Angie Adamec	Keith Walworth Vadice Burgett David Dorr Terry Gill
Otisville Village Otter Lake Village		
Lennon Village Gaines Village		Samuel Stiff Bruce Ferris Valerie Delauty
Federal Highway Admin	Christina Ignasiak	

Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm
GCMPC

Alex Patsy
Derek Bradshaw

Jeff Wright

Mass Trans Authority

Shawnice Dorsey

Christine Durgan
Ed Benning

Mich Dept of Trans

Brian C. Ulman

Jay Reithel

Trevor Vincke

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Nordberg and Renate Soto.

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2023 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Patricia Lockwood, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

NONE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

VIII. FINANCES

NONE

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Federal Transportation Planning Certification Review of Genesee County (FHWA Presentation

Christina Ignasiak gave a presentation as part of the Certification Review and announced the Federal staff team members that conducted this year's review and went over the purpose of the review. This review is conducted every 4 years and is a review of

the entire transportation planning process at GCMPC, including civil rights, environmental, and financial. The review team, which includes FTA (Federal Transit Administration) and FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) staff members, speaks with MDOT, our transit partners and others, and is conducted in all regions that have a population over 200,000. This process will determine if the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) is Certified, Certified subject to corrective actions, or Not Certified. Ms. Ignasiak stated that comments are welcome and encouraged and can be made at today's meeting, or by email or mail through March 1, 2023. Ms. Ignasiak gave brief overviews of some of the key planning documents that are used in the planning process which include the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Public Participation Plan (PPP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the System Performance Report. She pointed out that GCMPC is incorporating housing as it relates to transportation, which is a unique component in the planning process. Ms. Ignasiak went over the Certification Review timeline which includes the Desk Review, Virtual "on-site", and Public Input (on-going) as well as what is forthcoming; the Final Report of Findings expected in May or June, and a Committee Presentation in early summer. Discussion ensued.

B. I-475 Project Update and Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study (MDOT Presentation)

Brian Ulman gave an update on the I-475 PEL Study, including the I-475 Rebuilding Corridor Process, Study limits and timeline, Feedback received, Alternatives and Next Steps. Mr. Ulman stated that MDOT is currently in the process of completing the PEL Study and then will be moving onto Environmental and Design Studies, followed by Construction Plans, Right of Way and Utility Coordination and finally Construction. The PEL Study limits include the entire length of I-475 and are broken down into North Segment, Middle Segment, and South Segment. Mr. Ulman reviewed the PEL Study timeline, going over the components that have been completed, what is to come, and the various meetings that have taken place and how the feedback that was gathered at those meetings was incorporated into the Study. He reviewed the Project Purpose and Needs and explained that through information gathered, some Preliminary Design Alternatives were created, including Modifying the Existing Freeway, a Reduced Footprint Freeway and an Urban Boulevard Alternative. He stated that MDOT is working closely with the FHWA on the PEL Study and the goal is to have it completed and delivered sometime in Winter 2023. After the PEL Study is completed, next steps would include Environmental Review and Design, Final Design, Potential Letting and Construction with a goal to be Open for Traffic in Fall 2025 for the North Segment and Fall 2027 for the Middle and South Segments. Originally this project was scoped to have a cost of approximately \$300 million but with the possible design alternatives, this could increase costs to about \$700 million. MDOT will continue to look for ways to fund this project, including pursuing grants. Questions, comments, concerns or suggestions can be directed to Brian Ulman or Trevor Vincke. Discussion ensued.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Appointment of the Nominating Committee to Prepare a Slate of Officers for Elections in March

Chairperson Johnson stated that he would be appointing Bill Bain, John Whiteside and Paulette Johnson as the Nominating Committee to Prepare a Slate of Officers for a March election. Mr. Nordberg stated that all officers are up for election, including Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer; these positions are elected every year. Two of the six Trustee positions are up for election as well, this would include Mark Richard and John Gilbert. Please email Jason Nordberg, if any existing officers or trustees are still interested in these positions as well as any other Committee members that are interested in running for election. The nominating committee will meet prior to the next METRO meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria on the basement floor. If just the current slate of officers are interested in the positions up for re-election and there are no opposing running members, then those current officers/trustees would be elected by acclimation and no votes would be necessary. If there are opposing running members, a vote would take place and the votes would be tallied by the Nomination Committee.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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