

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Third Floor, Flint, Michigan.

I. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 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

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

Duane Mosher

Patricia Lockwood

Brooke Good

Mark Richard

John Gilbert
Robert Plumb

Commissioner Ted Henry
Danny Wells
Gregory Fenner

Eric Wiederhold
Bonnie Bare
Leigh LaForest

Sean Sage
Mayor Sheldon Neeley
John Daly
Mark Adas

Chris Douglas

Mayor Susan Soderstrom
Ray Culbert

Ellen Glass

Steve Sorensen
James Freeman

Dennis Cramer

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| Argentine Township | | Brian Saad Leslie Renckly |
| Atlas Township | Paulette Johnson | |
| Clayton Township | | Tere Onica Shelley Thompson |
| Davison Township | Tom Spillane | |
| Fenton Township | | Matthew Karr Rhonda Clark Robert Kesler |
| | Andrew Marko Christine Reid | |
| Flint Township | | Karyn Miller |
| | John Whiteside | |
| Flushing Township | Jenifer Almassy Bill Bain | Tracey Tucker |
| 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 | |
| Montrose Township | Tom Tithof | |
| Mt. Morris Township | Brian Baxter Robert Johnson | Mark Emmendorfer |
| Mundy Township | Dan Morey Shane Towne | Michael Dunklee |
| Richfield Township | | Kay Doerr Gerry Masters Gary Stevens Mike LaPointe Pam Faris Kerry Paulson Doug McAbee |
| Thetford Township | | |
| Vienna Township | | |
| Goodrich Village | | |
| | Angie Adamec | |
| Otisville Village | | Tim Light |
| Otter Lake Village | | |
| Lennon Village | | Joan Skias |
| Gaines Village | | Emily Alexander Valerie Delauter Melissa Neal Andrea Dewey |
| Federal Highway Admin | | |

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| Gen Cty Drain Comm | | Aaron Dawson |
| Gen Cty Road Comm | Alex Patsy | Jeff Wright |
| GCMPC | Derek Bradshaw | |
| Mass Trans Authority | | Ed Benning |
| Mich Dept of Trans | Shawnice Dorsey | Anita Boughner |
| | | Jay Reithel |
| | Steven Katenhus | |
| | Trevor Block | |

Others Present: Paul Adegba, Jocelyn Hall, Eric Mullen, Melissa Craigmile, Fred Peivandi, Matt Raysin, Jason Nordberg, Jacob Maurer and Debby Compton.

IV. **Minutes**

***A. **Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Plumb, **supported by** Tom Tithof, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. **Introduction of Guests**

A. **Rebuilding Michigan: 2020-2024 Revised Five-Year Transportation Program Project List**

Chairperson Johnson introduced the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Davison Transportation Service Center (TSC) Manager, Steve Katenhus.

Steve Katenhus introduced MDOT Director, Paul Ajegba.

Mr. Ajegba stated that he was appointed by the Governor last year as MDOT Director. The Governor, Mr. Ajegba and other top officials went around the state trying to promote the idea of why something needs to be done right away to fix the roads. A lot of the infrastructure is in a critical state where something has to be done. There was no movement on new road funding through the legislature so the Governor decided to issue a bond for the funding because she has the power to do that. There are forty-nine (49) major projects that are funded through the bond program. The focus was on the most highly traveled roadways. What this means to Flint is an investment of about 300 million dollars. Because MDOT is bonded to do these forty-nine (49) projects, they be able to advance about another seventy-three (73) projects, for a total of one hundred and twenty-two (122) projects. Another one million dollars will be added to come to Flint over this five-to-seven year period. When MDOT is done with these projects the public is going to see a significant improvement. The bulk of the money will be spent in 2022.

Mr. Ajegba introduced the Davison TSC Cost and Scheduling Engineer, Trevor Block.

Trevor Block stated that he handles all of MDOT's projects when they are in the development phase and keeps an eye on the condition of the roadways and

helps select which type of fixes are going to be asked for on each of the roadways on the upcoming Call for Projects programming areas.

Mr. Block presented a PowerPoint of the projects that MDOT will be working on over the next five (5) to seven (7) years. Genesee County alone will see about 500 million with the additional bond funding over the next five (5) years. The I-475 north bound section is the pilot project for the fifty (50) year lifespan Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) section.

Mr. Block discussed future projects, bond funding projects, 2024 & 2025 projects as well as bridge projects.

Mr. Block also discussed the I-75 reconstruction of US-23 to M-21, including I-69 interchange reconfiguration to take care of a highly congested route.

Mr. Block shared his contact information with the committee.

There was a Question & Answer session following Mr. Block's presentation.

- Mr. Ajegba advised that there will be enough contractors to do the work and the economy is doing well so contractors will follow the money.
- Mr. Ajegba stated that Michigan has challenges with toll roads because people are going to take alternate roads. Michigan has to do a study on having toll roads and after the study will have to share the results with the legislature.
- Mr. Ajegba noted that funding to pay the bonds in the future will come from MDOT funding sources. Links to the listing of bond projects were provided with the agenda.
- There are no plans at this time to do a road diet on M-21.

Chairperson Johnson thanked MDOT Director, Mr. Ajegba, Steve Katenhus and Trevor Block for their presentation and for coming to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance and speaking to the committee.

VI. **Public Comment**

None

VII. **Public Hearing**

None

VIII. **Finances**

None

IX. **Committee Reports**

None

X. **Old Business**

A. **Roundabout Implementation Study for Genesee County Intersections Update**

Jacob Maurer stated that MDOT has approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) language. The RFP language is now in the Purchasing Office and it is expected to be approved this week. The RFP should be released to the public shortly after.

B. **2020 PASER Training**

Jacob Maurer advised that staff will be attending the PASER training session on February 25th at the Saginaw location. GCMPC staff will be working with MDOT and local road agencies (LRA) in Genesee County to survey the federal-aid and local roads within the county this year. LRAs will need to attend PASER training if they plan to participate in the 2020 survey and would like to be reimbursed for their time.

Alex Patsy stated that this training is good especially for someone just starting out. He indicated that the Saginaw location is the closest session around Genesee County and it fills up fast, so interested parties should register right away.

XI. **New Business**

***A. **FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #5**

Jacob Maurer stated that this TIP amendment was included in your agenda packet. This amendment adds nine (9) projects, deletes two (2) projects and changes eight (8) projects. The nine (9) added projects are mostly MDOT projects that were talked about tonight with the bond program. Two (2) are Genesee County Road Commission projects. One of the deleted projects has funds that are being reallocated to another non-motorized trail project in Genesee County. 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. This amendment also meets the Clean Air Act. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #5 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Paulette Johnson, **supported by** John Gilbert, to approve the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #5 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. **2020 Trail Count Survey Request**

Jacob Maurer proudly stated that GCMPC staff is in the fourth year of collecting non-motorized trail counts in Genesee County. The counter is usually placed for two (2) weeks at a time. This is good information for local agencies to use when looking for funding. Mr. Maurer presented slides on the different reports that can be collected from these trail count surveys. Discussion ensued.

C. **Genesee: Our County, Our Future Update**

Jacob Maurer advised that this plan serves as the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for Genesee County and gets updated every four to five years. Staff met with MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) late last month and received some good feedback. They thought it was a bold take and a different design and another way to look at these plans. It not only talks about Transportation but Community Development and Solid Waste Management as well. For our next steps, MDOT and FHWA suggested that staff could beef up the technical reports that support the main document and showcase how well Genesee County is already doing in some areas and include further information in the document. Staff is looking at early March to begin the 30-day comment period.

D. **Interactive Visual Mapping of Regional Trails**

Jacob Maurer presented a tutorial of the Non-Motorized trails and waterways. This project was not only done for Genesee County, but staff also helped coordinate for the entire seven-county Thumb Region in Michigan. The idea was to showcase why someone would want to live here, move here and bring their family to this region. This interactive visual mapping can be added to a community's website. This site can be reached by going to www.Terrain360.com or the GCMPC website at www.gcmnpc.org.

XII. **Other Business**

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

Chairperson Johnson announced that John Whiteside, John Gilbert and Bill Bain will serve on the Nominating Committee with Bill Bain serving as the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Anyone interested in running for an officer position or one of the three (3) trustee positions should let Debby, Bill Bain, John Gilbert or John Whiteside know. Chairperson Johnson advised that there will be a Nominating Committee meeting before the regularly scheduled March Metro meeting.

XIII. **Announcements**

Derek Bradshaw mentioned the "How to Negotiate a Waste Contract for your Community" training session taking place on Friday, February 21st. Mr. Bradshaw advised that there are a few open seats still available. Attendees were advised to let Debby know after tonight's meeting if interested in attending.

Derek Bradshaw presented the GCMPC Annual Report.

Derek Bradshaw acknowledged that there will be Recycle Days coming up this year, however contracts have not been signed yet so dates and locations will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

XIV. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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