

**GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 20, 2019**

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 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:

<b><u>UNIT REPRESENTED</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>
Genesee County City of Burton		Commissioner Ted Henry Thomas Martinbianco Danny Wells
City of Clio	Duane Mosher	Eric Wiederhold Reuben Garcia Leigh LaForest
City of Davison City of Fenton City of Flint	Patricia Lockwood	Mayor Karen Weaver Robert Bincsik Betty Wideman
City of Flushing	George Gray	
City of Grand Blanc	Chris Douglas	John Crawford Mayor Susan Soderstrom Ray Culbert Paul Zelenak
City of Linden		
City of Montrose City of Mt. Morris City of Swartz Creek	Mark Richard  John Gilbert Robert Plumb Dennis Cramer	William Daniels

Argentine Township		Brian Saad Leslie Renckly Paulette Johnson Tere Onica Shelley Thompson
Atlas Township		
Clayton Township		
Davison Township	Chris Gehringer	Matthew Karr
Fenton Township	Rhonda Clark	Vince Lorraine
Flint Township	Andrew Marko	Robert Kesler Karyn Miller
Flushing Township	John Whiteside	Tracey Tucker Jenifer Almassy
Forest Township	Bill Bain	Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price
Gaines Township		Lee Purdy
Genesee Township	Matt Davis	Diane Hyrman
Grand Blanc Township	Tod Sorensen Cheryl Woughter	Al Mansour Monica Shapiro Tom Tithof Mark Emmendorfer
Montrose Township		
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson Brian Baxter	
Mundy Township		Michael Dunklee Kay Doerr
Richfield Township	Mark Gorton	
Theftord Township	Dan Morey Gerry Masters	Gary Stevens Rachel Stanke David Cain Kerry Paulson Doug McAbee Tim Light
Vienna Township		
Goodrich Village		
Otisville Village		
Otter Lake Village		Joan Skias



CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING AT 7:04 p.m.

**B. Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan**

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING AT 7:05 p.m.

Maurice Ryan of Linden, Michigan stated that he and his wife Cynthia have been life-long Genesee County residents. They purchased their home in Argentine Township thirty-eight years ago. Mr. Ryan stated that he is going to be talking about the non-motorized pathway in Argentine Township running along Silver Lake Road from Chestnut Way through the Linden Schools Campus to Haviland Beach Drive, a project on the 2014 Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Plan document taken from the GCMPC website. Mr. Ryan also stated that he had a letter that him and Mrs. Ryan wrote that he would be reading from and they would like entered into the minutes. A copy of the letter was given to the Chair and Secretary. The Ryans stated that this project has a pathway spur that is crossing their property and they are asking that this spur be removed from the pathway. He presented a map to the committee.

Jason Nordberg stated that the current item for public review is on the Air Quality Analysis and does not relate to this project in general. Staff is reviewing both the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Comprehensive Plan and is looking at that pathway and refining it but that section is not currently funded. Mr. Nordberg stated that Jacob Maurer, the non-motorized planner for GCMPC, will contact Mr. Ryan tomorrow to discuss this project.

Chairperson Johnson provided the public an opportunity to comment on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Chairperson Johnson repeated this opportunity for comment twice more with no further comments at this time.

CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING AT 7:17 p.m.

(Document on file with minutes)

**VIII. Finances**

Tod Sorenson advised that there are two (2) municipalities that have not paid their 2019 Metro dues. Staff will personally reach out to these municipalities.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Chris Gehringer, **supported by** Chris Douglas, to approve the Finances as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. Committee Reports**

None

**X. Old Business**

**\*\*\*A. Approval of Genesee County Public Participation Plan**

Sharon Gregory stated that this is the Public Participation Plan that this committee has seen a couple of times. Staff had the forty-five day comment period from December 10th to January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The public hearing was held here at the Harris Auditorium on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Staff received a few comments relating to how public notices are displayed in the building. This plan has already been approved by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission and staff anticipates that it will get approved next week by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance approve the Genesee County Public Participation Plan and authorize the Metropolitan Alliance Chairperson to sign the Resolution of Support.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Gerald Masters, **supported by** Bill Bain, to approve the Genesee County Public Participation Plan and authorize Chairperson Johnson to sign the Resolution of Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. New Business**

**\*\*\*A. Amending Performance Measures into the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document**

Sharon Gregory stated that these are the performance measures that this committee has been hearing about lately. Staff needed to go into the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document and update some of the language in the performance measures chapter. Staff sent out an updated chapter for this committee to review with the additions and verbiage in light blue text. The performance measures have already been approved; staff is looking for the updated language to be approved at this time. The Technical Advisory Committee is recommending that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance approve to amend the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program document to incorporate the updated Performance Measures Targets.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Gerald Masters, **supported by** Dennis Cramer, to approve amending the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document to incorporate the updated Performance Measure Targets language.

Motion carried unanimously.

**\*\*\*B. Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan**

Sharon Gregory stated that staff is required to show that the projects in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the TIP will not negatively impact Air Quality. The GCMPC Interagency Workgroup (IAWG) reviewed and discussed the project lists for the 2040 LRTP and the 2017-2020 TIP for Genesee County and the Lapeer County Projects within the State Implementation Plan (SIP). It was determined that the projects conform to the SIP for the 1997 ozone standard. Conformity is demonstrated when the analysis year emissions are equal to or less than the SIP budget. The public comment period started on February 11<sup>th</sup> and ends today, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Staff did not receive any comments during the comment period. At this time the Technical

Advisory Committee is recommending that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance approve the draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis document and provide authorization for the Metropolitan Alliance Chairperson to sign the Resolution of Support and to send the analysis to the appropriate state and federal agencies for approval.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Dennis Cramer, **supported by** Robert Plumb, to approve the Air Quality Conformity Analysis document for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and authorize Chairperson Johnson to sign the Resolution of Support and to send the analysis to the appropriate state and federal agencies for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*\*\*C. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft Prioritized List Projects**

Sharon Gregory advised that staff has had several meetings with the Transportation System Management (TSM) Subcommittee and those meetings have centered around discussion and prioritization of the projects. The committee has come up with a recommended list of funded projects. Staff received over ninety (\$90) million dollars in project requests and there is less than forty (\$40) million dollars available in funding. Ms. Gregory reviewed the draft project list with the committee.

Jason Nordberg further discussed and explained the unfunded list of projects. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance approve the projects proposed for funding allowing staff to begin public comment and further analysis including year assignment. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Patricia Lockwood, **supported by** Robert Plumb, to approve the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft Prioritized List of Projects proposed for funding as presented allowing staff to begin public comment and further analysis including year assignment. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Gehringer of Clayton Township stated that it should be noted that the Genesee County Road Commission gave the local units three times more funding than what they normally give for their local roads. However, the local units would like to see the primary roads get touched as well.

**XII. Other Business**

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

Chairperson Johnson asked for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. Ms. Patricia Lockwood and Mr. John Gilbert volunteered for the Nominating Committee. Chairperson Johnson advised if anyone is interested in the chair, vice-chair, treasurer or three (3) trustee positions to let Ms. Lockwood, Mr. Gilbert or the secretary, Debby Compton, know.

**XIII. Announcements**

**A. Federal Certification for the Genesee County Transportation Planning Process**

Jason Nordberg advised the committee that the Metropolitan Alliance did receive notice that the Federal Certification for the Genesee County Transportation Planning Process has been rescheduled to the next Metropolitan Alliance meeting which will be held on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration staff will be at the March meeting. Following the Metro meeting there will be a two (2) day in-office review.

Sharon Gregory advised that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) released additional funding for smaller cities and villages with a population of ten thousand (10,000) or fewer. There is a new funding source, that is a part of the Transportation Economic Development Fund called Category B. The maximum annual grant is two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). There is a minimum fifty-fifty match. Applications for projects on roadways that are not eligible for funding through Federal Highway or Category D will be given consideration for this. Only one application per agency, however, five (5) separate roadways can be included on one application. For further information go to [www.michigan.gov/tedf](http://www.michigan.gov/tedf). Applications are due to MDOT directly by Friday, April 5, 2019. It will provide three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per year through FY 2023. Michael Leon is the contract with the state. Discussion ensued.

Jason Nordberg stated that the 2018 GCMPC Annual Report is here. Handouts were made available to the committee and Mr. Nordberg reviewed the report.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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