

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 7, 2019**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2019, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. **Call to Order** 

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

II. **Roll Call** 

**Present:** Bob Slattery, Chad Young, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Ed Benning, Fred Peivandi, Kim Zimmer, Larry Green, Mark Adas, Robert Johnson, Shawnice Dorsey, Tom Svrcek, and Trevor Block.

**Absent/Excused:** Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Betty Wideman, Bonnie Mathis, Brad Barrett, Brian Saad, Chris Gehringer, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Emily Alexander, Eric Johnston, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Jay Reithel, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Lynn Markland, Mark Emmenderfer, Mary Ann Price, Michael Pifer, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Scott Sutter, Sheri Wilkerson, Steven Furh, Teresa Onica, Tim Elkins, Vicki Fishell, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

**Others Present:** Leslie Renckly, Lane Masoud, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Christine Pobocik, and Debby Compton.

III. **Minutes** 

\*\*\*A. **Minutes of the January 10, 2019 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Mark Adas, **supported by** Tom Svrcek, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Old Business** 

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

Sharon Gregory stated that this is the same Public Participation Plan that this committee has seen several times. The 45-day public comment period ended on January 23, 2019. Staff received a couple of comments and those have been incorporated into the document. The document is posted on the GCMPC website for review. At this time staff is requesting that the Technical

Advisory Committee provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Fred Peivandi, **supported by** Tom Svrcek, to recommend approval of the Genesee County Public Participation Plan to the Metropolitan Alliance Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

V.

\*\*\*A.

**New Business** 

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

Jason Nordberg stated that staff had to update the TIP documents to conform to federal performance measure regulations. This is an amendment to the TIP document to add Performance Measure language into it. Staff did this about a year ago for the performance measures that were out. However, three new performance measures have been put in place so the TIP document had to be updated. At this time staff is requesting a recommendation of approval from the Technical Advisory Committee to amend Performance Measures into the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document to the Metropolitan Alliance. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Robert Slattery, **supported by** Mark Adas, to recommend approval of amending Performance Measures language into the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document to the Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*B.

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

Christine Pobocik stated that due to a nation-wide lawsuit at the federal government level, MPO areas that were classified as non-attainment for maintenance must conduct and perform conformity analysis on their transportation program. For this MPO, that includes the Flint Michigan Conformity area which includes both Genesee and Lapeer Counties. GCMPC needs to review projects from the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Staff is required to do Air Quality Analysis on these two documents and complete an Air Quality Conformity document. The Interagency Work Group met to discuss the projects and review which ones would need to go through an Air Quality Analysis. The work group consists of staff from GCMPC, MDOT, MDEQ, EPA, and FHWA. The analysis was run, and it was determined that the LRTP and the TIPs conform to the STIP for the 1997 Ozone Standard. Conformity is demonstrated when the analysis years 2018-2040 have emissions for VOC and NOx that are lower than our STIP budgets. A report was put together that documents these results. At this time staff is requesting that this committee

recommend approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis Document and to send the analysis to the appropriate state and federal agencies.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Tom Svrcek, to recommend approval of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis Document to the Metropolitan Alliance and to send the analysis to the appropriate state and federal agencies.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Handouts were passed out to the committee at this time.

Sharon Gregory stated that staff has been meeting with the Transportation System Management (TSM) Subcommittee and they have recommended funding for the projects identified in green in the handout. They have also recommended a prioritized listing of unfunded projects that is identified in this list that will be used if additional funding becomes available before the next Call for Projects. Next steps are the public input sessions in March and a 30-day public comment period. Staff is looking at final approval for the list of projects in June. Resolutions are due this month from local communities. At this time the Transportation System Management Subcommittee is requesting the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the projects proposed for funding which allows staff to begin public comment and do further analysis including the year assignment. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Robert Slattery, to recommend approval of the proposed projects for funding to the Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. **Other Business**

None

VII. **Announcements** 

Derek Bradshaw announced that there will be a new planner starting in two weeks. There are still two open planner positions if anyone knows of someone that may be interested. GCMPC also has a planner Internship position available if anyone knows of someone that may be interested in that position.

Derek Bradshaw announced that the GCMPC 2018 Annual Report is available. Brochures were handed out and Mr. Bradshaw reviewed the report with the committee.

Tom Svrcek mentioned the new changes that were made in Swartz Creek and how the community has been excited about the changes.

Jason Nordberg mentioned that the GCMPC Federal Certification Review has been moved to March due to the government shutdown.

Derek Bradshaw stated that the Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce is undertaking a new Economic Development Strategy in cooperation with Genesee County and the City of Flint. Their goal is to try and coordinate a lot of different activities that are happening. They hired a planning firm called Planning Next. Their first meeting is the middle of this month. Staff highly encourages people to participate and get involved. The name of this new initiative is called "Forward Together."

Ed Benning announced that the MTA has eleven (11) new buses on the street and eleven (11) more coming in thirty days and eleven (11) more coming in September. MTA took delivery of four (4) commuter coaches. New signs are up at the former Baker building (I-69 and Dort Highway) and move in is about two weeks away. About a hundred (100) vehicles for the Wellness service will be operating out of that building.

Mr. Benning discussed the new service for veterans in Genesee County that gives veterans and their spouse a free ride with same day service. MTA also has a new grant from the state for veterans that will bring services into Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee.

VIII. **Adjournment** 

Chairperson Benning adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

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