

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2022 in Room 301 of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Adas called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Amber Abbey, Alex Patsy, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnston, James Slezak, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Michael Pifer, Scott Bennett, Shawnice Dorsey, Corey Jarbeau (for Tonya Ketzler), and Wendy Jean-Buhrer. Max Gierman called in on the phone.

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Andrea Schroeder, Christina Ignasiak, Robert Bincsik, Brian Saad, Carissa McQuiston, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Clarence Goodlein, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dan Eashoo, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, Jay Reithel, Jolena Sanders-Sims, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Sam Stiff, Sheri Wilkerson, Steve Katenhus, Thomas Spillane, Tim Elkins, Vicki Fishell, Vince Lorraine, Shirley Kautman-Jones.

Others Present: Jason Nordberg, Alicia Williams, Eric Saly, and Dan Brisson. Jason Perez called in on the phone. Mr. Nordberg introduced Mr. Saly to the committee as the new GCMPC transportation planner who had just started yesterday.

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the January 13, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ellen Glass, **Supported by** Amber Abbey to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

 **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

*****A. FY 2022 Updated Allocations**

Ms. Williams indicated that Genesee County received an additional \$1.9 million in federal STP funding for FY 2022, and that this funding will need to be obligated in this fiscal year. Projects that utilize this funding must be designed and make it through the MDOT review process quickly. Ms. Williams said that following the TIP rules, staff looked at FY 2023 projects that meet these requirements. Typically, simple road projects and Advanced Construct Conversion (ACC) projects meet these requirements. Genesee County also

received an additional \$444,581 in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. Ms. Williams reviewed the project changes that are being proposed to use this funding.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Amber Abbey **Supported by** Lynn Markland, to move the identified projects from FY 2023 to FY 2022 through an administrative modification.
Motion carried unanimously.



V. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment # 20**

Ms. Williams provided an overview of Amendment # 20. She said a Genesee County Road Commission roundabout at Lapeer and Oak Roads is being added to FY 2023, using funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Also, the FY 2022 Local Livability and Sustainability General Program Account is increasing because of adding funding for the MichiVan program in Genesee County. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Amber Abbey, **Supported by** Ellen Glass, to approve Amendment # 20 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Prioritized List of Projects**

Ms. Williams provided an overview of the listing of projects received during the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects. She said staff has field-checked the projects, scored the applications, and several meetings of the Transportation System Management (TSM) Subcommittee have been held to discuss, prioritize, and recommend projects for funding. Ms. Williams indicated that TSM has recommended funding for projects identified in green in the listing of projects. The projects have been grouped into Preservation, PASER 5, Reconstruction, Rural, Expansion, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to match funding criteria and have been prioritized based on the application scores. MDOT projects and MTA projects have also been included. Ms. Williams indicated that TSM also recommended a prioritized listing of unfunded projects to be used if additional funding becomes available prior to the next TIP Call for Projects. Mr. Nordberg provided details and background information on this process. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Eric Johnston, **Supported by** Amber Abbey, to approve the projects proposed for funding, allowing staff to begin public comment and further analysis including year assignment.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. FY 2024 MDOT Call for Safety Projects

Ms. Williams indicated that MDOT has released a call for Highway Safety Improvement Safety Program (HSIP) projects, Highway Safety Improvement Program Streamlined Systemic Safety Projects, and High-Risk Rural Road (HRRR) projects to all local road agencies for FY 2024. Ms. Williams said a letter

detailing the qualifications for these funds and the criteria by which applications will be judged was enclosed with the agenda packet. She let the committee know that to have time to review and endorse the applications, local road agencies are asked to e-mail a copy of their application(s) to her by Monday, March 21, 2021 at awilliams1@geneseecountymi.gov. Applications will be ranked using the MDOT Time-of-Return Analysis. Project applications must be received by MDOT no later than Monday, May 2, 2022 and it is the local agency's responsibility to submit applications to MDOT by this date. Ms. Williams said that questions should be directed to Pamela Blazo, Local Agency Programs Safety Engineer, at 517-335-2224 or at BlazoP@Michigan.gov. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Johnston had heard that there was additional funding for the Small Urban Program, and he had questions about that. Mr. Nordberg indicated that Sharon Gregory works with that program, and that she would contact Mr. Johnston.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Nordberg let the committee know that the FY 2021 Annual Reports had been printed, and were available at today's meeting.

VIII. ADJOURMENT

Chairperson Adas adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Gregory, Lead Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission