

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

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 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 Loren Crandell Mark Emmendorfer Tom Tithof
Grand Blanc Township		
Montrose Township		
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson Brian Baxter	Dewayn Allen
Mundy Township	Kimberly Jimenez	Michael Simon Debra Ridley Leonard Marden Connie Chirich Rachel Stanke Nancy Belill Sherry Moore Angie Adamec Keith Walworth Vadice Burgett David Dorr Terry Gill
Richfield Township		
Thetford Township Vienna Township Goodrich Village		
Otisville Village Otter Lake Village		
Lennon Village Gaines Village		Samuel Stiff Bruce Ferris Valerie Delauty Christina Ignasiak
Federal Highway Admin		

Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm
GCMPC

Mass Trans Authority

Mich Dept of Trans

Shawnice Dorsey

Brian C. Ulman

Jeff Wright
Alex Patsy
Derek Bradshaw
Christine Durgan
Ed Benning

Jay Reithel

Trevor Vincke

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Nordberg, Jacob Maurer and Renate Soto.

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Pamela Howd, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 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

A. Nominating Committee Report

Ms. Paulette Johnson of the Nominating Committee, which consists of Mr. Bill Bain, Mr. John Whiteside and Ms. Johnson, stated that no other Committee members expressed interest in running for the current office openings besides the current incumbents. Ms. Johnson stated that the Nominating Committee recommends that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (METRO) move forward with the incumbents, Robert Johnson for Chairperson, Nate Henry for Vice-Chairperson, Tod Sorenson for Treasurer, and Mark Richard and John Gilbert for the Trustee positions.

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. Election of Officers**

Chairperson Johnson called for any other nominations for officers from the floor. There were none.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pat Lockwood, **Supported by** Pamela Howd, to approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to appoint the current incumbents by acclimation.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6**

Mr. Jacob Maurer stated that TIP Amendment #6 changes 6 projects by either adding funds or revising the project scope. There is one abandoned project, which is a M-15 sidewalk improvement that has funding being moved to the Hegel Road project, both of which are in the Village of Goodrich. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending the approval of Amendment #6 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve Amendment #6 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

Discussion ensued.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Award

Mr. Maurer stated that staff is proud to announce that GCMPC was recently awarded a \$412,000 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. This grant will fund the development of a Safety Action Plan for Genesee County, which in turn, will open up the opportunity for all road and transportation agencies in the County to apply for future SS4A funding. In the next few months, staff will be forming a Steering Committee that will assist with consultation selection and scope development. Mr. Maurer stated more information will be forthcoming regarding this process. Discussion ensued.

D. US-23 Traffic Development Study

Mr. Maurer stated that staff is in the early planning stages of developing a scope for a US-23 Traffic Development Study. Staff has begun to meet with local officials, community stakeholders and transportation agencies along the US-23 corridor and will continue to meet with them through the month of March, to gather information as to what improvements should be explored, identifying what the needs are and really defining what the scope should look like. The next steps will be to form a Study Steering Committee with stakeholders along the US-23 corridor and transportation providers that represent this area, that will assist with consultation selection and scope development. Discussion ensued.

E. Michigan Infrastructure Office (MIO) Technical Assistance and Project Matching Funding

Mr. Maurer stated that staff was recently notified of a new program, through the MIO, that is designed to provide technical assistance, planning and matching grants to local units of government and planning organizations to draw additional federal infrastructure

funds to our communities. GLS Region V Commission is being awarded \$240,000 in grant development technical assistance and \$726,000 in matching funds for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant awards. Mr. Maurer further stated that these funds will have to be spent by 2026. Currently, staff is reviewing program guidance and will be working through GLS Region V Commission to distribute the funds appropriately between Genesee, Shiawassee and Lapeer Counties. Please reach out to staff with feedback and suggestions on funding distribution and project ideas. Staff will continue to keep METRO Committee members informed, so please stay tuned for further information regarding this funding. Discussion ensued.

F. Urbanized Boundary Changes

Mr. Maurer stated the Census Urban Boundaries were released to reflect the 2020 Census Survey, which now uses housing density data rather than population density data to identify urban areas and that has resulted in a shortened distance connecting urban areas. This change has resulted in the Fenton area being disconnected from the Flint Urban Area, creating the small urban area called the Fenton Urban Area. This change resulted in a population drop of about 38,000 in the Flint urbanized area, which may result in about \$100,000 less in Planning funds. Mr. Maurer displayed a map to demonstrate these changes from the 2010 and 2020 Censuses. Staff is working with MDOT and other MPOs in the state to determine how this will affect transportation funding starting in the FY 2024. Discussion ensued.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. MDOT Annual Project Presentation

Mr. Brian Ulman from MDOT gave the annual MDOT presentation, updating Committee Members on area construction programming scheduled for FY 2023 and anticipated projects through FY 2026.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bill Bain, Flushing Township Trustee, stated that at the last Flushing Township Board meeting, they received some recommendations and guidelines from the Secretary of State's office regarding elections, voting and polling locations. He advised members that they should be cautious and thoroughly read the recommendations before ratifying them for their respective communities.

Mr. Nordberg announced the upcoming GCMPC Recycle Days which start on May 9 and will be by appointment only. Please check our website for further information and how to register. Mr. Nordberg stated staff would send out an email to Committee members with further information.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renate Soto, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission