

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, in a Zoom meeting conference call format due to Coronavirus concerns.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Plumb called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

UNIT REPRESENTED

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Genesee County

Commissioner Meredith Davis
Flint-Genesee County

City of Burton

Commissioner Debra Newman
Danny Wells
Gregory Fenner

City of Clio

Duane Mosher
Vienna Twp.-Genesee County
Eric Wiederhold
No Response

City of Davison
City of Fenton

Bonnie Bare
Mayor Tim Bishop
Patricia Lockwood
Sean Sage
Mayor Sheldon Neeley
John Daly

City of Flint

Mark Adas
Grand Blanc Twp-Genesee County

City of Flushing

Brooke Good
Tony Nowiski

City of Grand Blanc

Chris Douglas
No Response

City of Linden

Ray Culbert
Linden-Genesee County

Mayor Susan Soderstrom
Don Becker

City of Montrose

Mark Richard
City of Montrose-Genesee County

Ellen Glass

City of Mt. Morris

Dennis Heidenfeldt

City of Swartz Creek	John Gilbert City of Swartz Creek-Genesee County Robert Plumb City of Swartz Creek-Genesee County Nate Henry City of Swartz Creek-Genesee County	
Argentine Township	Leslie Renckly Linden-Genesee County	Brian Saad
Atlas Township	Paulette Johnson Atlas Twp.-Genesee County	Shirley Kautman-Jones
Clayton Township	Tom Spillane Clayton Twp-Genesee County	Katie Vick Shelley Thompson
Davison Township	Travis Howell Davison Twp.-Genesee County	Matthew Karr
Fenton Township		Kade Katrak Andrew Marko Robert Kesler Karyn Miller
Flint Township	John Whiteside Flint Twp.-Genesee County	
Flushing Township		Bill Bain Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price
Forest Township Gaines Township	Rocky Fowler Gaines Twp.-Genesee County	Lee Purdy Diane Hyrman
Genesee Township	Tod Sorensen Genesee Twp.-Genesee County	Robin Ackerman
Grand Blanc Township	Joel Feick Grand Blanc Twp.-Genesee County Monica Shapiro No Response	
Montrose Township	Tom Tithof Montrose Twp.-Genesee County	
Mt. Morris Township		Mark Emmendorfer Michele Loper Robert Johnson Elmer Wilson
Mundy Township	Kimberly Jimenez Mundy Twp.-Genesee County	Shane Towne

Richfield Township
Thetford Township

Debra Ridley
Gerry Masters

Vienna Township
Goodrich Village

Sherry Moore
Village of Goodrich-Genesee County
Angie Adamec
Village of Goodrich-Genesee County

Melissa Schluentz

Otisville Village
Otter Lake Village
Lennon Village
Gaines Village

Joan Skias

Federal Highway Admin

Samuel Stiff
Bruce Ferris
Valerie Delauty
Andrea Dewey
Aaron Dawson
Jeff Wright
Alex Patsy
Derek Bradshaw
Ed Benning

Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm
GCMPC
Mass Trans Authority

Shawnice Dorsey
Flint-Genesee County

Anita Boughner

Mich Dept of Trans

Jay Reithel
Saginaw Twp.-Saginaw County

Steven Katenhus
Trevor Block
Carissa McQuiston

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Nordberg (City of Flint-Genesee County), Jacob Maurer (Holly-Oakland County), and Debby Compton (Birch Run-Saginaw County).

III. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Travis Howell, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Roundabout Study Final Intersections

Jacob Maurer stated that the roundabout study for Genesee County is continuing to move forward. The over 3,600 intersections have been narrowed down to 14 and will move forward with preliminary engineering, aerial drone video collection, and simulation development. Any questions can be directed to Sharon Gregory. Discussion ensued.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Notice of FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Fund Allocations to Genesee County

Jacob Maurer advised that staff has been meeting with the Transportation System Management (TSM) Subcommittee the past couple of weeks. The Flint / Genesee County Transportation Management Area (TMA) was awarded approximately \$2.6 million dollars in COVID Relief Funding with a portion of that having your typical 80/20 requirement for local matching. The goal of this funding is to provide immediate relief to the communities and road agencies from COVID 19. Staff is working on potential options for future road projects or moving road projects up that might provide additional opportunities for projects that currently are not funded. The intent is to have these discussions continue with TSM and for TSM to move that along to the Technical Advisory Committee and Metropolitan Alliance next month. Discussion ensued.

Jason Nordberg advised that TSM is the sub subcommittee and right now they are discussing the projects. There are a wide variety of projects that can be funded with this. The group has identified some road projects to move forward with this type of funding. Right now, the thought is to look at the 2023 projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and potentially move those forward to 2022. The one thing staff wants to do with this funding is show that there is a need in the community and the best way to show that is to get the projects out as soon as possible and say that we received this funding and the projects are moving forward and we need more funding. The committee has agreed to 90% federal/10% local to bring incentive to people to move it forward and make sure to get the projects get out faster. Asking the local units to pay for all the engineering of the project just so it don't get caught in the federal system. Jacob is working with the Cities, Villages and Genesee County Road Commission to see who can move up their projects.

B. Notice of Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category B Funding for FY 2022

Jacob Maurer stated that MDOT has announced a grant opportunity for cities and villages that have a population of less than 10,000. Jacob shared the list of eligible cities and villages. There is a maximum grant amount of \$250,000 and the grant amount must be matched at 50%. Applications are due June 1st to MDOT to be considered for funding. Questions can be directed to our office as well as to MDOT, Christine Zuzga.

C. Status of FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects

Jacob Maurer shared with the committee policies and guidelines that staff looks for when working with local road agencies on TIP projects. Grade Inspection deadline is March 1st, that means that the agency must have their final plans done by then. By the May 15th deadline the agency should be ready for MDOT review. If policies are not on track there is a reprogramming policy. Funds do not carry over to the next fiscal year. Staff checks in with local road agencies on a weekly/monthly basis. Jacob reviewed the FY 2021 TIP projects status with the committee. Still on track to obligate 100%. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Jason Nordberg stated that we have gone about two (2) years without an election due to COVID. The Metropolitan Alliance has a very complex election process. During COVID no one objected to moving forward without an election, so the current officers stayed on in their respective positions. The current Chairperson, Robert Johnson, Vice-Chairperson, Robert Plumb, and Treasurer, Tod Sorensen, have all agreed they would stay on in their positions, if elected. The same goes with the current trustees that are up for election, Paulette Johnson, John Gilbert, and John Whiteside have all agreed to stay in their positions if elected again. That will leave two (2) vacant trustees. The trustees have talked and agreed to fill the two vacant positions. Anyone interested in any position be that Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, or Trustee, let Debby know by the 14th of April before the next meeting. Ballots will go out before the meeting, so everyone has time to vote and return their ballots before the April 21st meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Plumb adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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