

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021, in a Zoom meeting conference call format due to Coronavirus concerns.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Alex Patsy (no response), Dan Eashoo (Genesee Twp.-Genesee County), Derek Bradshaw (City of Flint-Genesee County), Ellen Glass (City of Linden-Genesee County), Eric Johnston (Flint-Genesee County), Eric Weiderhold (City of Clio-Genesee County), Jolena Sanders-Sims (Mt. Morris Twp.-Genesee County), Lynn Markland (City of Fenton-Genesee County), Mark Adas (City of Flint-Genesee County), Max Gierman (Caro-Genesee County), Michael Pifer (Flint-Genesee County), Sam Stiff (Village of Gaines-Genesee County), Shawnice Dorsey (Flint-Genesee County), Thomas Spillane (no response), and Tim Elkins (Davison-Genesee County).

Absent/Excused: Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Andy Harris, Brian Saad, Chris Yeates, Clarence Goodlein, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Don Mayle, Ed Benning, Emily Alexander, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jay Reithel, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Scott Bennett, Sheri Wilkerson, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Steve Katenhus, Tonya Ketzler, Trevor Block, Vicki Fishell, Vince Lorraine, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Jack Wheatley, Chad Young (Mundy Twp.-Genesee County), Jason Nordberg (City of Flint-Genesee County), Sharon Gregory (City of Flint-Genesee County), Jacob Maurer (City of Flint-Genesee County), Alicia Williams (City of Flint-Genesee County), and Debby Compton (City of Flint-Genesee County).

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the February 4, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Ellen Glass, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

*****A. Final List of Roundabout Locations**

Sharon Gregory stated that staff has been working with Rowe Engineering to narrow down the over 3,600 intersections in Genesee County for the potential locations for roundabouts. Ms. Gregory reviewed the final list of fourteen potential locations with the committee. Some have safety benefits, and some have operational benefits and several of them are tier 1 and tier 2 locations, which means they have had fatal or incapacitating injuries. Seven are in township's and seven are located in cities. Staff would like to move

forward with this list so additional analysis can be done, such as early preliminary engineering and some drone video work. At this time, staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee approve the selection of the fourteen identified intersections to move forward with further analysis in the roundabout study. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Ellen Glass, to approve the selection of the fourteen identified intersections to move forward with further analysis in the roundabout study.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

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

Jacob Maurer advised the committee that MDOT notified staff about two sources of Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds GCMPC will be receiving. Between the two it is about \$2.6 million dollars. One source of allocation will have some flexibility and the smaller allocation will be the normal 80/20 split. These funds have their own obligational authority, so they fall under their own timeframe. Eligible activities for both funds include typical Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program activities. The Transportation System Management (TSM) Subcommittee met this morning and discussed some ideas and options. At this time, staff will take a couple of weeks and reach out to some road agencies and then get back together with TSM. Staff plans to get back to this committee in April with a recommendation.

Mr. Maurer gave a brief overview of what TSM agreed upon.

- If feasible, new funds will be assigned to an existing road project in FY 2023 of the current TIP and be moved up to FY 2022.
- Local road agencies will be responsible for PE and CE.
- If a project is moved up, staff will use the approved prioritized list of unfunded TIP projects to backfill into FY 2023.

B. Road Agency Consent for PASER Data Collection

Alicia Williams introduced herself to the committee and advised she is a new Transportation Planner. Staff will be rating all federal-aid roads in Genesee County this summer. To reduce additional exposure to COVID-19 staff will be working in two-person teams rather than the typical three-person teams. MDOT will not be participating, however local road agencies are always welcome. Staff has been in contact with the Genesee County Road Commission and they have agreed to work with GCMPC staff to rate all federal-aid roads including roads in cities and villages. Committee members were advised that they will have to complete training if they are interested in rating the roads and they will need to contact Alicia as well to get put on the schedule. Discussion ensued regarding written consent from local road agencies to collect pavement condition ratings.

Derek Bradshaw stated that at this time there will be nothing formal.

Alicia Williams stated that the 2020 Local road information with GIS maps is now available on the GCMPC website.

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

Sharon Gregory advised that MDOT made another great announcement with the potential grant opportunity for cities and villages with a population of 10,000 or less. This funding is for FY 2022 with a local match of 50%. The maximum award is going to be \$250,000. Each agency can do one (1) application, but that one application has space for five (5) different projects. Applications not eligible for funding through the Federal Highway Administration or Category D will be given additional consideration. Applications for preventative maintenance will be given extra consideration as well. Applications are due to MDOT by Tuesday, June 1, 2021. The Genesee County agencies eligible are Clio, Davison, Flushing, Gaines, Goodrich, Grand Blanc, Lennon, Linden, Montrose, Mt. Morris, Otisville, Otter Lake, and Swartz Creek. The website was provided so interested agencies could access the application.

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

Jacob Maurer gave the committee an update on the status of current local road projects. The TIP project policies and deadlines were also shared with the committee. Staff has been reaching out to local road agencies on a regular basis in case any issues come up they can be addressed early. As of March 1st, nearly all of the projects are on schedule. As of today, there is still about two-thirds of local road allocation left to be obligated.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Jason Nordberg advised that Alicia Williams will be handling Asset Management, PASER Data Rating, Safety, Transportation Model, and Freight and Bridge items.

Chairperson Johnston advised that Bridge applications are due April 3rd to MDOT and those need a resolution with them.

Chairperson Johnston stated that Safety applications are due to GCMPC staff by March 22nd and due to MDOT the beginning of May.

Jason Nordberg advised that the next Call for Projects will be around the end of August or early September and that will be for 2023-2026.

Jason Nordberg stated that regarding putting together safety applications the earlier timeframe will allow staff to take them through the TAC and Metropolitan Alliance to get support for the resolution. Staff encourages everyone to submit something to staff so they can work with you to review the information, or at least contact staff so they can include you in the process for support.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Johnston advised that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURMENT

Chairperson Johnston adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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