

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

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 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**



Vice-Chair Markland called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Present: Bob Slattery, Chad Young, Chris Gehringer, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Eric Johnston, Jay Reithel, Kim Zimmer, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Michael Pifer, Robert Johnson, Tim Elkins, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Absent/Excused: Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Betty Wideman, Bonnie Mathis, Brad Barrett, Brian Saad, Chris Yeates, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Ed Benning, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Fred Peivandi, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Larry Green, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Scott Sutter, Shawnice Dorsey, Sheri Wilkerson, Steven Furh, Teresa Onica, Tom Svrcek, Trevor Block and Vicki Fishell.

Vice-Chair Markland asked if there were any visitors. Mr. Markland asked the visitors to introduce themselves to the committee.

Commissioner Ted Henry, Chairperson of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, introduced himself to the committee.

Jason Nordberg introduced the new Transportation Planner, Zachary Sompels, to the committee.

III. **Minutes** 

***A. **Minutes of the February 7, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Mark Adas, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Old Business**

A. **FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Update**

Sharon Gregory stated that there are handouts for this item and staff emailed this to the committee this morning as well. Staff met with TSM on Tuesday and they approved the years with the projects so now staff can move forward with the additional analysis and the public involvement. The public involvement events will be planned for the month of April. Staff is still working on the exact dates and locations.

B. **2018 PASER Data Availability**

Jacob Maurer stated that Genesee County's entire federal aid and local road networks were surveyed using the PASER data collection system. Maps of each municipality's federal aid ratings were distributed in November 2018 with the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects. Staff has updated these maps to include the local road ratings for each municipality. Staff is also working on the development of the pavement report which is a part of the new Long Range Plan.

V. **New Business**

***A. **FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #16**

Sharon Gregory stated that most of Amendment #16 is MDOT projects. There is one project that should not have been on this amendment. It is the Genesee County Road Commission's Seymour Road Project, Cook Road to Grand Blanc Road. It can be handled with an Administrative Modification so it will be taken out of the amendment and the amendment will be revised to take to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance. This amendment meets the financial constraints of the TIP and will have no disproportionately high or adverse impacts to any of the identified Environmental Justice (EJ) populations in Genesee County. The projects that are being amended are eligible for the funding programmed, and they meet the intended state (including State TEDF Category C) and federal goals and objectives identified for the funding. Staff has reviewed these projects and has determined that they are exempt from Air Quality Analysis except for one project. The City of Flushing's Main Street project from Chamberlain Street to Pierson Road will be classified as non-exempt but will not trigger a new Conformity Analysis and will be modeled when the next Conformity Analysis is Conducted. The Interagency Work Group (IAWG) will review the listing of projects for this amendment to provide concurrence with staff's determination that these projects are exempt from Air Quality Analysis. At this time, staff is recommending endorsement of Amendment #16 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Johnston, **supported by** Robert Slattery, to recommend endorsement of the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #16 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. **Call for FY 2022 Local Bridge Program Applications** 

Jacob Maurer stated that MDOT has announced its FY 2022 Local Bridge Program Call for Projects. They have a budget of about \$48 million and each local road agency is limited to five (5) applications. Applications are due May 1, 2019. Keith Cooper is the MDOT contact if there are any questions. Staff shared Mr. Cooper's contact information with the committee.

C. **Community Infrastructure Fund - Category B** 

Jacob Maurer stated that through the Transportation Economic Development Fund there is a new opportunity for Category B funding. Signed in December 2018 this act provides about three million dollars per year through FY 2023. Right now they are looking for FY 2019 and FY 2020 projects. This is for road improvements for cities and villages with less than 10,000 in population. Eligible projects must have a 50/50 match and maximum grant request is \$250,000. Applications are due April 5, 2019 for this specific call.

D. **2019 Iron Belle Trail Grant Opportunity** 

Jacob Maurer stated that this deadline is March 15, 2019. This is for communities with trail segments along the Iron Belle Trail. The request maximum is \$50,000 and that can be the full scope of engineering, local trail amenities, and construction. There is a one page application and they do require a local match.

VI. **Other Business** 

Jason Nordberg stated that he received the Fixing Michigan Roads Plan Summary right before this meeting so there is a handout. The handout was passed out to the committee. Mr. Nordberg reviewed the handout with the committee. Discussion ensued.

It was agreed that staff would draft a letter that will be sent out to the committee for comments and then sent through the Metropolitan Alliance for approval and signing.

Chris Gehringer stated that as president of the Michigan Township Association he would provide a letter as well.

Commissioner Ted Henry agreed that the Board of Commissioners could do a resolution as well.

VII. **Announcements** 

Derek Bradshaw announced the dates and locations for the 2019 Recycle Day Events and stated that the flyers are expected to go out a month before the first event.

- Saturday, June 8th from 10AM – 2PM at Fenton High School
- Saturday, October 12th from 10AM – 2PM at Clio High School
- Tuesday, July 9th from 2PM – 6PM at Mott Community College
- Tuesday, August 13th 2PM – 6PM at Mott Community College
- Tuesday, September 10th 2PM – 6PM at Mott Community College

VIII. **Adjournment**

Vice-Chair Markland adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

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