

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 2, 2023 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2023 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Jason Nordberg announced that a sign-in sheet would be used for today's official roll call. No verbal roll call was done.

Present: Adam Zettel, Alex Patsy, Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Brian Ulman, Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnston, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, Michael Pifer, Shawnice Dorsey, Shirley Kautman-Jones, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer

Absent/Excused: Brian Saad, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Christina Ignasiak, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dan Eashoo, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Don Mayle, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jay Reithel, Jolena Sanders-Sim, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Lynn Markland, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Michelle King, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Robert Bincsik, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Sheri Wilkerson, Thomas Spillane, Tim Elkins, Tonya Ketzler, Vadice Burgett, Vicki Fishell and Vince Lorraine

Others Present: Jason Nordberg, Jacob Maurer, Kris Garris, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Renate Soto and Rod McGaha.

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the January 12, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Amber Abbey, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

V. NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Kris Garris stated that TIP Amendment #6 changes 6 projects and abandons 1 project in the FY 2023-2026 TIP. The changed projects include a Genesee Road rehabilitation

project, a Hegel Road resurface project, a River Road widening project, and a GPA project, all with additional funding being added. Next, are two M-15 milling and resurfacing projects that have scope changes. The abandoned project is a M-15 sidewalk improvement with funding that is being moved to the aforementioned Hegel Road project. At this time, staff is recommending the endorsement of attached Amendment #6 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Eric Johnston, to approve Amendment #6 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Jacob 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.

C. 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 and really defining what the scope should look like. The next steps will be to form a Study Steering Committee that will assist with consultation selection and scope development.

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

Mr. Nordberg stated that the MIO has established a statewide program that will provide technical assistance, planning and matching grants to local units of government and planning organizations. The MIO has identified up to \$240,000 for grant development assistance and \$726,000 for matching funding for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grants in the Region V area which includes Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties. Staff has begun to reach out to representatives from the three Counties to gather feedback on how the money would be split between the counties. Mr. Nordberg asked that committee members reach out to him with feedback, especially if they have had experience with hiring a consulting firm to assist with writing grant applications and if they have any suggestions on funding distribution. All cities, villages and townships in the three County region would be eligible for funding along with other agencies, such as transit, highway, broadband, energy efficiency, hazard mitigation, etc. Staff will provide more guidance on this program in the coming weeks. Discussion ensued.

E. Urbanized Boundary Changes

Mr. Nordberg stated the Census Bureau released the Urban Boundaries changes, which use housing density data rather than population density data to identify urban areas and shortened the distance connecting urban areas. The housing density data did not affect the urban areas in Genesee County, however the shortened distance between urban areas disconnected the Fenton area from the Flint Urban Area, which created a new area called the Fenton Urban Area. This change resulted in a population drop of about 38,000 in the Flint urbanized area. Mr. Norberg 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 the FY 2024. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. MDOT Annual Project Presentation

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

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Nordberg announced the addition of returning staff member, Jacob Maurer and new staff member, McKenna Dutkiewicz. He stated that Ms. Dutkiewicz will be taking over the PASER studies and some of the TIP duties.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Benning adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Soto, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission