

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

MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Adas called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Alex Patsy (Grand Blanc, Genesee County), Andrea Schroeder (City of Davison, Genesee County), James Slezak (Davison Township, Genesee County), Mark Adas (City of Flint, Genesee County), Jay Reithel (Saginaw Township, Saginaw County), Max Gierman (Caro, Tuscola County), Michael Pifer (Flint, Genesee County), Steve Katenhus (no response), Thomas Spillane (Clayton Township, Genesee County), Tim Elkins (Davison, Genesee County), Pete Wingblad (City of Burton, Genesee County), and Chad Young (Mundy Township, Genesee County).

Absent/Excused: Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Amber Abbey, Andy Harris, Brian Saad, Carissa McQuiston, Chris Yeates, Clarence Goodlein, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dan Eashoo, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, Emily Alexander, Eric Johnston, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, Jolena Sanders-Sims, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Lynn Markland, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Shawnice Dorsey, Sheri Wilkerson, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Tonya Ketzler, Trevor Block, Vicki Fishell, Vince Lorraine, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Jason Nordberg (City of Flint, Genesee County), Jacob Maurer (City of Flint, Genesee County), Sharon Gregory (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 March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Genesee County Roundabout Implementation Study Update

Sharon Gregory stated that last month this committee approved the final list of fourteen (14) intersections as potential locations for roundabouts in Genesee County and Rowe Engineering is moving forward with the preliminary engineering. Preliminary Engineering involves drawings to see how the actual roundabout would fit into the physical space of the intersection. It includes doing traffic model simulations, time-of-return analysis, and

the cost of construction. Earlier this week, Rowe Engineering sent out another request for any additional information that the agencies associated with these locations might have as they want to make sure they have any information that would help them. If you have any recent traffic counts that the Road Commission or our staff did not do, please let Rowe Engineering know about those. If you have any projects that are coming up in the next two (2) to five (5) years be sure to tell them that and also if there are any issues with the politics or the environment or maybe a driveway with some high volume, or anything else you can think of that might impact the preliminary engineering we would appreciate it if you would let Rowe Engineering know about it as soon as possible. Besides that the project is going on schedule.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2023 List of Proposed Safety Projects

Alicia Williams advised that there were twelve (12) local safety program applications received by the Genesee County Road Commission. These applications were reviewed according to the MDOT Time-of-Return Analysis. Staff reviewed the prioritized list with the committee. At this time, staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee provide a recommendation of approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the prioritized list of FY 2023 Safety Projects for MDOT consideration.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Tim Elkins, to recommend approval of the FY 2023 Prioritized List of Proposed Safety Projects to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously

B. 2021 Local Traffic Count Program

Alicia Williams stated that this is the time of year that staff requests local units of government in Genesee County to update traffic count information on federal-aid eligible roads under their jurisdiction. Staff will be sending out letters to each local road agency with a list of locations requiring traffic counts for 2021. GCMPC has traffic counters and accessory equipment available for rental by local agencies. The counters can collect vehicle counts, as well as other necessary traffic data. The charge for equipment rental is \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 per week, per counter. Staff is also available to assist in setup and training. Contact Alicia with any questions or if interested in traffic count equipment rental.

C. 2021 Trail Count Survey Requests

Jacob Maurer advised that it is that time of year when staff accepts requests from all Genesee County municipalities who are interested in collecting pedestrian and bicyclists count statistics along their non-motorized trail network. Any agency interested in participating in the 2021 non-motorized trail count program can contact Jacob to discuss the best locations to install the counter along their trails. Requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis.

*****D. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #15**

Jacob Maurer stated that earlier this week staff sent out the TIP amendment #15 for your review. This amendment adds one (1) project and will abandon one (1) project.

The project being abandon is the City of Grand Blanc's bikeshare program for this fiscal year. Those were CMAQ dollars and taking the place of that project and using those CMAQ funds is the Mass Transportation Authority, they are proposing to purchase two (2) to three (3) electric cars and charging stations for their demand response services. 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. This amendment also meets the Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rules required for the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. At this time, staff is recommending endorsement from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #15.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jay Reithel, **Supported by** James Slezak, to recommend endorsement of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #15 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously

E. FY 2022 Unified Work Program

Jason Nordberg advised that staff is beginning to develop the FY 2022 work program, and this is an opportunity for the committee to provide suggestions. The primary activities for the 2022 fiscal year will focus on the development of the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), UWP development, and implementation of the County Long Range Plan. Anyone with suggestions for work activities for the upcoming fiscal year is asked to contact Jason Nordberg by Thursday, April 8, 2021.

F. Recommendation of FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) and COVID Relief Fund Allocations

Jacob Maurer advised that staff held a Transportation System Management (TSM) Subcommittee meeting last week. Staff presented some funding scenarios to the local road agencies and transit agency to move up fiscal year 2023 existing TIP projects that would utilize the new COVID Relief Fund Allocation. Staff then looked at the illustrative project list to the TIP to move projects up to fill the funds with the potential vacated FY 2023 projects. Staff went through scenarios and had real good discussion with the TSM subcommittee. Staff will bring some revised recommendations to the TSM subcommittee next week. At that point, if the TSM is ready to move forward with the revised recommendations this committee will see an additional TAC meeting scheduled for next Thursday, April 8th.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Selection of a Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers

Jason Nordberg advised that this is the time of year we meet to discuss the election of officers. The current slate of officers is: Chairperson, Eric Johnston; Vice-Chairperson, Mark Adas; Secretary, Ed Benning; Bye, Lynn Markland for small Cities and Villages. Staff will get with that group which is the Nomination Committee and discuss if they want to keep the current rotation. The nominating committee will report back to this committee at the May TAC meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Nordberg advised that staff contacted communities regarding requests for appropriation projects and reauthorization projects. Staff is still working with the local communities to make sure staff has all the information that is available. The final submittal is next Friday. Coming up on Monday for those who put in reauthorization projects, staff will be following up with them as there is additional information that is needed for the various communities that are looking for the five (5) year type projects.

Vice-Chairperson Adas advised the next regular meeting will be held on May 6, 2021.

VIII. ADJOURMENT

Vice-Chairperson Adas adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

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