

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Third Floor, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

UNIT REPRESENTED

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Genesee County
 City of Burton

City of Clio

City of Davison
 City of Fenton
 City of Flint

City of Flushing

City of Grand Blanc

City of Linden

City of Montrose
 City of Mt. Morris
 City of Swartz Creek

Patricia Lockwood

George Gray

John Gilbert
 Robert Plumb
 Dennis Cramer

Commissioner Ted Henry
 Thomas Martinbianco
 Danny Wells
 Duane Mosher
 Eric Wiederhold
 Reuben Garcia
 Leigh LaForest

Mayor Karen Weaver
 Robert Bincsik
 Betty Wideman

Chris Douglas
 John Crawford
 Mayor Susan Soderstrom
 Ray Culbert
 Paul Zelenak
 Mark Richard
 William Daniels

Argentine Township		Brian Saad
Atlas Township	Leslie Renckly Paulette Johnson	
Clayton Township	Shelley Thompson	Tere Onica
Davison Township		Chris Gehringer Matthew Karr Rhonda Clark Vince Lorraine
Fenton Township	Andrew Marko	
Flint Township	John Whiteside	Robert Kesler Karyn Miller
Flushing Township	Jenifer Almassy	Tracey Tucker
Forest Township		Bill Bain Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price
Gaines Township	Matt Davis	Lee Purdy
Genesee Township	Tod Sorensen Cheryl Woughter	Diane Hyrman
Grand Blanc Township	Al Mansour Monica Shapiro	
Montrose Township	Tom Tithof	
Mt. Morris Township		Mark Emmendorfer
Mundy Township	Robert Johnson Brian Baxter	
Richfield Township	Mark Gorton Dan Morey Gerry Masters	Kay Doerr
Theftord Township	Mike LaPointe David Cain	Gary Stevens
Vienna Township		Kerry Paulson Doug McAbee
Goodrich Village	Angie Adamec	Tim Light
Otisville Village		
Otter Lake Village		Joan Skias

X. Old Business

A. Fixing Michigan Roads Plan

Jason Nordberg stated that staff has not received any additional information on the Fixing Michigan Roads Plan. Based on all the talk, it probably won't get passed. The Genesee County Road Commission provided some information which indicated that given the plan they would receive \$12 million in additional funding. However, if they took that money and ran it through the formula they would receive an extra \$24 million in additional funding. Just the way it's being distributed the Genesee County Road Commission is losing \$12 to \$14 million. There are a lot of meetings and discussions going on about this, so at this time it is a wait-and-see situation. Discussion ensued.

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

Sharon Gregory stated that staff sent out 4,240 postcards to people that have a project in their area regarding the proposed 2020-2023 Transportation and 2019-2021 Community Development projects. A sample of the postcard was handed out to the committee members. The public input sessions are listed on the postcard for anyone that can attend. For those unable to attend one of the sessions, comments can be left on the GCMPC website. All projects are mapped out so concerned citizens can click on a project and leave a comment. Staff is looking to have the thirty-day comment period in June and the document ready for approval by TAC and this committee in July.

Jason Nordberg mentioned that the Transportation Division is partnering with the Community Development Division so you will see both transportation and community development projects on this.

XI. New Business

*****A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #17**

Sharon Gregory stated that this is mainly adding transit projects for the MTA. The transit projects have the same job number and that is correct, however, they will all have a different scope code. 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. These projects 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 they do not need Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Staff has sent them to the Interagency Work Group (IWAG) committee, and they have reviewed and agree that they are exempt from Air Quality Conformity Analysis. At this time the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval of Amendment #17 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Robert Plumb, **supported by** Gerald Masters, to approve the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #17.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2019 Trail Count Survey Requests

Sharon Gregory advised that if there are any agencies that would like to participate in trail count just contact Jacob Maurer in the GCMPC office. Each count will have a duration of two weeks and each survey will show general usage trends such as daily average, busiest days, hourly profiles, and comparisons between weekday and weekend. Ms. Gregory presented examples to the group.

C. 2019 Local Traffic Count Program

Sharon Gregory stated that it is that time of year for local traffic counts. Letters will go out to local units with a list of locations. If there are additional locations your agency would like to count, you can contact Zachary Sompels in the GCMPC office. Mr. Sompels is in charge of the local traffic count program this year. The best time to take traffic counts is in the spring before school lets out and in autumn after the Labor Day holiday. GCMPC has traffic counters and accessory equipment available for rent by local agencies. The charge for equipment rental is \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 per week. Staff is available to assist in setup and training.

D. Interactive Visual Mapping of Regional Trails

Sharon Gregory advised that staff is working with a consultant to get 360-degree panoramic images of Genesee County's non-motorized land trails. This will complement the I-69 Thumb Region's recreation website that included Genesee County non-motorized routes, set to launch this Spring. Processing and editing digital image files, interface design and launch for online applications will be completed by the end of June. A list of trails was shared with the committee and they were advised to contact Jacob Maurer if staff missed a trail in their community.

Jason Nordberg mentioned that the water trails are also being imaged.

D. FY 2020 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Sharon Gregory advised that this is the document that identifies what projects staff will be working on in FY 2020. This lets you know the agencies involved, what type of funding, and how much funding. This is the document staff updates every year and this is an opportunity for the committee to provide suggestions for any projects they would like to see staff include in the work program for the upcoming fiscal year.

XII. Other Business

None

XIII. Announcements

Patricia Lockwood apologized for not following through on helping with the nominating committee and she thanked John Gilbert for the great job he did on putting the slate of officers and trustees together.

Patricia Lockwood announced that Fenton Township is going to the voters on May 7th for the Fenton-Linden trail for a 1.2 millage. This trail will connect Fenton, Fenton Township, Linden and Argentine.

Sharon Gregory announced that the recycle day fliers are available and she encouraged everyone to take a bunch and hand them out to family, friends and neighbors.

Jason Nordberg announced that the Public Input Sessions fliers are available. He suggested that everyone take a bunch and hand them.

Jason Nordberg announced the Forward Together Partnership between Genesee County, City of Flint and the Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce. There is a Visioning Summit on May 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Baker College. This is an Economic Development study for the whole county. The goal for this summit is to have 500 to 1000 people in attendance. Handouts were available to take.

Dennis Cramer announced that Swartz Creek schools is going after the Safe Routes to School grant.

John Whiteside mentioned the follow-up Public Hearing regarding the rebuild of I-75 on April 22, 2019 at the Flint Township Police Department.

XIV. Adjournment

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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