



**Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Metropolitan Alliance Committee (METRO)**

**Genesee County Administration Building
Human Resources (HR) Training Room (G51)
1101 Beach Street, Basement/Ground Level
Flint, Michigan 48502**

**Wednesday, April 17th, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Minutes
 - ***A. Minutes of the March 20th, 2024 Regular Meeting (attached)
- V. Introduction of Guests
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Public Hearing
- VIII. Finances
 - ***A. Financial Report
- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
 - A. FY 2025 Unified Work Program (attached)
 - *** B. FY 2026 List of Proposed Safety Projects (attached)

- C. US-23 Corridor Study – Progress Update (attached)
- D. Genesee County Coordinated Transit Plan – Progress Update (attached)
- E. Genesee County Transportation Safety Action Plan – Progress Update (attached)
- F. 2024 Local Traffic Count Program (attached)
- G. Upcoming MDOT Transportation Projects in Genesee County (presentation)

XII. Other Business

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment

*****Action Item**

NEXT MEETING –May 15th, 2024 at 6:00 pm

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, in the Human Resources Training Room (G51) of the Genesee County Administration Building.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order 6:00 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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Beverly Brown

Duane Mosher

Patricia Lockwood
Donald Bancroft

Mark Richard

Nate Henry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Martin L. Cousineau
Greg Hull
Christina Hickson

Eric Wiederhold
Josh Westfall
Mayor Tim Bishop

Sean Sage
Mayor Sheldon Neeley
Rodney McGaha
Brooke Good
Chris Douglas
Don Becker
John Creasey
Pamela Howd
Brenda Simons

Steven Sorenson
John Vance
John Gilbert

Charles Campbell

Argentine Township

Brian Saad
Robert St. John
Ann Marie Moore

Atlas Township

Paulette Johnson

Clayton Township

Katie Vick
Shelley Thompson
Tom Spillane
Matthew Karr

Davison Township

Travis Howell
Kade Katrak

Fenton Township

Andrew Marko
Robert Kesler
Karyn Miller

Flint Township

John Whiteside

Flushing Township

Tracey Tucker
Bill Bain
Frederick Thorsby
Mary Ann Price
Rocky Fowler
Lee Purdy
Diane Hyrman
Tod Sorensen
Robin Ackerman
Joel Feick

Forest Township
Gaines Township

Genesee Township

Grand Blanc Township

Joanie Towarnicky

Montrose Township

Coetta Adams
Tom Tithof

Mt. Morris Township

Robert Johnson

Brian Baxter
Dewayn Allen

Mundy Township

Kimberly Jimenez

Michael Simon
Debra Ridley
Leonard Marden
Connie Chirich
Joseph Madore

Richfield Township

Theftord Township

Nicole Moore
Gregg Bryan

Vienna Township

Nancy Belill
Richard Johnson
Shannon McCafferty

Goodrich Village

Angie Adamec
Keith Walworth

Otisville Village
Otter Lake Village

David Dorr
Terry Gill
Mechelle Valley

Lennon Village

Gaines Village

Connie Greene
Melissa Neal
Tounya Marek
Christina Nicholaiodes
Jeff Wright
Alex Patsy

Federal Highway Admin
Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm

Dylan Campbell
Derek Bradshaw

GCMPC

Christine Durgan
Ed Benning

Mass Trans Authority

Shawnice Dorsey

Mich Dept of Trans

Jay Reithel
Brian C. Ulman
Trevor Vincke

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, and Renate Soto

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

NONE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

VIII. FINANCES

NONE

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Mark Richard of the Nominating Committee stated that the Nominating Committee met at 5:30 pm and no other Committee members expressed interest in running for the open officer or trustee positions beside the current incumbents. The Nominating Committee recommends that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance move forward with the incumbents, which are Robert Johnson as Chairperson, Nate Henry as Vice-Chair, Tod Sorenson as Treasurer, and Paulette Johnson and John Whiteside as the Trustees.

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. Election of Officers**

Chairperson Johnson called for any other nominations for officers or trustees from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Travis Howell, to approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to appoint the current incumbents by acclimation.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #15**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz reviewed TIP Amendment #15, which includes 4 changes: City of Clio - North Mill Street, GCRC – Grand Blanc Rd., and 2 bridges in the City of Flint. TIP Amendment # 15 also changes one local traffic operations and safety GPA and one local bridge GPA.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Nate Henry, to approve TIP Amendment #15 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. FY 2026 Safety Call for Projects

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that MDOT has released their annual safety call for projects for FY 2026. MDOT is requesting that project applications be submitted to their office by May 1, 2024. To allow time for staff to review and endorse these applications, staff requests that all agencies submit a copy of the application to the GCMPC office by March 20, 2024. Projects will be ranked using Time-of-Return Analysis, and a prioritized list will be sent to MDOT. The prioritized list and a resolution will be brought back to this committee for approval in April. Discussion ensued.

D. FY 2024 Non-Motorized Data Collection

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that GCMPC is now accepting requests from all municipalities who are interested in collecting pedestrian and bicyclists count statistics along their trail networks. Each count will have a duration of 2 weeks and results will depict general usage trends such as daily averages, busiest days, hourly profiles, and comparisons between weekdays vs. weekends. To view previous trail count locations and statistics, please visit the GCMPC website at the link provided in the memo. Any questions regarding the non-motorized count program should be directed to Kris Garris.

E. FY 2024 PASER Data Collection

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that staff will begin collection pavement condition data using the PASER System on all federal-aid roads in FY 2024. The condition data collected is used for scoring projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The call for projects for the FY 2026-2029 TIP will begin later this year. Collection of PASER data is anticipated to begin in late April or early May. Local agencies who wish to participate in data collection will receive communication later this month. Any questions regarding this year's data

collection should be directed to Kris Garris by using the contact information provided in the memo.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Derek Bradshaw stated that communications were recently sent out from the GCMPC office regarding the upcoming Recycle Days for 2024. Recycle Days will be held on May 21, June 18, July 16 and August 20. These popular events will be run similar to 2023, by using a reservation system to help avoid long wait times. Registration will begin 2 weeks prior to each event, by using the link provided in the email or visiting our website.

Mr. Bradshaw gave an update on the permanent recycling and education center being built, stating that bids have been received for the demolition of the current structures at the former McDonald Dairy site near Robert T. Longway and I-475. A contract has been awarded and staff is anticipating demo to begin in approximately one month. The next step will be to hire an architect to design the building. Approximately, \$3 million in funding is set aside for this project for the construction phase. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Nate Henry stated that there are quite a few new METRO committee members and suggested that everyone introduce themselves. Committee members introduced themselves and which community or agency they represent.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: Jacob Maurer, Division Manager
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: FY 2025 Unified Work Program

The Unified Work Program (UWP) describes all transportation planning activities for the upcoming fiscal year and identifies funding sources and agencies involved in these activities. The primary activities for the 2025 fiscal year (FY) will focus on the continued development of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), development of the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and continued development of the Transportation Safety Action Plan. Other activities include performance measure monitoring and updates, transportation related data collection, building permit collection, transit planning, non-motorized planning, safety data analysis, and pavement data analysis to name a few.

Staff is beginning to develop the FY 2025 work program, and this is an opportunity for the committee to provide suggestions for work activities for the upcoming fiscal year. Please feel free to contact me by Friday, April 26, 2024 at jmaurer@geneosecountymi.gov or (810) 766-6545 with any suggestions for the FY 2025 UWP.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: Kristofor Garris, Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: FY 2026 List of Proposed Safety Projects

During the month of January, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) released a Call for FY 2026 Local Safety Programs -encompassing Safety Projects, Highway Safety Improvement Systemic (HSIP) programs, and High-Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Projects to all local road agencies for the 2026 fiscal year. Applications are due to MDOT by May 1, 2024. Staff requested that copies of applications for safety projects be sent to our office for prioritization and support.

Staff received seven (7) local safety program applications, six (6) of which were reviewed according to MDOT Time-of-Return (TOR) Analysis and appear as a prioritized list below. One project did not have data available to perform the TOR analysis. Staff is confident that the final project application will be completed with the required information before the MDOT deadline.

Projects received for the FY 2026 Safety Program:

	Agency	Road Name	Location	Improvement	TOR	Total
1	GCRC	Irish	Potter Road	Box-Spanned Signal Installation	1.17	\$250,000
2	GCRC	Owen	Pine Forest Dr to Eleanor	Widening, Resurfacing (2 to 3 lanes)	3.96	\$900,000

3	GCRC	Lavelle	Between Flushing and Pasadena	Flashing Signal Upgrade	4.08	\$60,000
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4	GCRC	Baldwin	Fenton Road	Roundabout	4.81	\$1,200,000
5	GCRC	Linden	Owen Road	Roundabout	4.99	\$820,000
6	GCRC	Saginaw	Woodfield Road	Widening (4 to 5 lanes)	6.61	\$150,000
7	City of Grand Blanc	Reid, Grand Blanc, Perry	Grand Boulevard, McFarlen Public Library	Pedestrian Crossing Treatments	N/A*	\$109,000

*The required information to calculate a TOR analysis was not available.

At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Metropolitan Alliance approve the prioritized list of FY 2026 Safety Projects for MDOT consideration by way of the attached resolution.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

A Resolution Endorsing FY 2026 Local Safety Program Projects for the Flint-Genesee County MPO

WHEREAS, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) continues a fund for Transportation Safety Activities; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has requested project applications be submitted for the FY 2026 Local Safety Program and the FY 2026 High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Program from local road agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Policy Committee to oversee, review and approve transportation planning processes within the County; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Alliance has reviewed the Local Safety Projects, and found them to be consistent with program goals, and to promote transportation enhancement within Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, These Local Safety Projects appear below in a prioritized order based on Time-of-Return (TOR) analysis; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Metropolitan Alliance to support and endorse transportation projects in Genesee County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance does hereby endorse and support the following Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Local Safety Projects:

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 Robert Johnson, Chairperson
 Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

 Date

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: McKenna Dutkiewicz, Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: US-23 Corridor Study – Progress Update

Genesee County Planning Commission staff met with US-23 Consultant, Rowe Professional Services, in March to discuss study progress and upcoming developments. Rowe provided detailed crash data reporting for major intersections along the US-23 corridor, including Hill Rd, Thompson Rd, Torrey Rd, Silver Lake Rd, and Owen Rd. Rowe analyzed historical crash data, which included data such as type of crashes, severity of crashes. This data was analyzed along with “queue lengths”, which averages how many vehicles are typically lined up over a specific time period at each corridor.

Rowe is working on developing an online map and website for public engagement in early April.

If you have any questions on the Study, please feel free to contact McKenna Dutkiewicz at mdutkiewicz@geneseecountymi.gov or (810) 766-6562.

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: Dru Hajec, Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: **Genesee County Coordinated Transit Plan – Progress Update**

The Genesee County Coordinated Transit Plan is currently under development. KFH Group is working with the Michigan Department of Transportation, Office of Passenger Transportation (MDOT OPT) in the statewide development of coordinated transportation plans. These plans are required for funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program administered by MDOT OPT. The coordinated transportation plans will also be designed to go beyond the federal requirements by incorporating activities offered under other programs sponsored by federal, state, and local agencies, and identifying mobility needs.

Over the past several months, staff has participated in focus groups and provided local data to the consultant.

Once the draft is received, staff will review and provide comments to KFH Group.

If you have any questions, please contact me at DHajec@geneseecountymi.gov or (810) 766-6568.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: Kristofor Garris, Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Genesee County Transportation Safety Action Plan – Progress Update

Staff has finalized and released the Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a consultant for Genesee County's Transportation Safety Action Plan on March 7, 2024. Questions were accepted until March 26, 2024, and proposals are due by April 18, 2024. The proposals will be reviewed and scored, followed by an interview to recommend the best candidate. The RFP can be found on the Genesee County Purchasing website.

The Action Plan will be a comprehensive, county-wide safety plan to aid and promote healthy, livable, and safe communities through reductions in traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The scope of focus includes all roads owned by partner agencies within Genesee County and will provide recommended safety improvements to the local road agencies.

If you have any questions on the Study, please feel free to contact Kris Garris at kgarris@geneseecountymi.gov or (810) 766-6564.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance

FROM: Kristofor Garris, Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: **2024 Local Traffic Count Program**

On an annual basis, the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) requests that local units of government update traffic count information on roads under their jurisdiction. Traffic Counts are used for a variety of transportation planning activities. Accurate and up-to-date traffic counts are critical pieces of information for Transportation Planning and funding opportunities,

GCMPC has traffic counters and accessory equipment available for rental by local jurisdictions. The counters can collect vehicle counts, as well as other traffic data such as vehicle classification and speed. The charge for equipment rental is \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 per week, per counter. Our staff is available to assist in setup and training. Optimal times for taking traffic counts are in the spring before schools are out for the summer and in the autumn after the Labor Day Holiday. Tuesday through Thursday generally provide the best average weekday count.

As traffic counts are taken, remember to upload this information to the web-based traffic count system. If you are not participating in the web-based system, you may send traffic count data in Roadsoft or Excel formats via e-mail to kgarris@geneseecountymi.gov.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or would like to rent traffic count equipment, please contact me at (810) 766-6564 or by e-mail at kgarris@geneseecountymi.gov.