

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, in a Zoom meeting conference call format due to Coronavirus concerns.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

UNIT REPRESENTED

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Genesee County

Commissioner Meredith Davis
(Flushing Twp. – Genesee County)

Commissioner Debra

Newman
City of Burton

Danny Wells
Gregory Fenner

City of Clio

Duane Mosher
(City of Clio-Genesee County)

Eric Wiederhold
Bonnie Bare
Mayor Tim Bishop
Patricia Lockwood
Sean Sage
Mayor Sheldon Neeley
John Daly

City of Davison
City of Fenton

City of Flint

Mark Adas
(Grand Blanc-Genesee County)

Brooke Good
Tony Nowiski

City of Flushing

City of Grand Blanc

Chris Douglas
(City of Grand Blanc-Genesee County)

Mayor Susan Soderstrom
Don Becker
Ray Culbert
Ellen Glass

City of Linden

City of Montrose

Mark Richard
(City of Montrose-Genesee County)

City of Mt. Morris

Dennis Heidenfeldt

City of Swartz Creek

John Gilbert
(City of Swartz Creek-Genesee County)

Argentine Township	Robert Plumb (City of Swartz Creek-Genesee County) Nate Henry (City of Swartz Creek-Genesee County)	Brian Saad Leslie Renckly Shirley Kautman-Jones
Atlas Township	Paulette Johnson (Atlas Twp.-Genesee County)	Katie Vick
Clayton Township	Shelley Thompson	Matthew Karr
Davison Township	Tom Spillane (Clayton Twp.-Genesee County)	Andrew Marko Robert Kesler Karyn Miller
Fenton Township	Travis Howell (Davison Twp.-Genesee County) Kade Katrak (Fenton Twp.-Genesee County)	Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price Rocky Fowler Lee Purdy Diane Hyrman
Flint Township	John Whiteside (Flint Twp.-Genesee County) Bill Bain (Flushing Twp.-Genesee County)	Joel Feick
Flushing Township		
Forest Township		
Gaines Township		
Genesee Township	Tod Sorensen (Genesee Twp.-Genesee County) Robin Ackerman (Genesee Twp.-Genesee County)	Mark Emmendorfer Michele Loper
Grand Blanc Township	Monica Shapiro (Grand Blanc-Genesee County) Tom Tithof (Montrose Twp.-Genesee County)	
Montrose Township		
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson (City of Flint-Genesee County) Elmer Wilson (Mt. Morris Twp.-Genesee County) Kimberly Jimenez (Mundy Twp.-Genesee County) Shane Towne (Mundy Twp.-Genesee County)	Debra Ridley
Mundy Township		
Richfield Township	Gerry Masters (Richfield Twp.-Genesee County)	
Theftord Township		

Vienna Township	Pam Faris (Vienna Twp.-Genesee County)	
Goodrich Village		Sherry Moore Angie Adamec Melissa Schluentz
Otisville Village		
Otter Lake Village		Joan Skias
Lennon Village		
Gaines Village	Samuel Stiff (Village of Gaines-Genesee County)	
Federal Highway Admin		Bruce Ferris Valerie Delauty Andrea Dewey Aaron Dawson Jeff Wright
Gen Cty Drain Comm		
Gen Cty Road Comm	Alex Patsy (City of Flushing-Genesee County)	
GCMPC	Derek Bradshaw (Bayfield Ontario, Canada)	
Mass Trans Authority		Ed Benning
Mich Dept of Trans	Shawnice Dorsey (Flint-Genesee County)	
	Jay Reithel (Saginaw Twp.-Saginaw County)	Anita Boughner
		Steven Katenhus Trevor Block Carissa McQuiston

OTHERS PRESENT: Adell Eldrich, Samara Horn, Royal Brooks, Keith Fleetwood, Jason Nordberg, Jacob Maurer, and Debby Compton.

III. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** John Gilbert, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Genesee County Roundabout Implementation Study Update

Jacob Maurer advised that Rowe has begun the early preliminary engineering on the fourteen (14) identified intersections. This will include simulations of existing conditions as well as what the conditions would be after the potential conversion. Rowe is working with a few of the road agencies prior to the June stakeholder meeting. Staff will have another major update on the study in a month or two.

V. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023 List of Proposed Safety Projects**

Jacob Maurer advised that back in February the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) released their Call for Safety Projects and a Call for High-Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Projects to all local road agencies for fiscal year 2023. Staff received twelve (12) applications and those were ranked according to the Time-of-Return Analysis. Applications are due to MDOT May 3, 2021. The Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2023 List of Proposed Safety Projects and approval for Chairperson Johnson to sign the Resolution of Support. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Travis Howell, to approve the FY 2023 List of Proposed Safety Projects and the approval of Chairperson Johnson to sign the Resolution of Support.

Motion carried unanimously

B. 2021 Local Traffic Count Program

Jacob Maurer advised that staff will be reaching out by letter to local road agencies to update traffic count information on federal-aid roads under their jurisdiction. Any questions or anyone wishing to rent traffic count equipment can contact Alicia Williams of the GCMPC office.

C. 2021 Trail Count Survey Requests

Jacob Maurer advised that staff is accepting requests from all local municipalities who are interested in collecting pedestrian and bicyclists count statistics along their non-motorized trail network. Any questions regarding the non-motorized count program can contact Jacob Maurer. Discussion ensued.

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

Jacob Maurer advised that this amendment adds one project and abandons one project. Mr. Maurer reviewed the projects with the committee. 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 populations. This amendment also meets the Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rules. The Technical Advisory Committee is providing a recommendation to endorse FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #15 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #15.

Motion carried unanimously

E. FY 2022 Unified Work Program

Jacob Maurer advised that this is something staff prepares for each year. The primary activities for the 2022 fiscal year will focus on the development of the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the UWP development, and implementation of the Long Range Transportation Plan. This is an opportunity for the committee to

provide suggestions on projects for the upcoming fiscal year. Contact Jason by Friday, April 23, 2021 with suggestions.

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

Jacob Maurer advised that this past month Genesee County received \$2.6 million dollars in COVID relief funding. Staff held several TSM subcommittee meetings as well as bringing this to the Technical Advisory Committee. The goal was to show a need for this funding and to do that the committee decided the best way was to move up FY 2023 projects in the TIP to FY 2022. For the funding that was vacated in FY 2023 staff looked at the existing illustrative list that was formed at the beginning of the TIP development in 2019. Some of these COVID relief dollars were also able to be allocated to the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) for a new solar panel project. The Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval for (1) the identified projects to move to FY 2022, and (2) the identified illustrative projects and transit project be added to the Genesee County TIP in FY 2023 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richards, **Supported by** Gerald Masters, to approve the FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) and COVID Relief Fund Allocations as presented (1) the identified projects to move to FY 2022, and (2) the identified illustrative projects and transit project be added to the Genesee County TIP in FY 2023.

Motion carried unanimously

*****G. Election of Officers**

Jason Nordberg thanked everyone for getting their responses back quickly. This is the first election that has been done over email with twenty-eight responses received. The following officers were elected. Chair, Robert Johnson, Vice-Chair, Robert Plumb, and Treasurer, Tod Sorensen. There were five (5) trustee positions available; Travis Howell trustee until 2022, Monica Shapiro until 2023, John Gilbert until 2023, John Whiteside until 2024, and Paulette Johnson until 2024. Motion on results of election and motion to destroy the votes.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gerald Masters, **Supported by** Pam Faris, to approve the results of the election of officers and trustees as follows and to destroy the votes. Chairperson, Robert Johnson, Vice-Chair, Robert Plumb, Treasurer, Tod Sorensen, Trustees, Travis Howell, Monica Shapiro, John Gilbert, John Whiteside, and Paulette Johnson.

Motion carried unanimously

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Richards inquired about the bridge rehab on M-57 going over the Flint River. Jay Reithel (MDOT) will provide this information to staff and staff will email the information out to Mark Richards and Tom Tithof. (done)

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson advised that the next meeting will be held on May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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