

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 4, 2019**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. **Call to Order**



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

II. **Roll Call.**

Present: Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Bob Slattery, Brad Barrett, Chad Young, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Ed Benning, Eric Johnston, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Michael Pifer, Robert Johnson, Shawnice Dorsey, Tom Svrcek and Trevor Block.

Absent/Excused: Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Betty Wideman, Bonnie Mathis, Brian Saad, Chris Gehringer, Chris Yeates, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Jay Reithel, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Kim Zimmer, Larry Green, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Scott Sutter, Sheri Wilkerson, Steven Furh, Teresa Onica, Tim Elkins, Vicki Fishell, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Aaron Christner, Lane Masoud, Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Jacob Maurer, Zachary Sompels, and Debby Compton.

III. **Minutes** 

***A. **Minutes of the March 7, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **supported by** Robert Johnson, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Old Business** 


A. **Fixing Michigan Roads Plan**

Jason Nordberg stated that this is just for general discussion. At the last meeting staff presented information from the State Budget Office. It was discussed that we would move some sort of resolution or letter to Metro to have them sign it. However, it was decided that it was too premature to do something that formal. Some agencies had received information stating that this is how much you

would receive for Act 51 and this is how much you would receive if it went through the Governors' Proposal. The amounts differed. Genesee County's email system is down right now so staff has not seen this information. Mr. Nordberg opened the discussion up to the committee for anyone that has heard anything.

Eric Johnston, Genesee County Road Commission, stated that he would send the list to Jason. Discussion ensued.

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

 Sharon Gregory stated that this is an update on the TIP events. Staff is working on scheduling the three (3) public input sessions for the TIP list of projects. Tentative dates are Tuesday, April 30th at the Flint Farmer's Market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Swartz Creek Senior Center, on Tuesday, April 30th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and the Eastside Senior Center, on Wednesday, May 1st, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A Public Notice will be posted in the Flint Journal to let people know about the events. The list of projects will be available, and postcards will be mailed. Ms. Gregory advised that anyone with a project in the TIP should also try to attend the sessions with staff and the Genesee County Road Commission.

Derek Bradshaw advised that GCMPC staff is combining Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Transportation project events together.

V. New Business

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

Sharon Gregory stated that this is mostly MTA and MDOT projects. There were quite a few MTA projects with the same job number, and that is correct. The new way it is being done in JobNet is one job number includes many transit projects that are separated by scope codes. 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 is working on doing an Air Quality analysis. At this time, staff is recommending endorsement of Amendment #17 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Robert Johnson, **supported by** Michael Pifer, to recommend approval of the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #17 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2019 Trail Count Survey Requests 

Jacob Maurer stated that this is the third year into the Trail Count Survey program. Mr. Maurer presented key figures and graphs on what types of information a community can get from the trail count. Any community interested in participating in the 2019 Non-Motorized Trail Count program can contact

Jacob to meet to discuss the best location to install the counter along the community's trail(s). Requests will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.

C. **2019 Local Traffic Count Program** 

Zachary Sompels stated that this is a quick announcement regarding the 2019 Local Traffic Count Program. Staff will be sending out letters to each local road agency with a list of locations requiring 48-hour traffic counts for 2019. GCMPC has traffic counters and accessory equipment available for rental by local agencies. The charge for equipment rental is \$5.00 a day or \$25.00 per week. Contact Zachary with any questions or concerns or traffic count equipment rental.

D. **Interactive Visual Mapping of Regional Trails** 

Jacob Maurer stated that with the assistance of a consultant, staff will be developing 360-degree panoramic image maps of Genesee County's non-motorized land trails. The interactive maps will help GCMPC highlight the region's excellent amenities and the high quality of life that is available. Staff is looking to have the hiking trails mapping done in May and paved mapping pathways done in June. Staff has put together a draft list of the hiking and biking trails and the committee was asked to review it. If they would like a trail added that is not already on the list, they should let Jacob know. Discussion ensued.

E. **FY 2020 Unified Work Program (UWP)** 

Jason Nordberg advised the committee that this is the time of year when staff begins to develop the work program. Staff met earlier with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to go over current funding estimates for the year. The amount of funding will be similar to the past several years. The primary focus for the 2020 fiscal year will be on the update and approval of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and implementing the new Transportation Improvement Program when it gets approved. Staff will be putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Roundabout Study Consultant for the new year along with the usual activities. This is an opportunity for the committee to provide suggestions for work activities. Contact Jason Nordberg by Thursday, April 12th with any suggestions or ideas.

Derek Bradshaw advised that staff is looking for transportation related suggestions.

VI. **Other Business** 

A. **Nominating Committee Appointed and Meet**

Jason Nordberg advised that staff would like the nominating committee (Small Cities Representative, City of Flint, City of Burton, MTA and the Genesee County Road Commission) to stay after for a few minutes to talk about the nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Usually a certain rotation is kept so the nominating committee can discuss if that is what will be done for this year.

VII. **Announcements**

Bob Slattery announced that the City of Burton will have a new mayor in November. Paula Zelenko has announced she is not running for re-election.

Alex Patsy stated that the State of Michigan Highway Safety Program is selecting their Highway Safety Projects this week.

Discussion ensued regarding cyber security, ransomware and how secure everyone is from being hacked.

Discussion turned to NEPA requirements.

Don Mayle advised that he believes this has been discussed at this committee before, regarding the need for process changes on Environmental Clearance for Categorical Exclusions. Coming up on October 1st, the new process will be enacted where Local Agency Programs (LAP) has to approve the federal exclusion. LAP can't just concur, they have to look at the documentation and approve it. If someone has not been to the training, there is a webinar on the LAP website that describes and explains the new forms that have to be submitted.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Benning adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m. 

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