

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in an in-person meeting in the Human Resources Training Room (G51) of the Genesee County Administration Building.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order 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

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

Duane Mosher

Chris Douglas

Mark Richard

John Gilbert
Nate Henry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale K. Weighill

Martin L. Cousineau

Greg Hull

Tom Martinbianco

Eric Wiederhold

Josh Westfall

Mayor Tim Bishop

Patricia Lockwood

Mayor Sheldon Neeley

Rodney McGaha

Mark Adas

Brooke Good

Susan Soderstrom

Don Becker

Pamela Howd

Danielle Cusson

Aaron Burch

Steven Sorenson

Mayor Sara Dubey

Charles Campbell

Argentine Township		Brian Saad Kyle Kurtz
Atlas Township		Shirley Kautman-Jones Paulette Johnson Katie Vick
Clayton Township		Shelley Thompson Tom Spillane
Davison Township		Matthew Karr Travis Howell
Fenton Township	Kade Katrak	
Flint Township		Andrew Marko Vince Lorraine Karyn Miller
Flushing Township	John Whiteside	Tracey Tucker
Forest Township Gaines Township	Bill Bain	Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price Rocky Fowler Lee Purdy
Genesee Township	Diane Hyrman	Tod Sorensen Robin Ackerman Joel Feick Loren Crandell Mark Emmendorfer
Grand Blanc Township		
Montrose Township		
Mt. Morris Township	Tom Tithof Robert Johnson	
Mundy Township	Kimberly Jimenez	Brian Baxter Dewayn Allen
Richfield Township	Leonard Marden	Michael Simon Debra Ridley
Thetford Township Vienna Township Goodrich Village		Connie Chirich Eric Gunnels Nancy Belill Sherry Moore
Otisville Village Otter Lake Village	Angie Adamec	Keith Walworth Vadice Burgett David Dorr Terry Gill
Lennon Village Gaines Village		Connie Greene Melissa Neal Mark Sanborn
Federal Highway Admin		Christina Nicholaiodes

Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm
GCMPC

Alex Patsy
Derek Bradshaw

Jeff Wright

Mass Trans Authority

Shawnice Dorsey
Jay Reithel

Christine Durgan
Ed Benning

Mich Dept of Trans

Brian C. Ulman
Trevor Vincke

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Renate Soto, George F. Grundy II, Samara Horne, Royal Brooks, Audie Kincaid, Chelesia Brown, Yusef Robinson and Napoleon Odom

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2023 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** John Gilbert, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Royal Brooks from Flushing, George F. Grundy II from Flint, Samara Horne from Flint, Audie Kindcaid from Burton and Chelesia Brown all introduced themselves.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Royal Brooks commented and inquired about MDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, including DBE contracts in Genesee County, certification and eligibility to bid on MDOT contracts. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Samara Horne echoed Mr. Brooks comment regarding MDOT's DBE Program and inquired regarding how many DBE's have been contracted within the last 12 months through the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). Discussion ensued.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

VIII. FINANCES

NONE

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2024 Unified Work Program**

Mr. Jacob Maurer stated that the Draft FY 2024 Unified Work Program (UWP) was included in the agenda packet. The UWP outlines how staff will spend their time in the major programs in the next fiscal year. The major activities included in the UWP are the development of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), managing the current Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), working on a new Safety Action Plan, and continuing the US-23 Corridor Study. These activities are in addition to the many transportation related functions our staff provides on a daily basis. At this time, TAC is recommending approval of the FY 2024 UWP to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance through the attached resolution and to authorize Derek Bradshaw to sign all contracts and agreements related to the work program.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Nate Henry, **Supported by** Tom Tithof, to approve the FY 2024 Unified Work Program (UWP) to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance through the attached resolution and to authorize Derek Bradshaw to sign all contracts and agreements related to the work program.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. Pavement, Bridge, & System Reliability Performance Targets**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated at the April METRO meeting, staff reviewed the performance targets for Pavement, Bridge, System Reliability, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ). Ms. Dutkiewicz reviewed the statewide targets through a small presentation, going over each performance area and measure, and included the baseline conditions, 2-year and 4-year targets for each. At this time, TAC recommends that METRO adopt MDOT's performance targets for Bridge, Pavement, System Reliability, and CMAQ by way of the attached resolution.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the adoption of MDOT's performance targets for Bridge, Pavement, System Reliability, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) by the way of the attached resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8**

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated Amendment #8 changes three projects, and adds one project, to the FY 2023-2026 TIP. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending the endorsement of Amendment #8 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP from the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Tom Tithof, to approve Amendment #8 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. FY 2025 List of Proposed Safety Projects**

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that staff received 6 local safety project applications which were reviewed using the time-of-return analysis. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance approves the prioritized list of FY 2025 Safety Projects for MDOT consideration by way of the attached resolution.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Duane Mosher, **Supported by** Tom Tithof, to approve the list of FY 2025 Safety Projects for MDOT consideration by way of the attached resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. 2023 Non-Motorized Count Survey Requests

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that staff is accepting requests from all Genesee County municipalities who are interested in collecting count statistics along non-motorized trail networks. If your community is interested in participating in the 2023 Non-Motorized Trail Count program, staff is available to discuss locations to install the counters along your trails. A Committee member asked if there is a charge to use the counters and Mr. Maurer stated there is no charge. He added that staff has been working with Local Units of Government for about 7 years with these counters and it has provided some very useful data which may help communities get grant dollars back into their area. Mr. Maurer stated that the counters can typically be installed from Spring through Fall and he gave a brief description of the simple installation process. Discussion ensued.

D. 2023 Local Traffic Count Program

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that staff is requesting that local units of government update traffic count information on roads under their jurisdiction. GCMPC has traffic counters and accessory equipment available for rental by local units of government. The charge for the equipment rental is \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 per week per counter. Staff is available to assist with setup and training. Please remember to upload the information gathered to the web-based traffic count system.

E. Adjusted Census Urban Boundaries (ACUB) Establishment & Revision

Mr. Maurer stated that at previous METRO meetings, staff discussed the release of the 2020 Census Urban Boundary and how that may affect the boundaries in Genesee County as far as urbanized area. The next step is to start setting up meetings with road agencies to make adjustments to smooth out the boundaries to prevent switching back and forth between 2 different types of classifications in a short distance. The result of these meetings will be Adjusted Census Urban Boundaries (ACUB) which helps in determining the federal aid network of roads. GCMPC will then work with MDOT for further guidance on how this will impact transportation funding. Staff will keep this committee informed as more information is released.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Genesee County Road Commission Presentation

Mr. Alex Patsy of the Genesee County Road Commission gave the annual presentation of the 2023 Road Improvement Program in the County, speaking about Federally funded projects and Road Commission funded projects, which includes primary roads and bridges. Mr. Patsy also went over commercial and subdivision projects, local road resurfacing projects, local bridge preventative maintenance and culvert replacements. Discussion ensued.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Genesee County Recycle Day(s)

Mr. Maurer stated that we have 8 scheduled Genesee County Recycle Days, 2 per month between the months of May and August. These events are very popular and you may register for an appointment to attend one of these events by visiting our website at gcmpc.org and signing up for an appointment.

Staff is currently working on a establishing a permanent recycling center along near I-475 and downtown Flint. This project is currently in the process of environmental reviews, permitting and getting bids on demolition of current buildings on site.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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