

**GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, in an in-person meeting in the Harris Auditorium.

**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**

**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

Argentine Township

Patricia Lockwood

Chris Douglas

Mark Richard

John Gilbert

Nate Henry

Commissioner Meredith Davis  
Commissioner Debra Newman  
Greg Hull  
Tom Martinbianco  
Duane Mosher  
Eric Wiederhold

Mayor Tim Bishop

Skip Bancroft  
Sean Sage  
Mayor Sheldon Neeley  
John Daly  
Mark Adas  
Brooke Good

Susan Soderstrom  
Don Becker  
Ray Culbert  
Danielle Cusson

Dennis Heidenfeldt

Robert Plumb

Brian Saad

Atlas Township	Paulette Johnson	Leslie Renckly Rebecca Nemecheck Shirley Kautman-Jones
Clayton Township		Katie Vick Shelley Thompson Tom Spillane Matthew Karr Travis Howell Patrick Miller
Davison Township		
Fenton Township	Kade Katrak	Andrew Marko Robert Kesler Karyn Miller
Flint Township	John Whiteside	Tracey Tucker
Flushing Township		Bill Bain Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price Rocky Fowler
Forest Township		
Gaines Township	Lee Purdy	Diane Hyrman
Genesee Township	Tod Sorensen Robin Ackerman	
Grand Blanc Township	Loren Crandell	Joel Feick
Montrose Township	Tom Tithof	Mark Emmendorfer
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson	Michele Loper Dewayn Allen
Mundy Township	Kimberly Jimenez	Shane Towne Debra Ridley Gerald Masters Rachel Stanke Cathrine Thompson Sherry Moore
Richfield Township		
Thetford Township		
Vienna Township		
Goodrich Village	Angie Adamec	Melissa Schluentz
Otisville Village		
Otter Lake Village		Joan Skias
Lennon Village		
Gaines Village		Samuel Stiff Bruce Ferris Valerie Delauty Andy Pickard
Federal Highway Admin		

Gen Cty Drain Comm  
Gen Cty Road Comm

Jeff Wright  
Alex Patsy

GCMPC

Derek Bradshaw  
Christine Durgan  
Ed Benning  
Shawnice Dorsey  
Anita Boughner  
Jay Reithel  
Steven Katenhus  
Trevor Block

Mass Trans Authority

Mich Dept of Trans

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jason Nordberg, Alicia Williams, and Renate Soto.

**IV. MINUTES OF THE April 13, 2022 MEETING**

**Motion: Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Patricia Lockwood, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST**

NONE

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

**VIII. FINANCES**

NONE

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NONE

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**\*\*\*A. FY 2023 Unified Work Program**

Mr. Nordberg reviewed the Unified Work Program for FY 2023, and indicated that primary activities for the 2023 fiscal year will focus on the implementation of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the development of a study to identify potential future transportation improvements surrounding the US 23 corridor. Mr. Nordberg also indicated that other activities include performance measure monitoring and updates, transportation related data collection, transit planning, non-motorized planning, safety data analysis, complete streets, and pavement data analysis to name a few. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Paulette Johnson, **Supported by** John Whiteside, approval of the FY 2023 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. Draft FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Flint MI Area**

Ms. Williams indicated that the draft FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Analysis will be going out for public comment. The thirty-day public comment period will begin on Sunday, May 8, 2022 and run until Tuesday, June 7, 2022. There will be a public hearing on June 1, 2022 at 4 p.m. in Room 301 on the third floor of the Genesee County Administration Building in Flint. Ms. Williams said the draft FY 2023-2026 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis will be available for public review and comment on our website and in our office. She provided an overview of the public input sessions held in April across the county, and also provided a timeline of document approval. Ms. Williams also said the draft TIP, draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis, list of projects, a public comment sheet, and our project map are available on our website. Any questions on the draft document should be directed to Ms. Williams.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**\*\*\*A. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TI) Amendment #23**

Ms. Williams indicated that Amendment # 23 consists of two Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) bridge projects. She said that the two projects are having cost increases based on updated estimates. The first project is an increase for the M-21 project which is a bridge removal and culvert replacement. The second project is the M-54 bridge project over the Flint River. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve. **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Nate Henry, to approve Amendment # 23 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**B. MDOT Federal Aid-Aid Buyout Program**

Ms. Williams indicated that MDOT is currently working on developing the Federal Aid Buyout Program. For some local road agencies, in specific circumstances, the use of 100% local or state restricted funds, rather than federal funds, could result in lower project costs and accelerated project delivery. Projects funded with 100% local or state restricted funds are generally not subject to certain regulations that come with federal aid. Ms. Williams indicated that the attached Federal-Aid Buyout Program Overview is currently being developed by MDOT and is in draft form. MDOT will do a Call for Buyouts next month in June for FY 2023 projects. She asked that interested parties contact MDOT's Don Mayle for more information on this program, but to please include staff on the correspondence because staff also has questions about the program. Mr. Nordberg added that there are many details that still are being worked out but he indicated that there is approximately \$25 million for FY 2023 for this program, which will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Then in November, MDOT will do the next Call for Buyouts, which will be for FY 2024 projects. Discussion ensued.

**C. Fiscal Year 2022 Trail Count Survey Requests**

Ms. Williams stated that staff is now accepting requests from all Genesee County municipalities that are interested in collecting pedestrian and bicyclist count statistics along with their non-motorized trail network. Staff is developing a schedule to collect non-motorized counts on trails throughout the county. Ms. Williams indicated that each count will have a duration of two weeks and that each survey will depict general usage trends such as daily

average, busiest days, hourly profiles, and comparisons between weekdays and weekends. Ms. Williams indicated that if communities are interested in participating in the 2022 Non-Motorized Trail Count program, staff will meet with them to discuss the best locations to install the trail counters. Requests will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

**\*\*\*D. Fiscal Year 2024 List of Proposed Safety Projects**

Ms. Williams stated that during the month of February, MDOT released a Call for Safety Projects and a Call for High-Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Projects to all local road agencies for FY 2024. Applications were due to MDOT by May 2, 2022. Staff requested that copies of applications for safety projects be sent to staff for prioritization and support. Ms. Williams said that staff received ten (10) local safety program applications which were reviewed and prioritized according to the MDOT Time-of-Return (TOR) Analysis. All ten projects were from the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC). Ms. Williams indicated that anyone with questions should reach out to Alex Patsy from the GCRC.

**Motion: Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Paulette Johnson, to approve the prioritized list of FY 2024 Safety Projects for MDOT consideration.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Derek Bradshaw announced the results from the most recent Genesee County Recycle Day Event on May 14, 2022. Mr. Bradshaw indicated that we had 1,250 people participate in the event, but we accepted approximately 2 times the number of recyclable materials than at past events. The event had to be shut down early due to the contractor having no more room to accept any more items. Mr. Bradshaw announced the date of our next Recycle Day Event, June 21, 2022. Mr. Bradshaw also announced our Free Tire Recycling event on June 11, 2022 from 9am – 1pm at Environmental Rubber Recycling.

Mr. Bradshaw also spoke about the Consumer's Energy "Helping Neighbors" Program. This program assists persons and families with low to moderate income in getting a free furnace and/or air conditioner if they qualify. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Williams announced the Michigan Transportation Planning Association Conference (MTPA) will be held July 26 – July 29, 2022 in Downtown Flint. Ms. Williams gave all the details regarding the event and how to register.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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