

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2020
Conference Call

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2020 by Zoom Conference Call due to Coronavirus concerns.

Jason Nordberg welcomed and thanked everyone for participating in the Zoom Conference Call. Mr. Nordberg went over some do's and don'ts for the conference call.

- Do keep your phone on mute unless:
 - a. responding to roll call
 - b. asking or responding to a question
 - c. making or supporting a motion
- Do state your name when making or supporting a motion
- Don't put your phone on hold as any background noise such as music can disrupt the quality of the conference call

Jason Nordberg turned the meeting over to Chairperson Johnson.

I. Call to Order
 Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call
 Members present and absent were noted as follows:

<u>UNIT REPRESENTED</u>	<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>
Genesee County City of Burton		Commissioner Ted Henry Danny Wells Gregory Fenner
City of Clio	Duane Mosher	Eric Wiederhold Bonnie Bare
City of Davison City of Fenton		Leigh LaForest Patricia Lockwood
City of Flint		Sean Sage Mayor Sheldon Neeley John Daly Mark Adas
City of Flushing City of Grand Blanc	Brooke Good	Chris Douglas Mayor Susan Soderstrom
City of Linden		Ray Culbert Ellen Glass
City of Montrose		Mark Richard

City of Mt. Morris		Steve Sorensen James Freeman
City of Swartz Creek		John Gilbert Robert Plumb Dennis Cramer
Argentine Township		Brian Saad Leslie Renckly Paulette Johnson Tere Onica
Atlas Township		
Clayton Township	Shelley Thompson Tom Spillane	
Davison Township		Matthew Karr Rhonda Clark Robert Kesler
Fenton Township		
Flint Township	Andrew Marko Christine Reid	
Flushing Township	John Whiteside	Karyn Miller
Forest Township Gaines Township		Tracey Tucker Jenifer Almassy Bill Bain Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price Lee Purdy Matt Davis Diane Hyrman Tod Sorensen
Genesee Township		
Grand Blanc Township	Robin Ackerman Al Mansour	
Montrose Township		Monica Shapiro Tom Tithof Mark Emmendorfer Brian Baxter
Mt. Morris Township		
Mundy Township	Robert Johnson	Michael Dunklee
Richfield Township Thetford Township	Dan Morey Shane Towne	
Vienna Township	Gerry Masters	Kay Doerr
Goodrich Village		Gary Stevens Mike LaPointe
Otisville Village Otter Lake Village Lennon Village	Doug McAbee	Angie Adamec Tim Light
		Joan Skias

Gaines Village

Emily Alexander
Valerie Delauter
Melissa Neal
Andrea Dewey
Aaron Dawson
Jeff Wright

Federal Highway Admin

Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm
GCMPC
Mass Trans Authority

Alex Patsy
Derek Bradshaw

Ed Benning
Shawnice Dorsey
Anita Boughner

Mich Dept of Trans

Jay Reithel

Steven Katenhus
Trevor Block

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, and Nichole Odette.

III. New Business

*****A. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8**

Sharon Gregory stated that FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8 adds three Genesee County Road Commission safety projects, two MDOT right-of-way projects on I-475, and the City of Fenton has increased their local match because the cost of their project increased. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval for attached Amendment #8 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Shane Towne, **supported by** Gerald Masters, to approve FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

Sharon Gregory stated that FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP) is the document that describes the sources of funding for the upcoming fiscal year work items, as well as all agencies involved. The primary focus will be on the 2045 LRTP, 2020-2023 TIP, the Roundabout Study, data collection, building permits, and transit planning just to name a few. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance approve the FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP) and authorize Derek Bradshaw to sign all contracts and agreements related to the work program through the attached resolution.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Gerald Masters, **supported by** Shelly Thompson, to approve the FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP) and authorize Derek Bradshaw to sign all contracts and agreements related to the work program through the attached resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****C. Issues with Obligating FY 2020 TIP Projects due to Covid-19**

Sharon Gregory stated that there have been delays due to the pandemic. Some committees were unable to meet until they were set up for remote participation, which delayed important action items. Reduced staffing levels at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have caused delays in getting responses. The extended NEPA requirements have also slowed the approval process. According to MDOT, approximately 91% of FY 2020 obligational authority is spoken for at this time. The attached list shows which projects are still unobligated as of today, however, some have been submitted to MDOT and two are waiting for responses from SHPO.

IV. Old Business

*****A. Approval of Genesee: Our County, Our Future Plan**

Sharon Gregory explained that the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future Plan* is wrapping up. The plan went through a 30-day public comment period, which ended on April 7th. No comments were received during the public comment period or during the public hearing that took place on April 7th. The last group of public input sessions had to be cancelled due to Coronavirus concerns, but input sessions were held previously, and staff was available to answer questions and comments. The draft *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* plan meets all federal transportation requirements, including Air Quality, Environmental Justice, Public Participation, Performance Measures, and Fiscal Constraint. The *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* Steering Committee approved the plan at its April 20, 2020 meeting. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval for the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* plan and for the Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS through the attached resolution to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Gerald Masters, **supported by** Shelly Thompson, to approve the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* plan and the Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and thanked everyone for calling into the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Odette, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission