

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ed Benning called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. He also stated that he would have to leave the meeting early and that Secretary Eric Johnston would be taking over at that time.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Benning announced that a sign-in sheet would be used for today's official roll call. No verbal roll call was done.

Present: Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Chris Gehringer, Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnston, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, Michael Pifer, Michelle King, Shawnice Dorsey and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Amber Abbey, Brian Saad, Brian Ulman, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Christina Nicholaides, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dan Eashoo, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Don Mayle, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jay Reithel, Jolena Sanders-Sims, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Lynn Markland, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Robert Bincsik, Rod McGaha, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Sheri Wilkerson, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Thomas Spillane, Tonya Ketzler, Vadice Burgett, Vicki Fishell, and Vince Lorraine.

Others Present: Kris Garris, McKenna Dutkiewicz and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

***** A. Minutes of the April 6, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Ellen Glass, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Derek Bradshaw stated that the Unified Work Program (UWP) describes the planning projects and activities for the upcoming fiscal year (2024) and identifies the funding sources for those projects. The main projects that staff is currently working on are the US-23 Corridor Study, development of a Safety Action Plan, implementation of the 2023-2026 TIP, and development of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Chris Gehringer, **Supported by** Eric Johnston, to approve the FY 2024 United Work Program as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated that at the April TAC meeting, staff presented the MDOT statewide performance targets for the performance measure areas of Bridge, Pavement, System Reliability, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ). Ms. Dutkiewicz reviewed the Performance Targets with the Committee. After reviewing the targets with MDOT and local road agencies, staff has determined that the adoption of MDOT's Performance Targets will be acceptable. At this time, staff is requesting TAC provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance to adopt MDOT's performance targets for Bridge, Pavement, System Reliability, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ).

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Eric Johnston, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to approve the adoption MDOT's performance targets for Bridge, Pavement, System Reliability, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

Motion carried unanimously

V. NEW BUSINESS

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

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

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Chris Gehringer, **Supported by** Eric Johnston, to approve Amendment #8 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Kris Garris stated that in February, MDOT released a Call for FY 2025 Local Safety Programs. The applications for these projects were due to MDOT on May 1. Staff requested that the applications be sent to our office for a Time-of-Return analysis to prioritize the applications sent to MDOT. Mr. Garris went over the six applications received and reviewed by staff and sent to MDOT. At this time, staff is requesting the Technical Advisory Committee provide a recommendation of approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the prioritized list of FY 2025 Safety Projects for MDOT consideration.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Ellen Glass, **Supported by** Eric Johnston, to approve the prioritized list of FY 2025 Safety Projects as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. 2023 Non-Motorized Count Survey Results

Mr. Garris stated that traffic and trail counts are beginning for the season and GCMPC staff are now accepting requests from local communities who are interested in collecting pedestrian and bicycle counts along their respective trails. If you are interested in meeting with staff to discuss non-motorized counts, please reach out to Kris Garris via phone or email. These counts will provide local units with a better sense on how trails are

being utilized in communities by providing usage trends such as daily averages, busiest days, and comparisons between weekday vs. weekend usage.

D. 2023 Local Traffic Count Program

Mr. Garris provided an overview of how the local traffic count program works in Genesee County. The traffic count program is currently underway and is imperative to the transportation process by providing critical pieces information to make informed decisions about the Transportation Planning process and funding opportunities. GCMPC has traffic counters and accessories available for rental for local units of government which can collect vehicle counts, classifications and speeds. The rental charge is \$5 per day or \$25 per week and our staff can assist in setup and training. The information collected can either be uploaded to the web-based traffic count system or you may send the data via email to Kris Garris.

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

Mr. Bradshaw stated that at past meetings, staff has discussed the Adjusted Census Urban Boundaries (ACUB), how the 2020 boundaries have changed for Genesee County and what the possible impacts would be. MDOT will soon be scheduling workshops to review the ACUB. The next step in the process is to smooth those boundaries to help prevent confusion resulting from roads that switch back and forth between urban and rural within short distances. GCMPC staff and road agencies will be meeting to review those boundaries and be prepared with possible changes prior to the MDOT workshop. Stay tuned for more details from MDOT and staff and how this may impact transportation funding in the 2024 FY and beyond. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Benning excused himself for another commitment and Secretary Eric Johnston began chairing the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Selection of a Nominating Subcommittee for the Election of Officers

Mr. Bradshaw suggested that our subcommittee, which includes representatives from Large Cities, Small Cities/Villages, MTA, and GCRC, meet after TAC to discuss the Nominating Subcommittee for the election of officers. The current process in place offers rotating officer representation for each type of agency represented in the Technical Advisory Committee.

B. 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.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Genesee County Recycle Days

Mr. Bradshaw gave a brief description of our upcoming Genesee County Recycle Days. We are hosting 8 recycle events this summer, 2 per month in the months of May, June, July and August. The events are on a by-appointment basis, are highly popular and fill up fast. This format has proven to be very successful, by reducing wait times. You may register for upcoming events on our website, 2 weeks prior to the first event of each month. You may also follow Eventbrite through our website and you will be notified when the registration goes live for each event. Citizens must bring proof of registration to the event.

Mr. Bradshaw stated we are making progress on establishing a new recycle center. Staff is currently working on the environmental process and getting bids on demolishing current buildings on the property, located near the corner of Robert T. Longway and I-475. Staff has also worked with an architect to create initial site specs.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Johnston adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:20 pm.

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