

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 5, 2022 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Amber Abbey, Alex Patsy, Corey Jarbeau for Tonya Ketzler, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnston, Jay Reithel, Jeff Clark for Clarence Goodlein, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, Michael Pifer, Shawnice Dorsey, Robert Johnson, Rodney McGaha.

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Andrea Schroeder, Brian Saad, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Christina Ignasiak, Clarence Goodlein, Dan Eashoo, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Ed Benning, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jolena Sanders-Sims, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Robert Bincsik, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Sheri Wilkerson, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Steve Katenhus, Thomas Spillane, Tim Elkins, Tonya Ketzler, Vicki Fishell, Vince Lorraine, Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Jason Nordberg, Alicia Williams, Eric Saly, and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Eric Johnston, **Supported by** Shawnice Dorsey, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

 **IV. 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.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Eric Johnston **Supported by** Amber Abbey to approve the FY 2023 Unified 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.



V. NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Eric Johnston **Supported by** Ellen Glass, to approve Amendment # 23 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. MDOT Federal 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.

C. FY 2022 Trail Count Survey Results

Mr. Saly said staff is now accepting requests from all Genesee County municipalities that are interested in collecting pedestrian and bicyclist count statistics along their non-motorized trail network. Staff is developing a schedule to collect non-motorized counts on trails throughout the county. Mr. Saly 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. Mr. Saly 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. Discussion ensued.

*****D. FY 2024 List of Proposed Safety Projects**

Mr. Saly 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. Mr. Saly 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). Mr. Patsy of the GCRC then presented the ten projects to the committee.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Eric Johnston **Supported by** Shawnice Dorsey to approve the prioritized list of FY 2024 Safety Projects for MDOT consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

*****A. Election of Officers**

Mr. Nordberg indicated that the committee voted to keep the same rotation regarding TAC officers. Starting with the next TAC meeting, Mr. Benning will be Chairperson, Mr. Markland will be Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Johnston will be Secretary, and Mr. Adas will be the bye.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Amber Abbey **Supported by** Eric Johnston to approve Mr. Benning as Chairperson, Mr. Markland as Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Johnston as Secretary, and Mr. Adas as the bye, starting with the next TAC meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Reithel announced that MDOT is hiring a new cost and scheduling engineer. Mr. Nordberg announced that recycling flyers are available.

VIII. ADJOURMENT

Chairperson Adas adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Gregory, Lead Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission