

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, June 4, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020 via a Zoom Conference Call due to the closure of the Genesee County Administration Building in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Johnston called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Alex Patsy, Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle, Eric Johnston, Jay Reithel, Lane Masoud, Mark Adas, Mary Ann Price, Shawnice Dorsey, and Trevor Block.

Absent/Excused: Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Andy Harris, Betty Wideman, Bonnie Mathis, Brian Saad, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Fred Peivandi, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Larry Green, Lynn Markland, Mark Emmendorfer, Michael Pifer, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Robert Johnson, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Sheri Wilkerson, Steven Furh, Steve Katenhus, Teresa Onica, Thomas Spillane, Tim Elkins, Vicki Fishell, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Others Present: Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, Jacob Maurer, Zachary Sompels, and Debby Compton.

III. Minutes

*****A. Minutes of the May 7, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **supported by** Jay Reithel, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes=12, No=0).

IV. Old Business

A. Roundabout Implementation Study for Genesee County Intersections Update

Sharon Gregory advised that staff received three (3) proposals. Staff interviewed the three (3) firms and the top scoring firm has been identified. Contract negotiations have begun, and staff is hopeful to have a signed contract in the next couple of months. Rowe Engineering, Spalding DeDecker, and DLZ were the three (3) firms that submitted a proposal.

V. New Business

***A. MDOT FY 2022 Call for Safety Projects

Zachary Sompels advised that MDOT has released their 2022 Call for Safety Projects. Applications are due to MDOT by Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Staff is asking that local road agencies e-mail a copy of their application(s) to the GCMPC office by Wednesday, June 24th so staff has time to review and endorse the applications. Applications will be ranked using the MDOT Time-of-Return Analysis. July and August meetings are typically cancelled so staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee provide a recommendation to the Metropolitan Alliance that the FY 2022 Safety projects be reviewed and endorsed by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission staff. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Mark Adas, **supported by** Mary Ann Price, to recommend to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance that the FY 2022 Safety Projects be reviewed and endorsed by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission staff.

Motion carried unanimously

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes=12, No=0).

***B. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #9

Sharon Gregory stated that this amendment changes two (2) projects. The MTA will be purchasing vans instead of a bus and the Genesee County Road Commission will be using available funding for the Perry Road Trail. This amendment meets the financial constraints of the TIP and will have no disproportionately high or adverse impacts to any of the identified Environmental Justice (EJ) populations in Genesee County. At this time, staff is requesting the Technical Advisory Committee recommend endorsement of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #9 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Mary Ann Price, **supported by** Mark Adas, to recommend endorsement of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #9 to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes=12, No=0).

***C. Air Quality Resolution with Expanded Verbiage

Sharon Gregory stated that during May the Genesee: Our County, Our Future plan, which serves as the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, was approved by both the Technical Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Alliance. Part of the plan was the air quality report, and the resolution attached to the plan included air quality language. MDOT has now indicated that an additional resolution is needed with expanded air quality verbiage. The additional language contains air quality background information, is more precise, and states that the Metropolitan Alliance accepts the conclusions of the report. At this time, staff is recommending endorsement from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance of the attached air quality resolution approving the Transportation conformity Determination Report

for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS for the Flint Orphan Maintenance Area and the authority for the Chairperson, Robert Johnson, to sign the agreement.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **supported by** Mary Ann Price, to recommend endorsement of the attached Air Quality Resolution with Expanded Verbiage and the authority for the Chairperson, Robert Johnson, to sign the agreement to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes=12, No=0).

VI. Other Business

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

Jason Nordberg advised the committee that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, instead of having an in-person meeting before this meeting, an e-mail was sent to the Genesee County Road Commission, the City of Flint, the City of Burton, and the Mass Transportation Authority to discuss the upcoming election of officers for 2020-2021. The members that everyone proposed for the 2020-2021 election of officers would be as follows: Chairperson, (GCRC) Eric Johnston; Vice Chairperson, (Large Cities) Mark Adas; Secretary, (MTA) Ed Benning; and Bye (Small cities/Villages) Lynn Markland.

Motion: Action: Approve, **moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **supported by** Mary Ann Price, to approve the 2020-2021 election of officers as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes=12, No=0).

VII. Announcements

There was a brief discussion on the potential cancellation of Asset Management PASER Data Collection.

There was a brief discussion on traffic counts. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic traffic is so low right now that the traffic counts have been put on hold at this time.

Derek Bradshaw announced that staff has begun work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Road Commission announced that the Dort Highway project is moving forward.

VIII. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Johnston adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Compton, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission