

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 2, 2022 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, 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: Adam Zettel, Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnson, Michael Hart, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, Michael Pifer, Shawnice Dorsey, Steve Katenhus, Tonya Ketzler, Don Grice.

Absent/Excused: Amber Abbey, Brian Saad, Chad Young, Chris Yeates, Christina Ignasiak, Clarence Goodlein, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dan Eashoo, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Derek Bradshaw, 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, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Sheri Wilkerson, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Thomas Spillane, Tim Elkins, Vicki Fishell, Vince Lorraine, Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

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

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the May 5, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ellen Glass, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Metropolitan Planning Process Self-Certification**

Ms. Williams stated that staff is seeking approval from the Technical Advisory Committee to self-certify the Metropolitan Planning Process in Genesee County which takes place in conjunction with the submittal of a new TIP. By self-certifying, the Metropolitan Alliance will acknowledge that the major

transportation issues in the metropolitan planning area are being addressed and the planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal requirements.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder **Supported by** Eric Johnson to approve the FY 2023-2026 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification and for the Metro Chairperson to sign the Self-Certification.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. Approval of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Flint MI Conformity Area (Genesee and Lapeer Counties)**

Ms. Williams indicated that in May, staff presented a draft version of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Flint MI Conformity Area, as part of the FY 2023-2026 TIP. The draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis makes the determination that our FY 2023-2026 TIP and its projects satisfy all requirements in the Air Quality Conformity regulations. The FY 2023-2026 TIP conforms to the State Implementation Plan for the 1997 ozone standard based on the results of the conformity analysis. The attached resolution makes a formal conformity determination after the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance approves and signs it. The required 30-day public comment period began on Sunday, May 8, 2022, and will run through Tuesday, June 7, 2022. A public hearing was held on June 1st at 4:00 p.m. where no comments were received. All comments received on the draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis will be incorporated into the document.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Eric Johnson **Supported by** Steve Katenhus recommend approval from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Flint MI conformity Area and for the Metro Chairperson to sign the Air Quality Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****C. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Approval**

Ms. Williams stated that in May, staff presented a draft version of the FY 2023-2026 TIP document. The required 30-day public comment period began on Sunday, May 8, 2022, and will run through Tuesday, June 7, 2022. A public hearing was held on June 1st at 4:00 p.m. where no comments were received on the draft document. All comments that were received during the public input sessions in April, through the draft TIP public comment, till the June Metro meeting, will be incorporated into the document.

The FY 2023-2026 TIP document is fiscally constrained. It contains a listing of projects that have been through Air Quality Conformity Analysis, Environmental Justice Analysis, and Environmental Consultation, and they are eligible for the identified funding. Staff received comments on the proposed FY 2023-2026 TIP, and those comments have been incorporated into the document.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Ellen Glass **Supported by** Eric Johnson
Recommendation of approval from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.
Motion carried unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment # 24**

Ms. Williams indicated that Amendment # 24 consists of one project being abandoned, 15 being added, and six with changes. First was the 2022 MTA project that is being abandoned. This was a FY 2022 CMAQ Bus Purchase and is being abandoned per the request from the MTA. Next was a list of 15 projects being added to match the FY 2023 year for the FY 2020-2023 TIP and FY 2023-2026 TIP. These projects were already approved by committee.

Four projects were listed with changes. First was a FY 2022 MDOT project on M-15 at multiple locations for culvert replacements. The increase in budget is to reflect engineering estimates and participating utility costs. Next was the FY 2022 MTA Admin/Facility improvement project with an increase due to updates based on apportionments received from FTA regarding FY 2022 projects. Next was a funding increase for the FY 2023 City of Davison's W. Flint St. from west City Limits to M-15. Federal funds were requested by the City of Davison during the 2023-2026 TIP Call for projects. Then the FY 2023 Genesee County E. Grand Blanc Road--this project is being split between FY 2023 and 2024 with a change in project length from 2.145 miles to .892 with appropriate funding divided between the years based on a request from GCRC.

Lastly were the FY 2023 Transit Capital GPA and FY 2023 Transit Operating GPA that were seeing increases due to adding FY 2023 projects for the FY 2020-2023 TIP and FY 2023-2026 TIP to match.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder **Supported by** Eric Johnson, to approve Amendment # 24 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. 2022 MTPA Conference

Mr. Saly stated that Genesee County is hosting the Michigan Transportation Planning Association's 2022 Annual Conference from July 26th-29th in downtown Flint. The conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, U of M – Flint's Riverfront Conference Center, GM's Durant-Dort Factory One, and the Awards Night will be at the Sloan Museum. Some of the local presenters will include Lynn Markland and Chris Clonts of the City of Fenton, Adam Zettel of Swartz Creek, Dr. Diane Peters of Kettering University, Derek Bradshaw of GCMPC, and Lauren Holaly-Zembo of the Crim Foundation. Other conference highlights include: the MTA hosting a mobile tour of their Alternative Fuel Facility and Maintenance and Operations Facility; a walking tour that will include the Flint Riverfront and restoration; and a tour of other notable downtown locations. Details and schedule are listed on the MTPA Conference Website which can be found by visiting our website at gcmpc.org. Discussion ensued.

B. Updated Draft Federal Aid Buyout Pilot Program Guidelines

Mr. Nordberg indicated that more details have been provided in the draft Federal Aid Buyout Pilot Program Guidelines. This program is eligible for FY 2023 projects that are programmed in the TIP and have the eligible funding associated with it. This program allows for local road agencies to switch federal funds to state funds with benefits such as not having to follow the federal requirements when developing or administrating projects. It also allows agencies up to three years to complete the project after the exchange of funds. These applications are available on-line and are due back to MDOT near the end of June. The FY 2024 projects will receive a Call for the Federal-Aid Buyout Program in November. A recommendation that was sent to MDOT indicated that if after three years the funding has not been spent, the money comes back to the MPO as it was initially in the TIP. Discussion ensued.

Steve Katenhus - MDOT

Mr. Katenhus stated that he is no longer with the Davison TSC and has been replaced by Brian Newman who is scheduled to start soon. Mr. Newman will be attending the TAC meetings along with the new cost/scheduling engineer.

Ellen Glass – City of Linden

The City of Linden would like to introduce their new DPW director, Don Grice. Ms. Glass indicated that Mr. Grice will be attending TAC meetings and overseeing road projects.

Jason Nordberg – GCMPC

Mr. Nordberg indicated that the July and August TAC meetings may be cancelled as the TIP will be frozen and any changes to FY 2023 projects will not be able to be submitted until October. If a meeting is required, there will be a quorum needed and meetings will likely be short.

Ed Benning – Flint MTA

Mr. Benning indicated that the MTA is moving forward with the hydrogen program to move away from natural gas. Within the next couple of years, the MTA is looking to have small vehicles running on hydrogen. The MTA is also looking to bring autonomous vehicles to Flint and Fenton. In Fenton, the MTA is planning on a micro-transit pilot program that is specific to the needs of the community.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Williams, Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission