

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 11, 2019**

The Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. **Call to Order** 

Chairperson Markland called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. **Roll Call** 

**Present:** Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Brad Barrett, Chad Young, Chris Gehringer, Derek Bradshaw, Don Mayle (on phone), Eric Johnston, Larry Green, Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Mary Ann Price, Michael Pifer, Robert Johnson, Shawnice Dorsey, Tim Elkins and Trevor Block.

**Absent/Excused:** Aaron Dawson, Adam Zettel, Betty Wideman, Bob Slattery, Bonnie Mathis, Brian Saad, Chris Yeates, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Ed Benning, Emily Alexander, Eric Weiderhold, Fred Peivandi, Frederick Thorsby, Gary Stevens, Jay Reithel, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Mark Emmendorfer, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Scott Sutter, Sheri Wilkerson, Steven Furh, Steven Katenhus, Teresa Onica, Tom Svrcek, Vicki Fishell, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

**Others Present:** Jason Nordberg, Sharon Gregory, and Debby Compton.

III. **Minutes** 

\*\*\*A. **Minutes of the June 6, 2019 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Chris Gehringer, to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Old Business** 

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

Sharon Gregory advised that at the last meeting staff presented a draft of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Flint MI Conformity Area. This is the document that makes the determination that the FY 2020-2023 TIP and all its projects are meeting the requirements of the Air Quality Conformity regulations and that the document conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The document has gone through a thirty-day public comment period from June 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>

and on July 2<sup>nd</sup> staff held a public hearing. At this time staff is requesting the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Flint MI Conformity Area and for the approval of the Metropolitan Alliance chairperson to sign the resolution.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Chris Gehringer, to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Flint MI Conformity Area and for the approval of the Metropolitan Alliance chairperson to sign the resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. **New Business** 

\*\*\*A. **FY 2020-2023 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification**

Sharon Gregory stated that whenever staff submits a new Transportation Improvement Program we self-certify that process and that means that the Metropolitan Alliance is acknowledging that we are addressing major transportation issues in Genesee County and that we are doing that in accordance with all the federal regulations. At this time staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the Self-Certification for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process to the Metropolitan Alliance and for the approval of the Metropolitan Alliance chairperson to sign the resolution.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Michael Pifer, to recommend approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2020-2023 Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification and for the approval of the Metropolitan Alliance chairperson to sign the resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*B. **FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) approval** 


Sharon Gregory advised that at the last meeting staff presented a draft version of the FY 2020-2023 TIP document. The required thirty-day public comment period began on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and ran through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. A public hearing was held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Staff received thirty-eight public comments on the TIP. They have all been responded to and incorporated into the document. The TIP is fiscally constrained, all the projects have gone through Air Quality Conformity Analysis, Environmental Justice Analysis, Environmental Consultation, and they are all approved for the identified funding. At this time, staff is requesting a recommendation of approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and for the Metropolitan Alliance chairperson to sign the resolution.

Ms. Gregory summarized the comments. There were thirty-eight comments and fourteen of them were regarding the Flushing roundabout and twenty-four were general comments from people wanting to know what was going on in their neighborhood.

Brad Barrett, City Manager for the City of Flushing, stated that he respects Sharon more and more going through this process and he is very thankful for her assistance through this process.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Robert Johnson, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to recommend approval of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Approval to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance and for the approval of the Metropolitan Alliance chairperson to sign the resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

- \*\*\*C. **FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #20** 
- Sharon Gregory stated that TIP Amendment #20 changes four projects. They are all MDOT projects and one of them is a General Program Account (GPA) and that is changing because of the changes in two of the projects. 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. These projects are eligible for the funding programmed. Staff and the Interagency Work Group (IAWG) have reviewed these projects and have determined that there are exempt from Air Quality Analysis. At this time staff is recommending endorsement of Amendment #20 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Gehringer, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to recommend endorsement of Amendment #20 to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Derek Bradshaw inquired of MDOT regarding the change from \$115,000 to approximately \$3,173,944 in one of the amendment projects. Is this all Preliminary Engineering (PE)?

Trevor Block stated that it is all PE with hopes of getting additional funding with the new budget. Discussion ensued.

## VI. **Other Business**

None

## VII. **Announcements**

Jason Nordberg stated that the Roundabout Study Request for Proposal (RFP) is out right now. In the UWP there is about \$322,000 as a budget for the project. This is an expansion of the Long Range Plan study. The roundabout study will come up with a short list of potential locations for roundabouts. For those roundabouts already built, the consultant will go out and take drone video of peak hour traffic. Before construction drone video will be taken at peak time for intersections planned to be converted in the next few years. This will provide for a good comparison of before and after traffic flow. The RFP is due July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jason Nordberg stated that the Lang Range Transportation Plan Call for Projects is out right now. The projects are due July 31<sup>st</sup> and that is for capacity related through lane projects. Discussion ensued.

Derek Bradshaw announced that the Household Hazardous Waste Recycle Day event that was held on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Mott Community College received just under 500 vehicles. The Recycle Day event held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Fenton High School received just over thirteen hundred vehicles.

Derek Bradshaw handed out and displayed the newly completed Water Trail maps for the Flint River. It comes in either a paper guide or a waterproof guide. If someone wants a waterproof one, they have to take a picture in a kayak or canoe in the water and send to staff. This has been a partnership between the Flint River Watershed Coalition, Genesee County Parks and County Planning. Discussion ensued.

Jason Nordberg announced that the August meeting may get cancelled for no actionable agenda items to present. Staff will send an email to the committee if that should happen.

## VIII. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Markland adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p. m.

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