



**Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

**Genesee County Administration Building
Harris Auditorium
1101 Beach Street, 3rd Floor
Flint, Michigan 48502**

**Thursday, August 4, 2022
1:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes
***A. Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Regular Meeting (attached)
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
***A. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Amendment #25 (attached)
B. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Countywide Safety Action Plan
Grant (attached)
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

*****Action Item**

NEXT MEETING – September 1, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Alicia Williams, Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: August 4, 2022

SUBJECT: **FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Amendment # 25**

Attached is the description of a proposed project in the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment # 25. This amendment changes one (1) project in the FY 2020-2023 TIP.

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. The project being amended is eligible for the funding programmed and meets the intended state (including State TEDF Category C) and federal goals and objectives identified for the funding.

The assumptions asserted in the conformity document for the FY 2020-2023 TIP, for which this amendment is being made, are maintained for transportation control measures (TCM), fiscal constraint, and public involvement. Thus, this amendment also meets the Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rules required for the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). See attached.

At this time, staff is recommending the endorsement of attached Amendment #25 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Meeting Summary

Michigan Transportation Conformity Interagency Workgroup (MITC- IAWG)

Flint Limited Orphan Maintenance Area (Genesee and Lapeer Counties)

Amendment #25

7/20/22

A MITC-IAWG was conducted by email and responses are listed below. The group determined that all projects are exempt. Projects listed on next page.

Agency	Name	Concur	No response
<i>Required one response per agency</i>			
EPA	Michael Leslie	Concur	
FHWA	Christina Ignasiak	Concur	
FTA	Susan Weber	Concur	
EGLE	Breanna Bukowski	Concur	
MDOT Conformity	Donna Wittl	Concur	
MDOT SPS	Max Gierman	Concur	
MDOT SPS Supervisor	Anita Boughner		No Response
MPO	Jason Nordberg	Concur	
MDOT STIP	Mark Kloha		No Response
MDOT project level	Brad Peterson		No Response
MDOT SUTA modeling	Jon Roberts		No Response
MDOT- Bay Region	Jay Reithel		No Response

**FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program
Proposed Amendment # 25**

Projects Proposed to be Changed with a TIP Amendment

Year	MDOT Job Number	Agency	Project	Length	Limits	Description	Phase	Fund Type	Federal	State	Local	Total Cost	Comments
2022	213947	Genesee County	Lillie Rd	0.00	Lillie Rd over South Branch of Shiawassee River	Bridge Removal	CON	HIC	\$364,000 \$538,215	\$0	\$0	\$364,000 \$538,215	Increase cost due to updated engineering estimate

HIC -- Bridge Bundle

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jason Nordberg, Division Manager
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: August 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Countywide Safety Action Plan Grant

One of the new programs in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. \$1 Billion is available in each of the next 5 years to fund regional and local initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The grant program will fund the development of Safety Action Plans or the implementation of safety projects. To apply for funding for the implementation of a safety project a local agency must have a conforming Safety Action Plan in place that identifies the specific project. The requirements of a safety action plan are very specific, and to our knowledge, there is not a plan in place in Genesee County that meets all of the requirements needed to move forward with a project application. An SS4A checklist for a conforming Safety Action Plan has been provided for your review in the agenda packet and the following is a link to the SS4A website:

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

We wanted to make everyone aware of this funding opportunity and to see if there is interest in partnering to complete a countywide plan. This is a bit different than other safety plans as local road agencies must commit to working toward zero deaths and severe injuries and set a timeline to reach these goals. Much of the reporting specifics are still being developed, however, agencies that use this funding to develop a plan (or partner with other agencies to develop a plan) must periodically report progress towards meeting the zero death and zero injury goal.

The cost of the plan will vary depending on how many agencies participate. As stated previously this is a different type of plan with specific implementation requirements for participating agencies. That being the case we request that participating agencies contribute towards the 20% local match requirements for the project. We will talk more about this at the TAC meeting and SS4A specific follow-up meetings. Grants applications must be submitted by September 15th, 2022.

Please feel free to contact me at jnordberg@geneseecountymi.gov or (810) 766-6543 if you have any questions or are interested in participating in a countywide plan.



Safe Streets and Roads for All Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet

This worksheet is not meant to replace the NOFO. Applicants should follow the instructions in the NOFO to correctly apply for a grant. See the SS4A website for more information: <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>

Instructions: This content is from Table 2 in the NOFO. The purpose of the worksheet is to determine whether or not an applicant's existing plan(s) is substantially similar to an Action Plan.

For each question below, answer "yes" or "no." If "yes," cite the specific page in your existing Action Plan or other plan(s) that corroborate your response, or cite and provide other supporting documentation separately.

An applicant is eligible to apply for an Action Plan Grant that funds supplemental action plan activities, or an Implementation Grant, only if the following two conditions are met:

- Answer "yes" to Questions **3** **7** **9**
- Answer "yes" to at least four of the six remaining Questions **1** **2** **4** **5** **6** **8**

If both conditions are *not met*, an applicant is still eligible to apply for an Action Plan Grant that funds creation of a new action plan.

Lead Applicant:

UEI:

1 Are both of the following true?

YES

NO

If yes, provide documentation:

- Did a high-ranking official and/or governing body in the jurisdiction publicly commit to an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries?
- Did the commitment include either setting a target date to reach zero, OR setting one or more targets to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries by a specific date?

2 To develop the Action Plan, was a committee, task force, implementation group, or similar body established and charged with the plan's development, implementation, and monitoring?

YES

NO

If yes, provide documentation:

3 Does the Action Plan include all of the following?

YES

NO

If yes, provide documentation:

- Analysis of existing conditions and historical trends to baseline the level of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries across a jurisdiction, locality, Tribe, or region;
- Analysis of the location where there are crashes, the severity, as well as contributing factors and crash types;
- Analysis of systemic and specific safety needs is also performed, as needed (e.g., high risk road features, specific safety needs of relevant road users; and,
- A geospatial identification (geographic or locational data using maps) of higher risk locations.



4 Did the Action Plan development include all of the following activities?

YES NO

If yes, provide documentation:

- Engagement with the public and relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and community groups;
- Incorporation of information received from the engagement and collaboration into the plan; and
- Coordination that included inter- and intra-governmental cooperation and collaboration, as appropriate.

5 Did the Action Plan development include all of the following?

YES NO

If yes, provide documentation:

- Considerations of equity using inclusive and representative processes;
- The identification of underserved communities through data; and
- Equity analysis, in collaboration with appropriate partners, focused on initial equity impact assessments of the proposed projects and strategies, and population characteristics.

6 Are both of the following true?

YES NO

If yes, provide documentation:

- The plan development included an assessment of current policies, plans, guidelines, and/or standards to identify opportunities to improve how processes prioritize safety; and
- The plan discusses implementation through the adoption of revised or new policies, guidelines, and/or standards.

7 Does the plan identify a comprehensive set of projects and strategies to address the safety problems in the Action Plan, time ranges when projects and strategies will be deployed, and explain project prioritization criteria?

YES NO

If yes, provide documentation:

8 Does the plan include all of the following?

YES NO

If yes, provide documentation:

- A description of how progress will be measured over time that includes, at a minimum, outcome data.
- The plan is posted publicly online.

9 Was the plan finalized and/or last updated between 2017 and 2022?

YES NO

If yes, provide documentation:

