

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 2, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021 in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 222, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Adas called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Adam Zettel, Alex Patsy, Andrea Schroeder, Chad Young, Derek Bradshaw, Ellen Glass, Eric Johnston, Eric Weiderhold, Jay Reithel (Zoom), Lynn Markland, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, Michael Pifer, Shawnice Dorsey, Shirley Kautman-Jones, Tonya Ketzler, and Wendy Jean-Buhrer.

Absent/Excused: Andy Pickard, Amber Abbey, Robert Bincsik, Brian Saad, Carissa McQuiston, Chris Yeates, Clarence Goodlein, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dan Eashoo, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Don Mayle, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, Emily Alexander, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jolena Sanders-Sims, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Mark Emmendorfer, Mary Ann Price, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Sam Stiff, Scott Bennett, Sheri Wilkerson, Steve Katenhus, Thomas Spillane, Tim Elkins, Trevor Block, Vicki Fishell, and Vince Lorraine.

Others Present: Jason Nordberg, Alicia Williams, Sharon Gregory, Jack Wheatly (Zoom), Jill Bauer (Zoom), and Jill Floeter.

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Eric Johnston, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Roundabout Implementation Study Update

Jack Wheatly and Jill Bauer, with Rowe Professional Services, were on hand via Zoom to give a presentation. Rowe Engineering has finished Time-of-Return for the 14 (fourteen) intersections and packaged the information individually for each jurisdiction. Educational print materials for the public are being assembled. The complete study will be available on the GCMPC website at gcmpe.org. In addition, Rowe is developing a project website to help organize the final report, early preliminary engineering, simulation videos, GIS data, and drone videos. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bradshaw commented on how impressed he has been with Rowe Professional Services going above and beyond and couldn't be happier with the excellent job they have done.

A. FY 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Overview

Ms. Williams explained beginning in October, staff will be contacting road agencies a week early regarding TIP project amendments and administrative modifications. Amendments to the TIP and long-range plan require review by the Interagency Work Group (IAWG). Staff will draft an assessment of air quality exempt/non-exempt status for the amended projects. IAWG members will respond to staff as to whether they agree with the assessment and any changes to planning assumptions. Most project amendments can be done via email, however, if further discussion is needed the IAWG Committee will meet. Ms. Williams also stated the MDOT Local Agency Programs (LAP) Project Schedule for FY 2022 has been released. Also, effective October 1, 2021, all final project submittals to MDOT Local Agency Programs (LAP) will require an LAP Project Certification. The MDOT Staff Engineer will provide the form to the local agency when the final revisions to the project documents have been completed. The Project Certification form also will serve as the local agency's request to obligate and advertise the project. The reason for this process change is to address findings identified by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Michigan Division as part of their FY 2020 Compliance Assessment Program (CAP).

C. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects Policies and Procedures and Applications Approval

Ms. Williams explained the Transportation System Management Subcommittee (TSM) met on August 26, 2021, and August 31, 2021 to discuss updates to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policies and Procedures and Applications for the FY 2023-2026 TIP. There were few changes to the applications from the last Call for Projects and the majority of the changes were made to match language from the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). At the August 31st meeting, the TSM Subcommittee approved the Policies and Procedures along with the Applications for the FY 2023-2026 TIP. Ms. Williams stated these are staff's estimated annual funding levels for the following application categories, along with CMAQ, based on FY 2021 funding allocations: Preservation/Reconstruction--\$8,846,750 (\$35,387,000 for FY 2023-2026), Roadway Expand--\$805,500 (\$3,222,000 for FY 2023-2026), Non-Motorized--\$441,509 (\$1,766,036 for FY 2023-2026), and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)--\$832,533 (\$3,330,132 for FY 2023-2026). At this time, the TSM subcommittee is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the updated TIP Policies and Procedures and the updated Applications for the FY 2023-2026 TIP.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Michael Pifer, **Supported by** Lynn Markland, to provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance for the updated TIP Policies and Procedures and the updated Applications for the FY 2023-2026 TIP.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2021 PASER Update

Ms. Williams explained the 2021 PASER Collection has been completed. Staff is currently working with Michigan Tech to get these files uploaded and the results will be sent out before the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects.

B. Transportation Reauthorization

Mr. Nordberg stated there may be new funding with the new legislation, however, there are also new programs. Until a full Transportation Bill is passed, and we see our allocations, it's hard to tell. Staff will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

A. Mass Transportation Authority (MTA): State of Good Repair Targets Adoption

Ms. Gregory stated the Mass Transportation (MTA) has provided estimated transit State-of-Good-Repair targets for 2022. Ms. Gregory explained transit targets are required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and are based on the transit performance measures established under the National Public Transportation Safety Plan. The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) may choose to either adopt and support the MTA's estimated targets or set their own targets. Staff has reviewed the estimated targets provided by the MTA. At this time, staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance to adopt the MTA's estimated 2022 State-of-Good-Repair targets.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Eric Johnston, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to provide a recommendation of approval to the Metropolitan Alliance to adopt the Mass Transportation Authority's (MTA) estimated 2022 State-of-Good-Repair targets.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Michigan Department of Transportation M-21 Corridor Study

Jay Reithel, from the Michigan Department of Transportation, and Jill Bauer, from Rowe Professional Services, gave a presentation to the committee. Mr. Reithel stated information regarding the M-21 Corridor Study can be found on the MDOT website. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bradshaw stated the county is looking into the final rules for applications for the Call for Projects using the Coronavirus Relief Funds. The county has allocated around \$6,000,000 thus far, out of around \$78,000,000. Mr. Bradshaw stated the county would like to partner with locals on projects that are more regional and will have an impact. If you have projects, think of the county. There is no official call, but there is the intent for Genesee County to do so.

Mr. Bradshaw also announced in a year or so they are going to be building a location for a recycling facility in Genesee County. This will be an asset to our community and more cost effective than the current situation. Discussion ensued.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Adas adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Floeter, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission