

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, in a hybrid meeting in the Human Resources Training Room (G51) of the Genesee County Administration Building.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

UNIT REPRESENTED

Genesee County

City of Burton

City of Clio

City of Davison

City of Fenton

City of Flint

City of Flushing

City of Grand Blanc

City of Linden

City of Montrose

City of Mt. Morris

City of Swartz Creek

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Beverly Brown

Duane Mosher

Patricia Lockwood

Pamela Howd

Mark Richard

John Gilbert
Nate Henry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Martin L. Cousineau

Greg Hull

Tom Martinbianco

Eric Wiederhold

Josh Westfall

Mayor Tim Bishop

Mayor Sheldon Neeley

Rodney McGaha

Mark Adas

Brooke Good

Chris Douglas

Susan Soderstrom

Don Becker

Danielle Cusson

Aaron Burch

Steven Sorenson

Mayor Sara Dubey

Charles Campbell

Argentine Township		Brian Saad Kyle Kurtz Shirley Kautman-Jones
Atlas Township	Paulette Johnson	Katie Vick
Clayton Township	Shelley Thompson	Tom Spillane Matthew Karr Travis Howell
Davison Township		
Fenton Township	Kade Katrak	Andrew Marko Vince Lorraine Karyn Miller
Flint Township	John Whiteside	Tracey Tucker Bill Bain Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price Rocky Fowler Lee Purdy Diane Hyrman Tod Sorensen Robin Ackerman Joel Feick
Flushing Township		
Forest Township Gaines Township		
Genesee Township		
Grand Blanc Township	Loren Crandell	Mark Emmendorfer Tom Tithof
Montrose Township		
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson Brian Baxter	
Mundy Township	Kimberly Jimenez	Dewayn Allen Michael Simon Debra Ridley Leonard Marden Connie Chirich Eric Gunnels Nancy Belill Sherry Moore Angie Adamec Keith Walworth Vadice Burgett David Dorr Terry Gill
Richfield Township		
Thetford Township Vienna Township Goodrich Village		
Otisville Village Otter Lake Village		
Lennon Village Gaines Village		Connie Greene Melissa Neal Mark Sanborn Christina Nicholaiodes
Federal Highway Admin		

Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm
GCMPC

Alex Patsy
Derek Bradshaw

Jeff Wright

Mass Trans Authority

Shawnice Dorsey
Jay Reithel

Christine Durgan
Ed Benning

Mich Dept of Trans

Brian C. Ulman
Trevor Vincke

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz and Andrew Sibold

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2023 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** John Gilbert, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Andrew Sibold, Federal Highway Administration, introduced himself stating he was here to present the findings of the federal certification review.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

VIII. FINANCES

NONE

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

*****A. Statement of Agreement for 2020 Draft Adjusted Census Urban Area Boundaries (ACUB) Establishment and Revision**

Mr. Maurer stated that beginning in June, MDOT held Adjusted Census Urban Area (ACUB) meetings with stakeholders from the Flint Urban Region. From these meetings, jointly agreed upon boundaries for each urban area were developed, resulting in the creation of new maps for the Flint Urban Area and the Fenton Urban Area. The Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed and given support of these Adjusted Census Urban Boundaries and recommends concurrence from the Genesee County Metropolitan

Alliance for the Chairperson to sign the Statement of Agreements for the ACUB establishment and revision.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Pamela Howd, **Supported by** Nate Henry, to approve the Adjusted Census Urban Boundaries as presented and authorization for the Chairperson to sign the Statement of Agreements for the ACUB establishment and revision.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. FY 2024 Unified Work Program (UWP) Update

Mr. Maurer explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requested that staff include a listing of the most current planning emphasis in the recently approved Unified Work Program (UWP). This is merely an administrative modification and requires no action.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #10**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated Amendment #10 changes six (6) projects, two (2) of which are trail projects, three (3) are regionwide MDOT projects, and one (1) is a small urban project. This amendment also abandons three (3) regionwide MDOT projects, adds one (1) trail project and one (1) small urban project. There is one (1) new local traffic operations and safety GPA being added to the TIP and one (1) transit capital GPA being changed with this amendment as well. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending the approval of Amendment #10 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP from the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Nate Henry, **Supported by** Pamela Howd, to approve Amendment #10 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

*****B. FY 2024 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Allocation Adjustments**

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated Genesee County received new federal allocation estimates for FY 2024 through FY 2026. Genesee County will see an increase of approximately \$116,000 in Category C funding, and a decrease in Urban, Rural and Carbon Reduction funding of approximately \$3.9 million over the next three years. This is a result of shifts in urban population based on the 2020 Census Urban Boundary changes and a statewide 2.5% reduction in surface transportation block grant (STBG) funds and the addition of a new metropolitan planning organization (MPO). To remain fiscally constrained, adjustments were made as follows: For urban projects, a select number of projects will be moved into FY 2027 of the next TIP cycle. For rural projects, the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) will assume responsibility for the entire adjustment across all three fiscal years. For carbon reduction projects, the Flint Mass Transportation Authority (MTA), City of Burton, and GCRC will each assume an equal adjustment across all three fiscal years. For Category C funding, there will be no changes to current projects. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is providing a formal recommendation to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to approve the adjustments to the FY 2024-2026 projects as described and included in the handouts made available at today's meeting.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the FY 2024-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Allocation Adjustments as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****C. FY 2023 Unified Work Program UWP Amendment #2**

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that the Flint MTA received a \$480,000 federally funded grant, and \$120,000 in statewide MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation (OPT) matching funds for a total increase of \$600,000. This funding will be used for the MTA Reducing Environmental Impacts on Flint's Areas of Persistent Poverty (AOPP) Study. At this time, staff is recommending approval for Amendment #2 to the FY 2023 Unified Work Program (UWP) to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Nate Hendry, to approve FY 2023 Unified Work Program (UWP) Amendment #2 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****D. Update to Bylaws of the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance**

Mr. Maurer stated that staff reached out to the Metropolitan Alliance Board of Directors earlier this summer, to get their thoughts on changing the start time of the monthly meetings to 6:00 pm moving forward. This would allow an ample transition time from the regular workday for staff and also allow enough time for Committee members and members of the public to make it to the meeting.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Patricial Lockwood, **Supported by** Pamela Howd, to approve updating the bylaws to change the start time of regular meetings to 7:00 pm.

Motion carried with a roll call vote:

Patsy – yea
Dr. Brown - yea
Baxter – yea
Bradshaw – yea
Reithel – yea
Gilbert – yea
Whiteside – yea
Katrak – nay
Jimenez – yea
Crandell – yea
Richard – yea
Henry – yea
Howd – yea
Lockwood – yea
P. Johnston – yea
R. Johnson – yea
Dorsey – yea
Thompson – yea
Discussion ensued.

E. FHWA/FTA 2023 TMA Certification Review Findings

Mr. Andrew Sibold, of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), gave a presentation on the findings of the FHWA/FTA 2023 TMA Certification Review. This review is held every

4 years and provides a chance to go over what staff is doing, best practices and provides learning opportunities for staff. The range of findings can vary between either corrective actions, recommendations or commendations. The range of outcomes as a result of the review can be either "certified" or "not certified". GCMPC was certified as an outcome of this review, with no corrective actions, 5 recommendations, and 4 commendations. Mr. Sibold reviewed all the recommendations and commendations via a slide presentation for the Committee.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Alex Patsy announced the retirement of both Mr. Fred Peivandi and Mr. Anthony Branch from the Genesee County Road Commission.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Soto, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission