

GENESEE COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Amber Abbey called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Secretary Amber Abbey announced that a sign-in sheet would be used for today's official roll call. No verbal roll call was done.

Present: Alex Patsy, Amber Abbey, Andrea Schroeder, Brian Ulman, Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Ellen Glass, Mark Adas, Max Gierman, Michelle King, Shirley Kautman-Jones and Wendy Jean-Buhrer,

Absent/Excused: Adam Zettel, Brian Saad, Chad Young, Chris Gehringer, Chris Yeates, Christina Nicholaides, Craig Williams, Curtis Armstrong, Dan Eashoo, Dave Miller, David Dorr, Don Mayle, Emily Alexander, Eric Johnston, Eric Weiderhold, Frederick Thorsby, James Slezak, Jay Reithel, Jolena Sanders-Sims, Joseph Madore, Joseph Rizk, Karyn Miller, Lynn Markland, Mary Ann Price, Michael Pifer, Neil Rankin, Paul Fortino, Rachel Stanke, Robert Bincsik, Rod McGaha, Scott Bennett, Shawnice Dorsey, Sheri Wilkerson, Thomas Spillane, Tonya Ketzler, Vadice Burgett, Vicki Fishell, and Vince Lorraine.

Others Present: Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Melinda Johnson and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

*****A. Minutes of the June 1, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ellen Glass, **Supported by** Andrea Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Jacob Maurer stated that in June staff met with Road and Transit Agencies for a workshop held by MDOT to review the Adjusted Census Urban Boundaries (ACUB) and to discuss the proposed boundaries for the Flint Urban Area and the Fenton Urban Area. The Fenton Urban Area is being split from the Flint Urban Area due to census changes and definitions. During this workshop, decisions were made regarding which roads to consider as urban roads and which to consider as rural roads inside those boundaries. It

is a federal requirement that a statement of agreement regarding the ACUB establishment and revision is reported and adopted by the local authority which would be the METRO Alliance. At this time, staff is requesting the Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee consider and support the draft ACUB for the Flint Urban Area and the Fenton Urban Area and requests the endorsement to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to sign the Statement of Agreements for the ACUB establishment and revision.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Shirley Kautman-Jones, **Supported by** Ed Benning, to consider and support the draft Adjusted Census Urban Boundary for the Flint Urban Area and the Fenton Urban Area; and request the endorsement to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to sign the Statement of Agreements for the Adjusted Census Urban Boundary establishment and revision.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

V. NEW BUSINESS

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

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated this amendment 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 in the Village of Goodrich which is changing the scope of the 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, staff is recommending approval of Amendment #10 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP from the Technical Advisory Committee to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Michelle King, to approve Amendment #10 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Allocation Adjustments

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated Genesee County received a new federal allocation estimate 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 fiscal 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 black 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 Transportation System Management (TSM) Subcommittee is requesting the Technical Advisory Committee provide a formal recommendation to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to approve the adjustments to FY2024-FY2026 projects as described and included in the handouts made available at today's meeting.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Andrea Schroeder, **Supported by** Ellen Glass, to provide the recommendation as described to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance to approve the adjustments to the FY2024-FY2026 projects as described.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Alex Patsy announced that Fred Peivandi, the Manager-Director of the Genesee County Road Commission, formally announced his retirement.

Mr. Derek Bradshaw stated that one of the focuses for Genesee County in the upcoming year is housing. Sometime in the next couple months, staff will be contacting local units of government to begin meetings to discuss housing issues in Genesee County and what can be done to be more proactive regarding these issues. GCMPC has about \$3 million in HOME grant funds that need to be allocated. This will be a work in progress, so if you have any ideas for housing projects in your community, please reach out to Mr. Bradshaw to discuss. Stay tuned for more details coming out about this subject.

Mr. Ed Benning stated that he sits on the Genesee County Catholic Charities Board, and he is the Chair for the Tiny Home project. He would like to invite all members of TAC to a press conference at Catholic Charities on September 21 at 3:00 pm, to unveil the first new Tiny Homes. One home was built by the GISD, one built by the Amish and 26 homes will be built for homeless veterans. This project has been about 5 years in the making and he is very excited to unveil this project. They have reached out to various partners, such as the Mott Foundation and ARPA through the City of Flint, to receive funding for this project. The first 2 model homes are on a property where 26 homes will be built in the future.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Abbey adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:44 pm.

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