

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, in the Human Resources Training Room (G51) of the Genesee County Administration Building.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order 6:00 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

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Genesee County

Dr. Beverly Brown
Martin L. Cousineau
Greg Hull
Christina Hickson

City of Burton

City of Clio

Duane Mosher

Eric Wiederhold
Josh Westfall
Mayor Tim Bishop
Patricia Lockwood

City of Davison

City of Fenton

Donald Bancroft

Sean Sage
Mayor Sheldon Neeley
Rodney McGaha
Brooke Good
Chris Douglas
Don Becker
John Creasey

City of Flint

City of Flushing

City of Grand Blanc

City of Linden

Pamela Howd

Brenda Simons

City of Montrose

City of Mt. Morris

Mark Richard

Steven Sorenson
John Vance

City of Swartz Creek

John Gilbert
Nate Henry

Charles Campbell
Brian Saad
Robert St. John

Argentine Township

Atlas Township		Ann Marie Moore Paulette Johnson Katie Vick
Clayton Township	Shelley Thompson	
Davison Township		Tom Spillane Matthew Karr Travis Howell Kade Katrak Andrew Marko Robert Kesler Karyn Miller
Fenton Township		
Flint Township	John Whiteside	
Flushing Township		Tracey Tucker Bill Bain Frederick Thorsby
Forest Township		Mary Ann Price
Gaines Township		Rocky Fowler Lee Purdy Diane Hyrman Tod Sorensen Robin Ackerman Joel Feick
Genesee Township		
Grand Blanc Township	Joanie Towarnicky	
Montrose Township		Coetta Adams Tom Tithof
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson Brian Baxter	
Mundy Township	Kimberly Jimenez	Dewayn Allen
Richfield Township		Michael Simon Debra Ridley Leonard Marden Connie Chirich Joseph Madore Nicole Moore
Thetford Township	Gregg Bryan	
Vienna Township		Nancy Belill Richard Johnson Shannon McCafferty Angie Adamec Keith Walworth
Goodrich Village		
Otisville Village Otter Lake Village		David Dorr Terry Gill Mechelle Valley
Lennon Village Gaines Village		Connie Greene

Federal Highway Admin
Gen City Drain Comm
Gen City Road Comm

Dylan Campbell

GCMPC

Mass Trans Authority

Shawnice Dorsey

Mich Dept of Trans

Paige DeHate

Melissa Neal
Taunya Marek
Christina Nicholaides
Jeff Wright
Alex Patsy

Derek Bradshaw
Christine Durgan
Ed Benning

Jay Reithel
Brian C. Ulman
Trevor Vincke

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, and Theresa LeFavour

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE October 16th, 2024 MEETING**

Mr. Dylan Campbell noted that the minutes were not included in the agenda packet emailed to the committee members. Mr. Mark Richard commented that the correct action would be to put the approval of the minutes of the October 16th, 2024 meeting to the next meeting which is December 18, 2024.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pamela Howd, **Supported by** Gregg Bryan, to amend the motion and approve the minutes of the October 16th, 2024 meeting at the December 18th meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

NONE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

VIII. FINANCES

NONE

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. LIST OF APPROVED FY 2026 SAFETY PROJECTS

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated in October, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) released the approved list of Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP) and High-Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Projects to all local road agencies for fiscal year 2026. Genesee County Road Commission received two project awards across two grant programs totaling \$975,000 in federal funds.

The road commission was awarded \$750,000 for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Fenton and Baldwin Roads and \$225,000 for signal installation at the Irish and Potter Roads intersection.

Ms. Pamela Howd inquired since the intersection at Fenton and Baldwin Roads is a major hospital route to Genisys Hospital and there is also a fire station nearby, how will this be made safe for emergency vehicles to get safely through this intersection? Mr. Dylan Campbell from the Genesee County Road Commission responded that when it is put through the design process, this will be done through the geometrics of the roundabout. Ms. Howd inquired if other studies have been done near other hospitals and fire departments? Mr. Campbell responded that when they look at putting in a roundabout, they look at cost versus the time of return and crash reduction. It has been found that a roundabout is safer and there is better time of return on a roundabout compared to a traffic light. The radius of the roundabout will be made large enough to accommodate large vehicles such as semis, fire trucks and ambulances. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Howd inquired if the public would be educated on how to go through roundabouts and what to do when an emergency vehicle also needs to go through one. Mr. Jacob Maurer replied that we could look at what other communities with more roundabouts have done and look into grants for public education and a public education campaign. Discussion ensued.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #20**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated TIP Amendment #20 is proposing to abandon one (1) project, change four (4) projects, add one (1) new safety project, and add one (1) new safety GPA in the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

The 2026 Saginaw St. project in Grand Blanc is being abandoned in order to be combined with the City of Grand Blanc FY 2025 Saginaw St. project. The funding from the abandoned project was moved to FY 2025 through an Advance Construct. The limits and project link have been updated on the 2025 Saginaw St. project to reflect the abandoned portion of the 2026 project.

The City of Fenton's 2025 trail project along Silver Lake Rd. has received additional state TAP funding toward the construction of a new trail facility.

The Genesee County Road Commission's project on N. Belsay Rd. received engineering estimates that were above the previously programmed amount which required a TIP

amendment. The local match and total budget were updated to reflect the new estimates.

Similarly, the Genesee Rd. project also received new estimates and a local match as well and the total project budget was updated to reflect the new estimate.

The Road Commission has received \$750,000 of Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Funding to be used toward a roundabout on N. Fenton Rd. Additionally, the Road Commission was awarded the \$225,000 of Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Funding to be used at the corner of Potter and Irish Road for signal improvements. This new project was added to the Local Traffic Operations and Safety GPA for more flexibility.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** John Whiteside, **Supported by** Mark Richard, to approve the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #20.
Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2025 State Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Maurer stated the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is required to put together State Safety Performance Measures and then notify the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) to either adopt or to come up with their own safety targets. Staff is currently reviewing trends and will see how they relate to the statewide trends.

The state used a four-year average as their baseline (2019 – 2023). Based on that information, we will see where the trends are going. Typically, as a county, the same trends are seen as the statewide numbers. Mr. Maurer also noted that interesting information from the statewide perspective is that as you look at the years just after Covid, there was a big decline in the number of vehicles on the road but there was also an increase in serious accidents. People were driving faster because there was not as much traffic on the roads. Staff's recommendation of 2025 safety performance targets will be brought for approval in December.

*****C. Meeting Dates**

Meetings will be on the third Wednesday of every month at 6 pm. There are a couple of revisions from the meeting dates sent in the agenda packet. June is now scheduled for the 18th and July is now scheduled for the 23rd. The July meeting is changed due to the technical committee being moved because of the Fourth of July holiday. When the County moves to the old Citizens Bank building this spring, we will share the meeting place and parking information.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Pam Howd, to approve the 2025 Meeting Dates, as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Campbell noted that the October 16, 2024 minutes were not included in the agenda packet emailed to the committee members. The decision was made to put aside the approval of the October 16th, 2024 minutes to the next meeting on December 18, 2024.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Maurer announced that we have survey cards available for the Genesee County Master Plan. He requested that residents and committee members take and share the survey cards. The survey will be open until the end of the year. Participants will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gas card.

Mr. Maurer announced that there is a Transportation Safety Action Plan survey. An email will be sent out with information on the SS4A (Safe Streets For All) Action Plan. The first task force meeting met today. This survey asks for people's opinion on what's working well, what's not working well, and what needs to be improved in terms of our transportation network. There is also a map feature in which you pin comments for a particular spot. This survey will also be shared on social media.

Mr. Maurer announced that the December meeting will have food and a small game to play. We will also have our draft list of TIP projects.

Mr. Mark Richard announced that he had a good time at Crossroads Village county event. Mr. Maurer added that this was one of two public open houses we had to kick off the county-wide master plan. We had a tent at Crossroads Village with glow sticks, candy and handouts.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa LeFavour, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission