



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

Gaines Village

Connie Greene  
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Tounya Marek  
Christina Nicholaiodes  
Jeff Wright

Federal Highway Admin  
Gen Cty Drain Comm  
Gen Cty Road Comm

Alex Patsy  
Dylan Campbell  
Derek Bradshaw

GCMPC

Christine Durgan  
Ed Benning

Mass Trans Authority

Shawnice Dorsey

Mich Dept of Trans

Jay Reithel  
Brian C. Ulman  
Trevor Vincke

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Dru Hajec and Renate Soto

**\*\*\*IV. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Pamela Howd, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023 meeting as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Mr. Alex Patsy introduced, new Genesee County Road Commission employee, Dylan Campbell, who will take Mr. Patsy's former position of Programming and Development Engineer.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bill Bain announced that he recently has been appointed the Captain of the Genesee County Citizens for Local Choice. He stated that this group is looking to repeal House Bill 5123 that was passed by Michigan Legislature in November 2023. Mr. Bain has petitions to sign after the meeting conclusion if anyone is interested.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

**VIII. FINANCES**

NONE

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NONE

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **\*\*\*A. 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets**

Mr. Jacob Maurer introduced Ms. Dru Hajec as a new staff member of the transportation division at GCMPC. Ms. Hajec stated that on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, MDOT released the federally required state safety targets for the 2024 Safety Performance Measures. Genesee County Metro Alliance (GCMA) previously adopted the 2023 Statewide Safety Targets last year. GCMA has until February 27, 2024, to either adopt the statewide safety targets or set their own. The five statewide performance targets are Fatalities, Fatality Rate, Serious Injuries, Serious Injury Rate, and Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries. Ms. Hajec reviewed how the crash trends in Genesee County compare to those across the state via a slide presentation. Overall, crash trends and statistics in Genesee County are very similar to the statewide trends in crash rates. Based in this information and discussions with other MPOs, MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance adopt the statewide safety targets for 2024 through the approval of a resolution of support.

**Motion: Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Pamela Howd, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to adopt the statewide safety targets for 2024 through the approval of the resolution of support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion ensued.

### **\*\*\*B. FY Transit Asset Management Performance Measures Adoption**

Ms. Hajec stated that staff has received the estimated Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance measure targets for 2024 from the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA). Transit targets are required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and are based on 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. Staff has reviewed the targets, and the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending approval by the Metropolitan Alliance to adopt the MTA's estimated 2024 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets.

**Motion: Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Nate Henry, to approve the adoption of the Mass Transportation Authority's (MTA) estimated 2024 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion ensued.

### **\*\*\*C. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #14**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz reviewed all the changes included in the TIP Amendment #14, including two 2024 transit GPA changes and 1 local bridge GPA addition to the FY 2023-2026 TIP. The project changes listed in the transit GPA consist mostly of projects moving from FY 2023 into FY 2024 in order for the projects to be obligated. MDOT also awarded four bridge projects to the FY 2026 local bridge GPA to three local agencies including

City of Flint, City of Linden and Genesee County Road Commission. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending the approval of Amendment #14 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program by the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

**Motion: Action:** Approve. **Moved by** Nate Henry, **Supported by** Mark Richard, to approve TIP Amendment #14 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion ensued.

#### **D. FY 2023 Annual Status Report of TIP Projects**

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that GCMPC is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to publish an annual list of TIP projects that were obligated in the previous fiscal year. Over \$164 million dollars were invested into Genesee County's transportation network in FY 2023. While not listed in the document, it is important to note that about 1.5 million additional dollars were invested through the federal aid buyout program. To see a complete breakdown of funding, the list of TIP projects is available for review on our website using the link provided in the memo.

#### **E. FY 2024 MPO TIP Amendment Schedule**

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated the FY 2024 MPO TIP Amendment Schedule was developed by GCMPC staff in collaboration with MDOT. This schedule explains the timeline in TIP Amendment process that staff follows along on a month-to-month basis. Please find this schedule on our website under the Transportation heading.

#### **F. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Mini Grant RFP**

Ms. Hajec stated that MDOT has announced the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is accepting applications through a Request for Proposals (RFP) for their SRTS Mini Grant. The Mini Grant supports active transportation programs, encouraging and educating students about how they can travel safely to and from school. Applicants can receive up to \$15,000 per school or up to \$120,000 per applicant with 8 or more schools. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm on March 1, 2024. For more information about this SRTS Mini Grant, please visit the website via the link provided in the memo or contact the SRTS Coordinator, Adam Jenks, at 517-908-3816. Discussion ensued.

#### **G. Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) 2023 Road Pavement Conditions**

Mr. Patsy gave a presentation on current road conditions in Genesee County. This information was gathered from the PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) that is done each year. He stated that every 2 years every hard surface road is completed with the help of the staff at GCMPC, with federal aid routes being done on the odd years and non-federal aid routes being completed on the even years. The presentation was broken down by 2 lane primary roads and multi-lane primary roads. With the PASER rating system, the roads are assessed with a number system of 1-4 (poor), 5-7 (fair) and 8-10 (good). Mr. Patsy stated that overall, the conditions of the roads in Genesee County have improved in the last few years and they are continuing to trend favorably. Discussion ensued.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Appointment of the Nominating Committee to Prepare a Slate of Officers for Election in March**

Chairperson Johnson stated that he has one volunteer for the nominating committee, so he would need at least one more to serve on the Committee. Mr. Maurer stated that John Whiteside and Paulette Johnson are the two trustees that are up for re-election as well as all three officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer. John Whiteside and Bill Bain volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. Mr. Maurer stated the Nominating Committee will meet at 5:30 pm, prior to the next METRO meeting on March 20, 2024. If anyone is interested in running for an officer position or trustee, please email Jacob Maurer or Renate Soto. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the next METRO meeting. If there are no opposing running members for a position, that member would be appointed by acclamation. If there is more than one candidate for any position, a ballot vote will take place.

### **XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Derek Bradshaw gave an overview of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) 2023 Annual Report that showcases the multitude of projects that flow through the GCMPC. The report provides a summary of the \$211,645,268.00 invested into the many transportation, community development, housing, ARPA, and environmental programs and projects completed by the GCMPC, that will impact the county for many years to come. These programs and projects are in line with the common goals and values developed by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and County staff; Healthy, Livable & Safe Communities, Long Term Financial Stability, Community Growth, and an Inclusive, Collaborative Culture. Mr. Bradshaw gave a brief update on some of the projects completed or started in 2023, including some ARPA and transportation projects and the status of the Regional Housing Partnership and the Genesee County Recycling Drop Off Center and the recognition received during the federal certification review conducted in early 2023 for National Best Practices. Mr. Bradshaw recognized GCMPC staff, the Planning Commission, METRO committee members and the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

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