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		Andrew Marko Robert Kesler
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Jay Reithel
Brian C. Ulman

Trevor Vincke

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, and Dru Hajec

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2024 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Paulette Johnson, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

NONE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

VIII. FINANCES

*****A. Financial Report**

Mr. Jacob Maurer stated that the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance has collected all dues from the local units of government for FY 2024. The dues will be moved to pay for secretarial time and duties for the Metropolitan Alliance meetings.

Motion: Action: Approve: **Moved by** John Whiteside **Supported by** Bill Bain to move funding to pay for secretarial duties and accept the financial report.

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2025 Unified Work Program

Mr. Maurer stated that staff has started working on the FY 2025 Unified Work Program (UWP). The UWP is how local agencies use federal planning funds received to carry out all the transportation activities and projects that staff does, as well as working with the transit agencies on regional transit projects and studies. Staff is inviting committee members to provide suggestions for work activities for the upcoming fiscal year. The primary activities for FY 2025 will focus on finalizing the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and updating the next cycle of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The call for projects for the TIP will begin in September 2024. The Safety Action Plan will continue as well into FY 2025. Please contact Jacob Maurer with any questions or suggestions for the FY 2025 UWP. Discussion ensued.

*****B. FY 2026 List of Proposed Safety Projects**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated that MDOT has released their annual safety call for projects for FY 2026. MDOT is requesting that project applications be submitted to their office by May 1, 2024. Staff received seven safety program applications, six of which were applications presented by the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC). Proposed safety improvements for the GCRC safety projects included signal installation/signal upgrades, lane widening, and roundabout installations. One Project was submitted by The City of Grand Blanc for pedestrian crossing treatments along Grand Boulevard. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by,** Paulette Johnson **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the prioritized list of FY 2026 Safety Projects for MDOT consideration by way of the attached resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. US-23 Corridor Study – Progress Update

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that staff has been meeting with US-23 Corridor Study consultant, Rowe Professional Services. Most recently, Rowe has provided staff with some preliminary detailed crash data along major interchanges on the US-23 Corridor. The intersections include Hill Road, Thompson Road, Torrey Road, Silver Lake Road, and Owen Road. Rowe used historical crash data which included data such as types, the severity of crashes, and “queue lengths” or vehicle stacking. Rowe is currently working on developing a website to facilitate public engagement, as well as a public involvement survey. Both should be available for input in May.

D. Genesee County Coordinated Transit Plan – Progress Update

Ms. Dru Hajec stated that the Genesee County Coordinated Transit Plan is currently under development. In the past, GCMPC staff has prepared the Coordinated Transit Plan in partnership with the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA). For this Coordinated Plan, MDOT has hired a consultant to develop the plan statewide. Over the past several months, staff has participated in focus groups and provided local data to the consultant.

The focus groups work to identify transportation needs and possible improvements. Once the data has been received, staff will review and provide comments to the consultant. Mr. Maurer added that this is more of a communication and that staff hopes to incorporate the Coordinated Transit Plan into our 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion ensued.

E. Genesee County Transportation Safety Action Plan – Progress Update

Ms. Hajec stated that in early March, staff finalized and released the Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a consultant for the Genesee County Transportation Safety Action Plan. Questions were accepted until March 26, 2024 and proposals will be due April 18, 2024. The proposals will be reviewed and scored, followed by an interview to recommend the best candidate. The RFP can be found on the Genesee County Purchasing website. The action plan will be a comprehensive safety plan that will aid and promote the county goal of “healthy, livable and safe communities” through a reduction of traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Mr. Maurer added that staff is very optimistic and expects good engagement with the RFP and multiple consultants have reached out to staff inquiring about the RFP. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Kris Garris at the contact information provided in the memo.

F. 2024 Local Traffic Count Program

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that GCMPC staff request that local units of government update traffic count information on roads under their jurisdiction on an annual basis. Traffic counts are used for a variety of transportation planning activities such as a scoring indicator for the TIP Call for Projects, which will begin later this year. Traffic Count data is additionally used for the Travel Demand Model, which provides vital information to our Long-Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Dutkiewicz reminded Committee members that traffic counters are available for rent at \$5.00 per day and staff can assist in setup and training. Staff has already met with a few of the local road agencies across Genesee County to discuss the local traffic count program earlier this spring. Please reach out to Mr. Kris Garris with any questions or if you would like to rent a traffic counter.

G. Upcoming MDOT Transportation Projects in Genesee County

Trevor Vincke, from MDOT's Davison TSC, gave a presentation on upcoming MDOT projects in Genesee County. Mr. Vincke reviewed 2024 projects including the I-475 reconstruction project, as well as projects on M-57, I-75 at M-21, and M-54. He also summarized scheduled projects in years 2025-2027. Committee members asked that the information provided in the presentation be sent to them. Discussion ensued.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bill Bain updated the council on his role as Captain of the “Citizens for Local Choice” group. Mr. Bain stated that he has petitions available for committee members who are

interested in joining or participating in the "Citizens for Local Choice" group. There is also a Facebook page now for the group if anyone is interested.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
McKenna Dutkiewicz, Planner
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission