

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 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

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

Argentine Township

MEMBERS PRESENT

Duane Mosher

Donald Bancroft

Don Becker

Pamela Howd

Mark Richard

Nate Henry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Beverly Brown

Martin L. Cousineau

Greg Hull

Christina Hickson

Eric Wiederhold

Josh Westfall

Mayor Tim Bishop

Patricia Lockwood

Sean Sage

Mayor Sheldon Neeley

Rodney McGaha

Brooke Good

Chris Douglas

John Creasey

Brenda Simons

Steven Sorenson

John Vance

John Gilbert

Charles Campbell

Brian Saad

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

Mich Dept of Trans

Melissa Neal
Tounya Marek
Christina Nicholaides
Jeff Wright
Alex Patsy

Derek Bradshaw
Christine Durgan
Ed Benning
Shawnice Dorsey
Jay Reithel
Brian C. Ulman
Trevor Vincke

Paige DeHate

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

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE June 26th, 2024 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the minutes of the June 26th, 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 due to the Treasurer not present at the September 18, 2024 meeting, the financial report will be presented at the October 16, 2024 meeting.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Pamela Howd, to approve presenting the financial report at the October 16, 2024 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. FY 2025 Dues for Local Units

Mr. Maurer reminded the Board that the Executive Committee and trustees will be meeting before the October 16, 2024 meeting at 5:40 pm to talk about the 2025 dues for local units. Last year the dues were increased by \$15 per local unit from \$150 to \$165. This will be discussed and secretarial costs will be evaluated. Mr. Nate Henry stated that he could attend the executive committee meeting.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2026 – 2029 TIP Policy and Procedures**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated that the Transportation System Management Subcommittee (TSM) met this summer to discuss updates to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policies and Procedures and Applications for the FY 2026-2029 TIP. The majority of changes were updating the Reprogramming policy to clarify procedure for project overages. Staff received approval from the Technical Advisory Committee on August 22, 2024 to move forward with the attached Policies and Procedures and application as was agreed upon in the TSM subcommittee.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Pamela Howd, to approve the FY 2026 – 2029 TIP Policy and Procedures as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. FY 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that the TIP Call for Projects is open and accepting applications. The call for projects is open for five weeks beginning August 26, 2024 closing on September 30, 2024. Over \$58 million is available for transportation projects for 2026 through 2029. Over the past month, staff has been meeting with communities to discuss the call for projects and to provide aid during the application process.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #18**

Ms. Dutkiewicz reviewed TIP Amendment #18. This amendment abandons the preliminary engineering and construction phase of an MDOT special pavement marking project. The abandoned funding will be reallocated to a different MDOT project. This amendment also changes three MDOT pavement marking projects. A new small FY 2025 local road GPA is being added. Within this GPA is the City of Linden FY 2025 small urban project. This was introduced in the last TIP amendment but is now moved into a GPA for easier programming in the future.

Question was presented asking what the pavement markings are. Mr. Maurer explained that we don't have exact clarification what the pavement markings are. They could be regular but sometimes they could be trying out different materials. These are region-wide projects and could cross county lines. In our instance, it would cross Metropolitan Area

boundaries. They are not necessarily deleting the project but moving it into a different project or moving into changing the budget or combining it with another project.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pamela Howd, **Supported by** Mark Richard, to approve amendment #18 of Transportation Improvement Program. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. FY 25 MDOT LAP Planning Guide

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated that the MDOT Local Agencies Program (LAP) project schedule for FY 2025 has been released and can be found attached in the addenda package. This can act as a guide for any agency that has a project in FY 2025. Staff has been working with transit agencies that have projects in FY 2025 to set up monthly meetings. Staff will be referencing the schedule provided by MDOT to ensure these projects stay on track.

C. US-23 Corridor Study Update

Mr. Maurer stated that we are working with our consultant Rowe. They have completed the public involvement survey portion of the corridor study and now are working on designing alternatives based upon the existing conditions and what the data is showing along the corridor. We are not just looking at the MDOT corridor but are also looking at parallel routes to US 23 as well as a mile east and west of the corridor and those intersections. This project was originally to be completed at the end of September 2024 but have received approval from MDOT to extend into the next fiscal year. This allows our consultant more time to work with our road agencies and develop these alternatives. When we have a result from the consultant, we will have them present their findings to the Metropolitan Alliance. With these results, we will be looking to send out grant applications and apply for these improvements in our communities.

D. Safety Action Plan Update

Mr. Maurer stated that we have gone through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process as well as an interview process. We had five firms apply (AECOM, Atkins Realis, Fishbeck, Progressive AE and WSP) to develop the Transportation Safety Action Plan for Genesee County. The Safety Action Plan is a large grant from the federal government to look at every intersection in Genesee County and look at the data for injuries, deaths, improvements that could be made at these corridors. We are not looking just for motorists but all users, including transit, pedestrians, and cyclists. AECOM was chosen and is considered one of the more experienced firms when it comes to safe streets for all. In October, we will be announcing a call for interested parties that want to be part of Transportation Safety Task Force and be a representative to their community.

E. Transportation Economic Development Fund – Proposed Changes

Legislation was introduced both to the Michigan House ([HB5922](#)), & Senate ([SIB1011](#)) to amend a core component of how the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category C funds are distributed (PA 231 of 1987). Specifically, this proposed amendment would adjust the formula for how these funds are to be distributed annually

to the counties with populations in excess of 400,000 (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Kent, and Genesee)

The impact for Genesee County would be a \$2.6 million annual reduction until the next Census. This is an immediate \$10.4 million loss in funding for Genesee County road agencies over the next 4 years. This represents an 18% cut to Genesee County overall Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) during the next 4-year project cycle.

Mr. Henry stated that we could put together a draft resolution for the councils to vote on and send to our representatives.

Motion: Mr. Mark Richard made a motion that we create a resolution pertaining to this House Bill 5922 to send out to all Genesee Metropolitan Alliance members so that they can have their councils or committees adopt the resolution and send to their various representatives. **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Joanie Towarnicky. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Staff note: Legislation (HB5922) was advanced to the Senate the day after Metro Alliance met. Staff will continue to monitor to see what can be done locally.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Genesee county broadband initiative has a survey live right now trying to get feedback county-wide about internet service. If you would like to take the survey, it is located at Merit.edu\NextGenesee. Mr. Mauer stated that we could add to office page and send out in an email.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

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