

MEMORANDUM

TO: Genesee Transportation Council Members & Alternates
FROM: James Stack, Executive Director JS
DATE: August 17, 2023
SUBJECT: Amending the By-Laws of the Genesee Transportation Council

In December 2020, the GTC By-Laws were amended to allow qualified Alternates to serve as a GTC Officer. Currently, Peter Ingalsbe is a qualified Alternate representing the Ontario County Board of Supervisors and serves as GTC Vice Chairperson. It has recently come to light that the By-Laws do not explicitly indicate that the Vice Chairperson is a member of the GTC Executive Committee if the position is held by a qualified Alternate.

In order to rectify this situation, staff explored changing the By-Laws to explicitly designate the Vice Chairperson as a member of the Executive Committee. It is suggested to include language that precludes a single entity from having both the Member and the qualified Alternate on the Executive Committee. The relevant existing passage reads, "The Executive Committee shall consist of the Council Chairperson, the Monroe County Executive, the Chairperson of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, the Chairperson of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, the Chairpersons of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, the Mayor of the City of Rochester, the Chairperson of the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, the Chairperson of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, and the Regional Director of the NYS Department of Transportation. Any member of the Executive Committee may designate an alternate. No member of the Executive Committee shall cast more than one vote, even if they serve on the Executive Committee in more than one capacity."

Accordingly, staff is proposing to change Article IV, Section 1 of the By-Laws as follows:

ARTICLE IV
COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Council Chairperson, Council Vice Chairperson, the Monroe County Executive, the Chairperson of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, the Chairperson of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, the ~~Chairpersons~~ Chairperson of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, the Mayor of the City of Rochester, the Chairperson of the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, the Chairperson of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, and the Regional Director of the NYS Department of Transportation. Any member of the Executive Committee may designate an alternate. If a qualified Alternate serves as a Council Officer, that person shall be the designated Alternate to the Executive Committee in lieu of the relevant ex-officio Voting Member. No member of the Executive Committee shall cast more than one vote, even if they serve on the Executive Committee in more than one capacity."

The Planning Committee recommended approval of proposed Resolution 23-27 at its August 10, 2023 meeting.

The following items are provided for your consideration:

1. **Resolution 23-27** (Amending the *By-Laws of the Genesee Transportation Council*)

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed Resolution 23-27 amending the GTC By-Laws.

GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-27 Amending the *By-Laws of the Genesee Transportation Council*

WHEREAS,

1. The Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) has been designated by the Governor of New York State as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for transportation planning for the nine-county Genesee-Finger Lakes Region, including the Rochester Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA);
2. The *By-Laws of the Genesee Transportation Council* define the designation, structure, and operation of the MPO;
3. GTC wishes to allow for certain Council Alternates to be eligible to serve as a Council Officer;
4. The following changes to the *By-Laws* are proposed:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the GTC By-Laws are hereby modified, as noted above, and supersede the current *By-Laws of The Genesee Transportation Council*, dated June 30, 2022; and
2. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Genesee Transportation Council certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Genesee Transportation Council held on August 24, 2023.

Date _____

CHRISTOPHER REEVE, Secretary
Genesee Transportation Council