

**GTC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**GTC Staff Office Conference Room**  
**March 15, 2001**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

James Brady, Highway Superintendent Wayne County Highway Dept  
Joan Dupont, NYS Department of Transportation  
Steven Finn, Director of Planning Ontario County  
Paul Howard, Chairman, GFLRPC  
Chuck Switzer representing Don Riley, RGRTA  
David Woods, Director Livingston County Planning Dept.

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

John Czamanske representing David Hartman, Yates County  
Scott Leathersich representing Terrence J. Rice, Monroe County DOT  
Andrew Moore representing William Smith, Monroe County  
John Thomas representing George Stam, City of Rochester

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Deborah Elliott, GTC Staff  
Steve Gleason, GTC Staff  
Tom Hack, City of Rochester  
Marvin Kleinberg, NYSDOT  
Jane Naylor, GTC Staff  
Rob Slaver, NYSDOT  
James Stack, GTC Staff  
Robert Traver, NYSDOT

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

John Accorso, City of Rochester  
S. William Baker, US EPA  
Philip Birto, FAA  
Glenn Cooke, Seneca County  
Donald Cooley, Orleans County  
Rocco DiGiovanni, Monroe County Planning  
Stephen Ferranti, Member-At-large, Monroe County  
Glenn Guarino, Member-At-Large, Monroe County  
Steven Hendershott, Supervisor Town of Chili  
Timothy Hens, Genesee County  
William Leslie, Division Director, NYS Thruway Authority  
Jonathan McDade, FHWA  
Mark Scheuerman, Empire State Development  
Thomas Skoglund, Wyoming County Planning Department  
Larry Stid, City of Rochester  
Clara Wallace-Douglas, FTA  
(Vacant), Member-At-Large, City of Rochester

## 1. Call to Order

Chairman Paul Howard called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

## 2. Public Forum

No public comment offered.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 22, 2001 Planning Committee meeting were revised as follows:

- X At the end of the item on the O'Rorke Bridge, add: "*The related Latta Road improvements are also underway*". Delete the information from the second bullet.
- X The Erie Station Road and the Woolston Road Bridge projects *will be out to bid in 2001*.
- X The Penfield Road and Plains Road Bridges are *currently in design*.

## 4. Information Items

### GTC Staff and Committee Reports

Steve Gleason reported on GTC Staff and Committee activities:

- GTC staff is working on the TIP development.
- The UPWP was approved by the Board at their meeting on March 8, 2001. The document will be sent to the printer for availability in April.
- Fact Sheets are available for the Access Management Case Studies.
- On February 27, 2001 the U.S. Supreme Court reached decisions on two arguments made by representatives of the trucking association against the EPA. The trucking industry argued the EPA should consider the cost of regulations as well as benefits. They also argued the EPA was exceeding its authority by legislating. The Supreme Court rejected both arguments. The Supreme Court also ruled the new EPA standard for ozone attainment was unlawful and unreasonable; however, they did uphold the previous 8-hour standard used by EPA. The Court upheld the EPA's approach on upwind states (polluters) being held responsible for emissions.
- GTC is currently wrapping up the fiscal year. Agencies with UPWP tasks should submit any necessary paperwork to expedite this process by March 30, 2001.
- GTC offices will be moving to CityPlace this summer occupying space adjacent to GFLRPC. Target move date is August 1.

### Participating Agency Reports

#### *Livingston County*

David Woods reported that the new garage and radio system are close to completion. The Steering Committee will meet on March 15<sup>th</sup> to respond to the draft of the Livingston County Public Transportation Strategic Plan. The most significant

recommendation is to change the LATS to a fixed route service.

*Wayne County*

Nothing to report.

*Yates County*

John Czamanske said he was looking forward to working with the GTC on the Route 14A study.

*Monroe County*

Nothing to report.

*Ontario County*

Steven Finn reported:

- The Route 5 & 20 contract will be going to the Ontario County committee for approval today at 3:00 p.m.
- CATS study is moving along.
- Angela Ellis is the new staff member in the Ontario County Planning offices.
- The County Planning Board has asked for more information on the TIP projects.

*GFLRPC*

Paul Howard announced the Spring 2001 Regional Local Government Workshop on Friday, May 11, 2001 at the Genesee River Hotel Conference Center in Mt. Morris.

*NYS DOT*

Joan Dupont reported that they have been assisting GTC staff with the TIP and working to get the best information for the current projects.

*City of Rochester*

John Thomas reported:

- The new CBD Circulation Study has been adopted. Monroe County has installed several signs as a result of the study. Staff has begun working on Technical Amplifications for April.
- City staff is busy gathering information for TIP projects for the next three years.

## Inner Loop Improvement Study Presentation

John Thomas introduced Tom Hack, project manager for the Inner Loop study.

Mr. Hack gave a brief history of the development of the Inner Loop. He stated the City wanted to look at the Inner Loop to see if they could overcome the barrier it had created. They hired Sear Brown Associates to conduct a study.

The study was broken into three segments for analysis. The public was involved early in the process. The City hosted a downtown design charrette (250 people). They refined comments and conducted a workshop focused on the Inner Loop (125 people). A Citizen Advisory Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee were established to help guide the Study. The Committees identified several objectives concerning the use and functionality of the Inner Loop. An initial group of 35 – 40 alternatives were narrowed down to six. Refinement and further study of these alternatives was needed.

Mr. Hack described the various alternatives and their responsiveness to various Study goals. He then described the land use opportunities associated with each alternative.

Mr. Hack stated the draft Final Report is being refined now and Technical Appendices are being developed.

Mr. Hack stated Alternative #3 seems to be the most feasible at this time. The City still needs to refine the study, look into Environmental Impact Statement requirements, and discuss implementation and phasing of the project.

Mr. Hack stated a Preferred Alternative couldn't be determined until there is further study on traffic impacts. Further, increased congestion and decreased Level of Service may impact federal funding. Funding for future work has not been identified. An economic study may help in the justification of this project. The City is determining how best to proceed with various elements of the Study.

## Park & Ride Study Presentation

Chuck Switzer, RGRTA Vice President of Transportation Services, presented the Park and Ride Study report. An executive summary was distributed. Mr. Switzer gave a history of the Park and Ride system and the purpose of the study.

As part of the study all Park and Ride lots were surveyed. The study looked at use, amenities and nearby activity (land use). A rating was established for each lot. The study recommends phasing out three lots that have little use.

Drivers were surveyed and three areas were identified for critical operations: unpredictable delays, not enough time on schedule, and the heat and air conditioning systems. Drivers were asked to identify improvements to the Park & Ride lots. They suggested improved shelters, security, and heating and air conditioning systems.

Potential riders were surveyed through downtown employers and 1,003 responses were received.

Bob Traver inquired if the survey asked how far people need to walk to the bus. Mr. Switzer responded, yes but since the buses use both Main Street and Broad Street, the distances downtown are short.

David Woods asked about the role of Park and Ride in reverse commuting to Livingston County. Mr. Switzer responded by way of example that the existing Avon park and ride bus leaves Rochester too early for employees to meet shift times at the Avon Kraft General Foods facility.

Bob Traver asked if the study looked at special events. Mr. Switzer responded that it is a different service.

Steve Gleason asked about addressing the personal safety comments. Mr. Switzer responded, personal safety seems to be a perceived problem that an advertising and image campaign may overcome.

#### 2001 – 2006 TIP Public Review Update

Jane Naylor gave highlights of public comments. Major projects that were commented on are as follows:

- Janes Road in Greece
- Inner Loop reconstruction
- Lack of Bicycle / Pedestrian projects in the City

There is strong support for the Route 5 & 20 project in Avon. There is also strong support for CR 20 & CR 4 in Ontario County. Steve Gleason summarized the remaining process and committee involvement. The TIP Development Committee will meet on April 4, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at the GTC offices.

#### **5. Planning Committee Action Items**

None.

#### **6. New Business**

Steve Gleason distributed a proposed schedule to adopt Technical Amplifications.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2001, 10:00 a.m. at the New York State Department of Transportation.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.