

GTC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Livingston County Government Center
May 17, 2001

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

James Brady, Highway Superintendent, Wayne County Highway Department
Steve Hendershott, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
David Woods, Director, Livingston County Planning Department

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

David Cook, representing Don Riley, RGRTA
Don Higgins, Livingston County
Paul Johnson, representing Rocco DiGiovanni, Monroe County Planning
Scott Leathersich, representing Terrence J. Rice, Monroe County DOT
Alicia Nolan, representing Jonathan McDade, FHWA
Rob Slaver, Jr., representing Joan Dupont, NYSDOT – Region 4
David Thielman, representing William Leslie, NYS Thruway Authority
John Thomas, representing George Stam, City of Rochester

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Bennett, GTC Staff
Doug Burgey, NYSDOT
Chris Downing, GTC Staff
Deborah Elliott, GTC Staff
Erik Frisch, GTC Staff
Steve Gleason, GTC Staff
Marvin Kleinberg, NYSDOT – Region 4
Brian Lakeman, GTC Staff
James Stack, GTC Staff

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
Stephen Ferranti, Member-At-Large, Monroe County
Steven Finn, Director of Planning, Ontario County
Glenn Guarino, Member-At-Large, Monroe County
David Hartman, Superintendent of Highways, Yates County
Timothy Hens, Genesee County
Paul Howard, Chairman, GFLRPC
Jonathan McDade, FHWA
Mark Scheuerman, Empire State Development
Thomas Skoglund, Wyoming County Planning Department
William Smith, Monroe County Legislator
Larry Stid, City of Rochester
William Sullivan, Chief Legislative Assistant, City of Rochester
Clara Wallace-Douglas, FTA
(Vacant), Member-At-Large, City of Rochester

1. Call to Order

David Woods called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Public Forum

Mr. Al Schneider, Lima, New York, is interested in Western New York being competitive in attracting world-class events (e.g., Olympics, World Expo). He expressed concerns about the region's infrastructure, particularly for air travel. He inquired about any interest in developing another international airport in Western New York. David Woods thanked Mr. Schneider for his comments and noted they would be forwarded to GFLRPC, which is the agency responsible for regional aviation planning.

3. Approval of Minutes

David Thielman made a motion for approval of the minutes from the April 26, 2001 Planning Committee meeting; Steve Hendershott seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a correction to page three referencing the Woolston Road Bridge (misstated as the Wilson Road Bridge).

4. Information Items

GTC Staff and Committee Reports

Steve Gleason reported on GTC Staff and Committee activities:

- The Rochester Amtrak Station Revitalization Study is underway. An RFP was issued on April 24 with proposals due May 25, 2001.
- GTC is working with the sponsors to initiate new UPWP projects.
- GTC staff is working with NYSDOT staff to finalize the 2001-2006 TIP.
- GTC staff is working with the Monroe County facility staff on the upcoming move to CityPlace. Staff will be moved to CityPlace on or before August 1.
- Erik Frisch has returned to GTC as an intern this summer and will be joining the staff permanently in December 2001 after completing his graduate coursework. An additional intern will be joining the GTC staff on Monday, May 21st.
- The planning position held by Jane Naylon is still open at this time. GTC is advertising the vacancy in various publications.
- T-shirts for the JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge Run on May 31st have been ordered. At this time, 28 people will be participating on GTC's team.
- The GTC Board and Planning Committee membership lists were distributed along with an updated meeting calendar.

Participating Agency Reports

Wayne County

Nothing to report.

R-GRTA

David Cook reported:

- The Park & Ride Study is complete.
- The Suburban Circulator Study is in the final stages.
- The Intermodal Freight Terminal Study Draft Final Report is being reviewed by the Steering Committee.
- The Rochester Central Station project has been awarded to a consulting team led by Wallace Floyd Engineers from Boston.
- The Livingston County Public Transportation Study is ready for presentation on June 13.
- A public forum has been scheduled for June to obtain public input on the Genesee County Public Transportation Study.

NYS Thruway Authority

Nothing to report.

Monroe County Supervisors' Association

Nothing to report.

City of Rochester

John Thomas reported:

- The final report for the Inner Loop Improvement Study is being completed. The City is working with GTC and NYSDOT to advance the study through the TIP.
- The City received ten proposals in response to its RFP for the Center City Way finding Signage Update project. Selection will be made by the end of next week for City and Council approval in June.
- Construction on the "Three River Improvement" project will begin in June.
- The City is beginning its public outreach process to gather input on revitalizing the Erie Canal Aqueduct (Broad Street tunnel) as a pedestrian tunnel. The City will likely be seeking some funding from the Transportation Enhancement Program.

NYSDOT

Rob Slaver reported that NYSDOT has been working extensively on the TIP update.

Monroe County (DOT)

Nothing to report.

Livingston County

David Woods reported that the County is finalizing its radio system upgrade.

Federal Highway Administration

Alicia Nolan reported:

- The Federal Register has recently announced the publication of the guidance for the National Corridor Planning and Development (NCP & D) Program.
- Letters of intent to apply to the next round of Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) are due to FHWA by July 6.

5. Planning Committee Action Items

Proposed Resolution 01-8: Adopting the 2001-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Re-endorsing the Long Range Transportation Plan Update for the Greater Rochester Area 2000-2020; and

Proposed Resolution 01-9: Certifying that All Federal Planning Requirements are Met.

Steve Gleason noted the TDC requested NYSDOT to examine whether four projects could be moved up. Rob Slaver stated that he reviewed these requests with the Regional Director:

- The Routes 5 & 20 project in the Village of Avon cannot be moved forward at this time. The schedule can be revisited during the next TIP Update.
- The three Monroe County bridge projects can be moved forward one year as requested (North Greece Road, Basket Road and Swamp Road Bridges).

Rob Slaver informed the Committee that NYSDOT is concerned with the aggressive schedule established for the Chili Avenue Project (00-22). NYSDOT has limited staff resources and recommends moving the project back one year. Steve Hendershott stated this delay would be unacceptable and suggested Monroe County serve as the project lead. Scott Leathersich responded that the County does not traditionally serve as project lead for another agency's project. Steve Hendershott requested that the Town of Chili be designated as the lead agency (pass-thru project). Rob Slaver concurred with this suggestion.

Don Higgins requested the Covington Road Bridge project (00-95) be moved forward one year in the program. He offered to move back the White Bridge Road Bridge project (00-96). Steve Gleason noted these projects fall outside of the TMA and do not require action by the Planning Committee. Rob Slaver stated that NYSDOT will work with Livingston County to make these changes. Any changes will be forwarded to GTC prior to the GTC Board Meeting mailing.

Steve Gleason and Rob Slaver reviewed the minor changes to the draft TIP tables included in the Planning Committee mailing.

John Thomas commented about timing and eligibility issues regarding the Marchiselli Program. He requested that GTC establish a policy about how State Aid is reflected in the TIP. Steve Gleason stated that the TDC will address this issue at its next meeting.

Steve distributed a revised Resolution 01-8 noting language revisions in paragraph 8.

Scott Leathersich motioned to accept Proposed Resolution 01-8 and 01-9. David Cook seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

Rob Slaver distributed updated spreadsheets with existing TIP project information for areas outside the TMA.

Steve Gleason distributed and reviewed a sample of the new TIP project information format. He also explained the new numbering system for TIP projects. Both were reviewed and approved by the TDC.

Proposed Resolution 01-10: Amending the 1999-2004 TIP by Adding \$683,753 to the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority's Jobs Access/Reverse Commute Project to Continue and Expand the Operation of Bus Routes to Connect Urban Residents with Suburban Employment Sites.

David Cook explained the proposed Resolution. There were no questions or discussion.

Steve Hendershott motioned to accept proposed Resolution 01-10. John Thomas seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

Steve Gleason commended David Cook on following all the procedures for requesting a TIP amendment.

Proposed Resolution 01-11: Amending the 1999-2004 TIP by Adding a Placeholder for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding.

Steve Gleason explained the proposed Resolution. There were no questions or discussion.

Dave Thielman motioned to accept proposed Resolution 01-11. Scott Leathersich seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

Proposed Resolution 01-12: Accepting the Park & Ride Study Final Report as Completion of UPWP Task 8120.

David Cook provided a brief description of the study's outcome. There were no questions or discussion.

Steve Hendershott motioned to accept proposed Resolution 01-12. Rob Slaver seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

David Cook noted that RGRTA is purchasing five over-the-road coaches to be used for long distance Park & Ride routes and shuttle services.

Planning Committee Concurrence on FY 2001-2002 UPWP New Project Technical Amplifications

David Thielman motioned to accept the Technical Amplifications. John Thomas seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

David Woods inquired about the status of the Regional Satellite Imagery Project (Task #4430). Brian Lakeman reported the project has been on hold and will re-start in June when GFLRPC's new intern begins.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Next Meeting

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2001, 10:00 a.m. Steve Gleason requested Wayne County to host the next meeting; Jim Brady agreed. *(Note: Due to scheduling conflicts, Wayne County is unable to host the July Planning Committee meeting. GTC staff is in the process of confirming a new location at this time.)*

8. Adjournment

Rob Slaver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim Brady seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.