

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
Radisson Hotel
Henrietta, NY**

December 9, 2010

GTC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Adair, Monroe County
Jerry Davis, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
Daniel DeLaus, Jr., Monroe County At-Large
David Dunning, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Paul E. Haney, Rochester – At Large
James Hoffman, Wayne County (Vice Chairperson)
Dan Hogan, Monroe County At-Large

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Mark Aesch, Roch. Gen. Regional Trans. Authority, representing James Redmond
Alinda Drury, City of Rochester, representing Robert Duffy
Tom Goodwin, Monroe County, representing Linda A. Faubel
Andrea Guzzetta, Rochester City Council, representing Lovely Warren
Donald House, Yates County, representing H. Taylor Fitch
Kristen Mark Hughes, Ontario County, representing Theodore Fafinski
Edward G. Muszynski, Empire State Development, representing Dennis Mullen
Terrence Rice, Monroe County, representing Maggie Brooks
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County, representing Chuck Lafler
Chuck Thomas, City of Rochester, representing David L. Watson

GTC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

A. Douglas Berwanger, Wyoming County
Philip Brito, Federal Aviation Administration
David B. Callard, Orleans County
Michael Davies, Federal Highway Administration
Michael Fleischer, NYS Thruway Authority, representing
Stanley Gee, NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
Mary Pat Hancock, Genesee County (Chairperson)
Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Federal Transit Administration
Peter Iwanowicz, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
James Merrick, Livingston County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tony Favro, GTC staff
Richard Perrin, GTC staff
James Stack, GTC staff
Ed Welsh, NYSDOT – Region 4
David Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chairperson Hoffman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

James Stack, GTC staff, called the roll; a quorum was present.

2. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

3. Approval of Minutes

Jeffrey Adair moved for approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2010 Quarterly Meeting; Jerry Davis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Communications and Announcements

Richard Perrin announced the following appointments:

- Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks has designated Daniel DeLaus, Jr., Deputy County Executive, as a Monroe County At-Large member of the GTC Board.
- By his election as Chairman of the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners, James Redmond, is now a member of the GTC Board.
- By his appointment as Acting Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Peter Iwanowicz, is now a member of the GTC Board.
- By his appointment as Acting Director of the Federal Highway Administration – New York Division, Mike Davies, is now a member of the GTC Board.
- Then-New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis designated Paul D’Amato, Director of NYSDEC-Region 8, as his alternate to the GTC Board.

5. Reports and Action on Old Business

- a. Planning Committee Report – Kristen Mark Hughes, Chairman

Kristen Mark Hughes provided the following report:

The Planning Committee met October 14 and November 18 and recommends that the GTC Board:

- Adopt the Genesee Transportation Council *Environmental Justice, Title VI, and Americans with Disabilities Act Involvement Plan*;
- Accept the submissions of reports as evidence of completion of five Unified Planning Work Program tasks; and

- Adopt 26 amendments to the *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) as requested by Monroe County, the New York State Department of Transportation, Ontario County, the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, the City of Rochester, and GTC staff.

Additionally, the Planning Committee took the following actions:

- Approved five administrative modifications to the *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* as requested by the New York State Department of Transportation, the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, and GTC staff;
- Approved a Scope of Work for one Unified Planning Work Program task; and
- Discussed the development of the next Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

b. GTC Staff Report – Richard Perrin, Executive Director

Richard Perrin provided the following report:

GTC staff are conducting a solicitation for additional bridge preventive maintenance projects to be added to the *2011-2014 TIP*. When the *2011-2014 TIP* was adopted, it included the Highway Bridge Block Program project (TIP # B11-46-R43, PIN 4HBP14) which set-aside federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds for projects to be identified at a later date. It was determined that the primary focus of the solicitation should be to identify and program projects that can extend the life of bridges by addressing specific elements that are deficient before the bridges require more costly rehabilitation or replacement. This is consistent with current GTC policies that emphasize asset management through preventive and corrective maintenance, whenever appropriate, to ensure that the region is getting the most out of existing infrastructure and other capital assets. The targeted solicitation was sent on Friday, November 19, 2010 with applications due on Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

GTC staff are working with the Unified Planning Work Program Development Committee (UDC) to develop the *FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP) for GTC Board consideration at the March 10, 2011 meeting. After allocating funds for GTC staff activities to meet federal requirements as the designated metropolitan planning organization for the region, there are approximately \$700,000 of planning funds available for projects proposed by member agencies and communities throughout the region. The Call for Projects issued in September resulted in \$1.4 million in requests. The UDC is developing a draft program for public review that the Planning Committee will consider at its January 6, 2011 meeting. A 30-day public review period will be held from January 7, 2011 through February 7, 2011. It is anticipated that the Planning Committee will recommend a draft *FY 2011-2012 UPWP* at its February 10, 2011 meeting for GTC Board consideration.

GTC staff are also progressing the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035, which will provide a nearly 25-year perspective of existing and projected transportation system capabilities and needs and recommendations to meet these needs to improve the system's contribution to economic development and quality of life. The first round of public involvement

began November 5 and concludes Friday, December 17. Four public meetings were held the week of November 15. Based on public comments received and input from technical professionals, GTC will conduct the second round of public involvement in February and March 2011 to solicit input on the proposed recommendations of the draft plan. The GTC Board will consider the draft plan at its June 16, 2011 meeting along with the associated air quality conformity statement demonstrating that the plan meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

As discussed at the September 8 GTC Board meeting, GTC staff are advancing the regional freight plan. The consultant team has obtained the necessary data from GTC, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), and other sources and is developing a regional economic and freight profile that will serve as the basis for a needs assessment that will determine priorities and associated criteria for developing recommended projects and programs. This plan is separate and distinct from the Mohawk-Erie Multimodal Transportation Corridor Study being conducted by NYSDOT and the NYS Thruway Authority, which is evaluating all types of transportation along the Thruway corridor. The plan being developed for GTC covers the entire nine-county region and is specific to identifying ways that the region's transportation system can be a distinguishing factor in retaining and attracting goods producing firms and employment such as manufacturing and agriculture. GTC staff are serving on the regional project advisory committee for the Mohawk-Erie Multimodal Transportation Corridor Study and coordinating activities with the respective consultant teams to deter any duplication of efforts.

c. Old Business

1. Southern Corridor Improvement (including Kendrick Road Interchange) Project Application to the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program Update

Richard Perrin reported:

At the June 17 GTC Board meeting, the Southern Corridor Improvement (including Kendrick Road Interchange) Project was endorsed as the region's highest priority for the second round of Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. At the September 8 GTC Board meeting, the long range plan and TIP were amended to include the project as illustrative to strengthen the application that was submitted by NYSDOT. Despite a very high-quality application, the project was not selected to receive funding through the program, which was highly competitive with over 1,000 applications requesting approximately \$19 billion submitted for the \$600 million in available funds. Richard expressed appreciation for NYSDOT's efforts to compile the application with valuable input from the University of Rochester, City of Rochester, Monroe County, and other partners.

2. Federal Transportation Funding Update

Richard Perrin reported:

The current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2011) began on October 1. Congress has yet to pass appropriations for the year and the first Continuing Resolution expired December 3. On that day, Congress passed the second Continuing Resolution which extends through next December 18. Both Continuing Resolutions provide funding at the FFY 2010 levels. The House is expected to pass a third Continuing Resolution through the remainder of the current fiscal year, September 30, 2011, that will continue to maintain funding at FFY 2010 level. This is approximately \$45 billion less than the President's request for FFY 2011. Once the House passes the bill and sends it to the Senate Appropriations Committee, Chairman Inouye of Hawaii is expected to amend the House legislation into an omnibus appropriations bill. He will need 60 Senators to vote in favor of the bill and then it gets sent back to the House for another favorable vote before the President can sign it. House Republicans would like a shorter Continuing Resolution into February or March in order to cut overall spending back to FFY 2008 levels.

Included in the proposed House Continuing Resolution is an extension of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the multi-year surface transportation authorization bill that provides the federal funding for projects included in the TIP and for GTC activities. SAFETEA-LU expired on September 30, 2009 and has been extended through December 31. The proposal in the House Continuing Resolution would extend SAFETEA-LU through the end of the current fiscal year (September 30, 2011). Even with a nine-month extension, the prospects for a new multi-year surface transportation authorization are unclear. If a new bill is not passed within the next six to nine months – and there is a great deal of skepticism that it won't be since there is no way to pay for it – it is unlikely that one will be developed until 2013 after the next presidential election. The fact that there is this lack of commitment to transportation at the federal level could have significant impacts.

With respect to how to pay for transportation at the federal level, the President's bi-partisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform released its report earlier this month. One of the proposals is to raise federal fuel taxes by 15 cents per gallon. A proposed increase in fuel taxes is consistent with recommendations of two independent federal commissions on transportation policy and finance and reflects the need to stabilize federal revenues for transportation.

Lieutenant Governor Ravitch released a report in late-November stating that "in this period of austerity, national and economic uncertainty, unpredictability of federal funding, and rising social costs there is an increasing risk that funding for infrastructure investments will be curbed to dangerous levels." An analysis conducted by GTC staff found that since 2004 we have been unable to program approximately \$450 million in projects that have requested federal transportation funding.

The underinvestment in the transportation system relative to need is beginning to show. The Canandaigua Road bridge over the Erie Canal in Macedon was closed on December 3 after an inspection by NYSDOT. The closing of bridges in the future because they can't safely handle vehicular traffic will most likely be isolated but the deterioration that leads to closing bridges is systemic.

6. Action Items

- a. Adopting the Genesee Transportation Council *Environmental Justice, Title VI, and Americans with Disabilities Act Involvement Plan* / Proposed Resolution 10-80

Richard Perrin stated that GTC staff developed the *Environmental Justice, Title VI, and Americans with Disabilities Act Involvement Plan* to identify meaningful, cost effective approaches to more proactively engage and gain input from groups that have traditionally not been well-represented in the GTC transportation policy, planning, and investment decision making processes. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are now working with NYSDOT to provide more specific guidance on how MPOs can reach out to minorities, low-income persons, those with limited English proficiency, and persons with disabilities. In the absence of formal guidance, this plan takes a common sense approach to identifying these groups by geography and determining specific actions that can be implemented immediately to ensure that their needs are considered. It is anticipated that this plan will identify measures that can be included in the GTC *Public Participation Plan* when it is next updated.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolution 10-80 was recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Chuck Thomas moved to approve Resolution 10-80; Dan Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- b. Accepting submission of reports as evidence of completion of various UPWP tasks

Vice Chairperson Hoffman suggested that proposed Resolutions 10-55, 10-79, and 10-81 through 10-83 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

- (1) Accepting the *Dewey Avenue Corridor Traffic Calming Study* as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 6804 / Proposed Resolution 10-55

Richard Perrin stated that this study is a joint undertaking between the Town of Greece and City of Rochester to inventory conditions, assess needs, and develop recommendations to create a more balanced transportation network along Dewey Avenue between Ridge Road West and Latta Road.

- (2) Accepting the *Energy Assessment Report* as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 8425 / Proposed Resolution 10-79

Richard Perrin stated that this report includes an energy efficiency and sustainability study of the facilities and their major systems (envelopes, mechanical, and electrical) at the RGRTA campus on East Main Street in Rochester. It identifies and prioritizes improvements along with associated costs and projections of when the costs will be paid back by the resulting savings.

- (3) Accepting the *Brown's Square Circulation, Access and Parking Study* as evidence of completion of a component of UPWP Task 6800 / Proposed Resolution 10-81

Richard Perrin stated that this study is the fifth in a series of plans developed under the GTC Circulation, Accessibility, and Parking Program, which is aimed at improving the livability and economic vitality of the region's city neighborhoods, villages, and hamlets recognizing their unique needs. It includes recommendations to improve circulation, accessibility, and parking for all users in an area that includes the region's two major sports venues.

- (4) Accepting the *Village of Arcade Main Street Corridor Study* as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 6802 / Proposed Resolution 10-82

Richard Perrin stated that this study evaluates existing and future transportation and land use needs in the Village of Arcade via a concept plan to better manage access, increase connectivity, enhance the gateways leading into the Village, and improve the character along NYS Routes 98 and 39.

- (5) Accepting the *Travel Time Data Collection Program: Minor Arterials and Collectors Phase 1 – Spring 2010* report as evidence of completion of a component of UPWP Task 7121 / Proposed Resolution 10-83

Richard Perrin stated that this study continues the collection of actual travel time data along major roads in the Rochester Transportation Management Area by collecting information and producing a Travel Time Index for select roads classified as Minor Arterials and Collectors. The initial component of this program collected travel time data for Principal Arterials, primarily Interstates and other Expressways, and both components are critical to the further enhancement of the federally-required Congestion Management Process that will be included in the long range transportation plan.

Richard Perrin noted that the Planning Committee recommended approval of Resolutions 10-55 and 10-79 at its October 14 meeting and Resolutions 10-81, 10-82, and 10-83 at its November 18 meeting.

Paul Haney noted that the Brown's Square report contemplates significant changes. He asked if the City has an implementation plan. Richard Perrin responded that the report identifies eligible fund source for implementation. He also noted that most of the proposed changes are in response to concerns raised by the residents in the neighborhood, in particular the reversal of traffic on Verona Street to allow for better

circulation of school buses serving School #5. Conversion of the one-way street should improve circulation in the neighborhood. As for including the improvement in the City's Capital Improvement Program, Richard stated that that is a City decision.

Paul Haney asked how the City envisions the future of the Brown's Square neighborhood. He noted that it does not seem residentially viable. Chuck Thomas responded that the City is looking at a broader area that also includes the JOSANA neighborhood and expects to have a plan within the next year or so.

Paul Haney noted that, in the past, the City has promoted the Erie Canal Industrial Park and asked if this is still the case. Chuck Thomas responded that the City's Department of Environmental Services is taking the lead on a brownfield opportunities grant to look at a broader area and economic development opportunities. There is a need to balance residential and business interests with an eye on economic development in the area.

Dan Hogan moved to approve Resolutions 10-55, 10-79, and 10-81 through 10-83; Terry Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- c. Adopting amendments to the *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*/ Proposed Resolutions 10-84 through 10-109

Vice Chairperson Hoffman suggested that proposed Resolutions 10-84 and 10-85 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

- (1) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the Mill Road II project / Proposed Resolution 10-84
- (2) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the East Ridge Road Rehabilitation project / Proposed Resolution 10-85

Richard Perrin stated that these amendments are requested by Monroe County. The first proposed amendment decreases the construction phase of the Mill Road II reconstruction project by \$275,000 to be transferred for the second proposed amendment to increase the detailed design phase of the East Ridge Road Rehabilitation Project. There is no net increase in the amount of federal funds to either project and the amendments are revenue neutral, maintaining the fiscal constraint of the *2011-2014 TIP*.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolutions 10-84 and 10-85 were recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Paul Haney asked what the current timeframe is for the East Ridge Road Rehabilitation project. Terry Rice responded that the construction is expected to begin in 2012.

Jeffrey Adair moved to approve Resolutions 10-84 and 10-85; Andrea Guzzetta seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Vice Chairperson Hoffman suggested that proposed Resolutions 10-86 through 10-95 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

- (3) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by adding the Rt. 98 at Genesee Rd. in Wyoming County project / Proposed Resolution 10-86

Richard Perrin stated that NYSDOT is requesting that this project, which was included in a block project in the previous TIP, be added into the current TIP to continue to advance the safety improvements. The funding source for this project is the High Risk Rural Roads Program and is provided by NYSDOT from a statewide allocation.

- (4) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost and modifying the notes portion of the Rt. 947A (LOSP) Bridge over Salmon Creek project / Proposed Resolution 10-87
- (5) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by replacing the federal funds on the Rt. 5 Bridges over Honeoye Creek project / Proposed Resolution 10-88
- (6) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Highway Bridge Block Program project / Proposed Resolution 10-89

Richard Perrin stated that, as proposed by NYSDOT, Resolution 10-87, decreasing the cost of the Rt. 947A (LOSP) Bridge over Salmon Creek project, and Resolution 10-88, replacing federal Highway Bridge Program Funds with state Bond Act funds for the Rt. 5 Bridges over Honeoye Creek project, allows additional Highway Bridge Program funds to be allocated to the Highway Bridge Block Program to program projects proposed through the solicitation for new bridge preventive maintenance projects discussed earlier as well as for the Long Pond Road Bridge, Wildcat Road, and Swanson Road Bridge projects to be considered as Resolutions 10-103, 10-104, and 10-105.

- (7) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by renaming and changing the description of the Route 531 Extension Project (Rt 36 to Brockport) project / Proposed Resolution 10-90

Richard Perrin stated that the funds for this project are from an earmark that was originally obtained to study the feasibility of extending NYS Route 531 from its current western terminus. Upon completion of the study it was determined that reconstructing the western terminus and making safety improvements along NYS Route 31 were more cost-effective. Accordingly, NYSDOT is requesting that the project name and description be changed to reflect to preferred alternative that it wants to advance.

- (8) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the Interstate Overhead Sign Structure Improvement (2010) MbC project / Proposed Resolution 10-91
- (9) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the I-590 Interchange at Winton Road project / Proposed Resolution 10-92

Richard Perrin stated that NYSDOT has determined that some of the signs originally intended to be replaced through the Interstate Overhead Sign Structure Improvement project are not eligible to be replaced using Interstate Maintenance funds. NYSDOT will use state funds for the replacement of those signs and is requesting that the funds that were originally intended for the sign replacement project be programmed to the I-590 Interchange at Winton Road project. There would be no net increase in federal funds, maintaining the fiscal constraint of the *2011-2014 TIP*.

- (10) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by splitting, renaming, changing the description, and decreasing the total cost of the Rt. 33 (Buffalo Rd) and Howard Rd (Rt. 940L) Improvements project / Proposed Resolution 10-93
- (11) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by adding the Rt. 33 from Marway Circle to the Canal MbC project / Proposed Resolution 10-94
- (12) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by adding the Rt. 940L (Howard Rd.) from Rt. 33A to Rt. 31 MbC project / Proposed Resolution 10-95

Richard Perrin stated that NYSDOT is requesting that the Rt. 33 (Buffalo Rd) and Howard Rd (Rt. 940L) Improvements project be split into three components for advancement and that the project limits be expanded to the west and north.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolutions 10-86 through 10-95 were recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Jim Hoffman noted that, as Richard mentioned earlier, the Canandaigua Road bridge over the Erie Canal in Macedon was unexpectedly closed on Friday, December 3. He asked if this would be an appropriate time to request funding to repair and reopen the bridge using funds made available by Resolution 10-88. Richard Perrin responded that the rehabilitation of the bridge is programmed in the TIP and construction is expected in 2013. Given the historic nature of the Erie Canal, this project is subject to review by the State Historic Preservation Office. It may not be possible to get all the necessary approvals to obligate construction funds in the current Federal Fiscal Year, for which the funds are being made available. Ed Welsh added that it would be difficult to accelerate the schedule of this project.

Dan Hogan asked if there is a mechanism to expedite the project like what was done with the Crown Point bridge over Lake Champlain. Ed Welsh responded that Region 4 would not hesitate to pursue accelerating the schedule of the project if it is feasible.

Chuck Thomas moved to approve Resolutions 10-86 through and 10-95; David Dunning seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- (13) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by combining the County Road 10 & County Road 46 Intersection Improvement project and the County Road 10 Preventive Maintenance project and changing the project description / Proposed Resolution 10-96

Richard Perrin stated that Ontario County is requesting that two adjacent projects be combined and the scope be revised to include the construction of a second roundabout to address safety issues at the intersection of County Roads 10 and 4 – a roundabout is already planned for the intersection of County Roads 10 and 46. The proposed amendment is revenue neutral, maintaining the fiscal constraint of the *2011-2014 TIP*.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolution 10-96 was recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Jeffrey Adair moved to approve Resolution 10-96; Terry Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Vice Chairperson Hoffman suggested that proposed Resolutions 10-97 through 10-102 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

- (14) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by renaming and decreasing the cost of the Replace 15 RTS Transit Buses (FFY 2010) project / Proposed Resolution 10-97
- (15) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the RGRTA Site and Facility Improvements project / Proposed Resolution 10-98
- (16) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by adding the RGRTA Site and Facility Improvements Phase II project / Proposed Resolution 10-99
- (17) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the Replace 33 Transit Buses (FFY 2012) project / Proposed Resolution 10-100
- (18) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by renaming and decreasing the cost of the Replace 20 RTS Buses (2013) project / Proposed Resolution 10-101

Richard Perrin stated that RGRTA has reevaluated their fleet needs and associated bus replacement schedule and is requesting that the number of RTS buses purchased in 2011, 2012, and 2013 be decreased and the funds programmed to these projects be allocated to the existing RGRTA Site and Facility Improvements project. These amendments are revenue neutral and maintain the fiscal constraint of the *2011-2014 TIP*.

In addition, RGRTA was awarded approximately \$13 million in competitive discretionary funds through the State of Good Repair Program. Richard noted that RGRTA competed very well for this grant and the award is nearly \$3 million more than the Buffalo and Albany regions combined, and more than the amount awarded to the Dallas and Houston regions.

- (19) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by splitting the Technology Initiatives for Driving Excellence (TIDE) project into two separate projects / Proposed Resolution 10-102

Richard Perrin stated that this amendment is requested by GTC staff on behalf of RGRTA to fulfill a request by the Federal Transit Administration for the purpose of simplifying their administration of grants. There is no change to the project scope or cost.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolutions 10-97 through and 10-102 were recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Andrea Guzzetta moved to approve Resolutions 10-97 through 10-102; Chuck Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- (20) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Long Pond Road Bridge over Round Pond Creek project / Proposed Resolution 10-103

Richard Perrin stated that the \$48,000 in federal Highway Bridge Program funds for the detailed design phase of this project were not obligated last fiscal year due to an oversight at NYSDOT-Main Office in Albany. The source of the additional funds in the current fiscal year will come from the replacement of federal Highway Bridge Program funds with state Bond Act funds on the Rt. 5 Bridges over Honeoye Creek Project.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolution 10-103 was recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Dan Hogan moved to approve Resolution 10-103; Paul Haney seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Vice Chairperson Hoffman suggested that proposed Resolutions 10-104 and 10-105 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

- (21) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Wildcat Road Bridge over Wildcat Gully project / Proposed Resolution 10-104
- (22) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Swanson Road Bridge over Buck Run Creek project / Proposed Resolution 10-105

Richard Perrin stated that NYSDOT, on behalf of Livingston County, is requesting that \$10,000 in federal Highway Bridge Program be programmed to each of these projects (\$20,000 total) to add right-of-way acquisition and incidental phases for both as right-of-way considerations were not originally expected to be needed but were identified as part of the scoping, engineering, and design work. The source of the additional funds for these projects will come from the replacement of federal Highway Bridge Program funds with state Bond Act funds on the Rt. 5 Bridges over Honeoye Creek

Richard Perrin noted that Resolutions 10-104 and 10-105 were recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Dan Hogan moved to approve Resolutions 10-104 and 10-105; Jerry Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- (23) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Midtown Redevelopment Transportation Infrastructure Improvements project / Proposed Resolution 10-106

Richard Perrin stated that the City of Rochester is requesting that earmarked funds from the FY 2010 USDOT Appropriations bill be programmed in the current TIP as the funds were not obligated prior to September 30. Because these are earmarked funds they cannot be used for any other project and do not impact the fiscal constraint of the *2011-2014 TIP*.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolution 10-106 was recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Alinda Drury moved to approve Resolution 10-106; Andrea Guzzetta seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- (24) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the funding to the FTA Section 5310 Blocked Program project / Proposed Resolution 10-107

Richard Perrin stated that NYSDOT administers the FTA Section 5310 program, which provides funding to not-for-profits to purchase vehicles to transport seniors and persons with disabilities. This region did particularly well with approximately one of every five vehicles statewide being awarded to organizations in the seven-county TIP region.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolution 10-107 was recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Jeffrey Adair moved to approve Resolution 10-107; Terry Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- (25) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by changing the description and increasing the cost of the Rochester Amtrak Station Improvements project / Proposed Resolution 10-108

Richard Perrin stated that the City of Rochester is requesting that earmarked funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 be programmed in the current TIP as the funds were not obligated prior to September 30. Because these are earmarked funds they cannot be used for any other project and do not impact the fiscal constraint of the *2011-2014 TIP*. In addition, funds originally intended for improvements inside the current station are being proposed to be reprogrammed for the scoping, engineering, and detailed design for a new station.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolution 10-108 was recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Mark Aesch noted that the current funds are for the design of a new Amtrak station and asked if there is any sense of where construction funds would come from. Richard Perrin responded that funds for construction have not been secured but would in all likelihood require additional earmarked funds with the necessary amount between \$20 million to \$25 million.

Paul Haney moved to approve Resolution 10-108; Alinda Drury seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- (26) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Paul Road-Fisher Road Corridor Improvements project / Proposed Resolution 10-109

Richard Perrin stated that Monroe County is requesting that earmarked funds from the SAFETEA-LU High Priority Projects program be included in the current TIP as the funds were not obligated prior to September 30. Because these are earmarked funds they cannot be used for any other project and do not impact the fiscal constraint of the *2011-2014 TIP*.

Richard Perrin noted that Resolution 10-109 was recommended for approval by the Planning Committee at its November 18 meeting.

Dan Hogan moved to approve Resolution 10-109; Terry Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

7. New Business

- a. 2011 Meeting Calendar

Richard Perrin highlighted the 2011 GTC meeting calendar that was included in the meeting package. He noted that the calendar includes the schedule for the GTC Planning Committee and TIP Development Committee meetings.

Paul Haney noted that everyone at the meeting recognizes that a crisis is looming without adequate funding to support transportation improvements. He asked if there is anything that GTC, perhaps in conjunction with similar organizations, could do to educate the general public. His sense is that there is not enough awareness now but it will be a significant issue in five to ten years. The 2009 economic stimulus (ARRA) was a significant boost to municipalities but there is still a great need. Richard Perrin responded that in a recent interview, outgoing Congressman James Oberstar noted that ARRA provided approximately a 75 percent increase in federal transportation funding in 2009 but addressed only 5 percent of the need. GTC's role is to advocate for the whole surface transportation system.

Paul Haney asked if Richard meets with his peers in New York State. Richard responded that he meets regularly with his peers nationally and within the state. All agree that the

primary hurdle is identifying how additional revenues should be raised. The average driver pays the equivalent of about \$2.30 per week in gas taxes. Even so, there is not the political will to increase the federal excise tax on motor vehicle fuels. Multiple commissions have recommended increasing fuel taxes and advocacy groups such as AAA and the American Trucking Association have stated support for an increase.

Terry Rice noted that the County Highway Superintendents across the state are trying to spread the word on the need to increase funding for transportation infrastructure.

Kris Hughes suggested it would be beneficial to get economic development and private business interests to recognize the issue and get behind it.

Richard offered to prepare a presentation for the March 10, 2011 meeting to inform the Board of various options that can be considered to increase funding for transportation infrastructure improvements. He added that we may need to look at other options besides a fuel tax. We also need complementary national energy and transportation policies.

Ed Welsh noted that the transportation investment approach in this region is very effective. This region has the highest rated system of any region in the state when you consider facilities both on and off the State system.

8. Next Meeting

The next GTC Board meeting will be held Thursday March 10, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Henrietta.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
New York State Department of Transportation – Region 4
Henrietta, New York**

January 6, 2011

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Ellis, Livingston County
Erik Frisch, City of Rochester – At Large
Tom Goodwin, Monroe County Planning Board
Andrea Guzzetta, Rochester City Council
Daniel Hallowell, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) – Region 4
Paul Holahan, City of Rochester
Kristen Mark Hughes, Ontario County (Chairperson)
Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At Large (Vice Chairperson)
Terrence J. Rice, Monroe County
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County
Chuck Thomas, Rochester City Planning Commission
David Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC)

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Richard Beers, Jr., Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), representing Robert Griffith
David Cook, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA), representing Mark Aesch

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Robert Colby, Monroe County
Todd Gadd, Wyoming County
James Fletcher, Monroe County – At Large
Timothy Hens, Genesee County
Peter McCann, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Edward Muszynski, Empire State Development Corporation
Henry Smith, Jr., Orleans County
Douglas Tokarczyk, New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA)
Steven Urlass, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
(Vacant), Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)
(Vacant), NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
(Vacant), Yates County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Ameigh, Citizen
Eric Ameigh, City of Geneva
Tony Favro, GTC staff
Don Higgins, Livingston County
Dennis Judson, Fisher Associates
Richard Perrin, GTC staff
Jody Pollot, GTC staff
James Stack, GTC staff

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Kris Hughes welcomed everyone and Members, Alternates, and others present introduced themselves.

2. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

3. Approval of Minutes

Scott Leathersich moved for approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2010 Planning Committee meeting; Chuck Thomas seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Reports and Action on Old Business

a. Reports on UPWP Projects and Other Activities

GTC

Richard Perrin reported:

- There is no progress to report on the Supplemental Professional Services – Database Programming project.
- As part of GTC Strategic Planning, GTC staff are continuing to develop the proposal outline for the Regional Planning Working Group - the development of the draft long range transportation plan is clarifying the topics to be emphasized. GTC staff provided input to AMPO on proposed changes to metropolitan planning requirements in the next authorization for transmittal to the new House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee staff.
- As part of Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update/Implementation, GTC staff is continuing the development of the next LRTP. The first round of public involvement concluded December 17, 2010. Many of the comments received were in support of continuing to enhance the safety of and expand the bicycle and pedestrian network, doing more to maintain mobility for seniors, and reduce delay at specific intersections. The LRTP will be discussed later in the meeting.
- With regard to the Air Quality Planning and Outreach task, the Interagency Consultation Group concurred with the GTC staff-proposed analysis years to conduct the regional emissions analyses for the LRTP conformity statement at its December 15, 2010 meeting.
- Three proposals were received for the GTC Household Travel Survey – Phase 1 by the December 17, 2010 deadline. GTC staff are reviewing the proposals and will recommend a preferred consultant to the GTCS, Inc. Commissioners at their February 3 meeting.
- With regard to the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan Update, the final component of the project, which is the update of the regional ITS architecture, is expected to be completed by mid-February.
- There is no progress to report on the Diversion Route Planning Initiative.

- The Priority Trails Advancement Program consists of two projects. A Steering Committee meeting for the Pultneyville to Marion Trail is scheduled for January 25. The first public meeting for the Route 104 – Ontario to Sodus was held December 1, 2010 and the consultant is addressing the comments provided at that meeting, including working with the Ontario Midland Railroad.
- With regard to the Circulation, Parking, Accessibility, and Parking Program, the Brown's Square Neighborhood project is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its December 9, 2010 meeting.
- The update of the Congestion Management Plan (CMP) is advancing as part of the development of the LRTP. Recommendations that directly address reducing delay will be noted as such in the LRTP document.
- With regard to the Greater Rochester Regional Commuter Choice Program, the consultant is developing the program capabilities assessment and developing and collecting the necessary data.
- With regard to the Travel Time Data Collection Program, the first phase of data collection on select Minor Arterials and Collectors is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its December 9, 2010 meeting. Travel time data collection is complete for the second phase on Principal Arterials with speed limit and intersection verification being conducted.
- Focus group meetings are being conducted for the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan Update to complete the inventory of conditions and needs assessment.
- With regard to the Regional Goods Movement Strategy, the stakeholder participation plan has been finalized. The regional economic and freight profile has been drafted with a survey to be distributed and interviews with major shippers and carriers to be conducted this month. The first steering committee meeting will be held in February to gather input on the draft regional profile and discuss associated needs.

G/FLRPC

Dave Zorn reported:

- There is no progress to report on the 2010 Census TAZ Analysis and Revisions project as G/FLRPC is waiting for the release of the 2010 Census data.
- The 2009 Regional Land Use Monitoring Report is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at the September 8 meeting. Data collection for the 2010 report is underway.
- The Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Inventory of Culturally Significant Areas is progressing. G/FLRPC staff are finalizing the draft document.

Livingston County

Don Higgins reported:

- The RFP for the Livingston County Safe Passing Zone Survey is expected to be released this month.

Monroe County

Tom Goodwin reported:

- Data collection for the 2010 Monroe County Land Use Monitoring Report is kicking off with surveys to municipalities to be distributed soon.

Terry Rice reported:

- The draft report for the Monroe County Audible/Tactile Pedestrian Signal Device Study is being reviewed. Project close-out is expected at the April Planning Committee Meeting.
- The final report for the Monroe County Vertical Curve Safety Study is expected shortly.
- The consultant for the Monroe County Sign Inventory Location Upgrade has completed about 50 percent of the work and is currently in the data collection phase.
- There is no progress to report for the Monroe County High Accident Location Program.
- The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Monroe County Accident Rate Database GIS Conversion project has been advertised and proposals are due January 7.

City of Rochester

Chuck Thomas reported:

- The contract for the Center City Tourist/Visitor Circulation and Pedestrian Wayfinding Study has been signed and work will commence February 1.

Erik Frisch reported:

- With regard to the Center City Circulator Study, the city expects to distribute the draft final report the week of January 10. The final public meeting will be held in February.
- Regarding the City of Rochester Urban Trail Linkages Feasibility Study, the draft RFP has been developed and is being sent to stakeholders for a final review.
- With regard to the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Parking and Circulation Study, field work has been completed and the final draft report is expected to be sent to Steering Committee members in January.
- A contract for the St. Paul and North Clinton Two-Way Conversion Study is expected to be awarded in January.

RGRTA

David Cook reported:

- Five proposals have been received for the RGRTA Suburban Transit Station Study and three firms have been shortlisted with interviews scheduled for the week of January 17.

- There is no progress to report for the RTS Signal Prioritization project.
- The RGRTA Energy Study is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its December 9 meeting.
- There is no progress to report for the RGRTA Transit-Supportive Development Guidelines project.
- The RGRTA Route Analysis project is ongoing.

Seneca County

Mitch Rowe reported:

- The NYS Routes 5 & 20/414 Corridor Study is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its June 17 meeting.

Wayne County

Kevin Rooney reported:

- The draft report for the Cluster Development Enhancement Project Feasibility Study is being reviewed by the Steering Committee.
- The final report for the Wayne County Safe Passing Zone Survey has been received and project closeout is expected in February.

Other Agencies

Richard Perrn reported:

- The Regional Traffic Count Collection project is complete and will be presented to the Planning Committee at the February 10 meeting.
- A Letter of Agreement for the Auburn Trail/Ontario Pathways Trail Connection Feasibility Study has been executed and the RFP is being finalized.
- GTC is awaiting the signed Letter of Agreement for the Irondequoit Seneca Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study to execute it and will work with the Town to develop the RFP.
- The Village of Arcade Main Street Study is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its December 9, 2010 meeting.
- The Dewey Avenue Corridor Traffic Calming Study is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its December 9, 2010 meeting.
- The Town of Macedon NYS Route 31 Corridor Study is complete and was adopted by the GTC Board at its September 8 meeting.
- With regard to the Genesee County Central Corridor Plan, the consultant is incorporating final Steering Committee comments on the draft report.
- The final report for the City of Geneva Lakefront/Downtown Connectivity Study will be presented by City of Geneva staff later in the meeting as agenda item 5.b.
- There is no progress to report for the Victor Transportation Systems Plan.

b. Any Other Old Business or Announcements

1. Update and discussion on proposed federal legislation.

Richard Perrin informed the committee that on December 22, 2010, the President signed the fourth continuing resolution (CR) of Federal Fiscal Year 2011, extending government programs – including SAFETEA-LU – through March 4. This is the sixth short-term extension of SAFETEA-LU, which expired September 30, 2009. The CR maintains funding levels at Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 levels. None of the dozen appropriations bills for FFY 2011 have been completed.

The 112th Congress held its first session on January 5. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee staff of the new Republican majority are looking to draft the next authorization for deliberation in joint conference committee with the Senate in the spring. Their emphasis appears to be on ensuring the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund without raising motor fuel taxes. To do this, they are seeking to redefine the national interest in transportation which could potentially reduce highway spending by approximately 20 percent from just over \$40 billion in FFY 2011 to the approximately \$33 billion and reducing transit spending by a similar percent (~\$8.5 billion to ~\$6.8 billion from the HTF).

One major issue is a provision in the Rules package for the 112th Congress that House Republicans passed January 5. It is still being considered by the full House. It repeals a clause originally introduced in TEA-21 that does not allow spending in appropriations to fall below the “guaranteed” minimum spending levels included in the multi-year authorization (subject to revenue aligned budget authority). Prior to TEA-21 in 1998, Congress used the Highway Trust Fund in a sort of shell game whereby balances would be accrued in the Highway Trust Fund which would allow increased spending in other areas but not with Highway Trust Fund monies – the federal budget would be maintained even though debt would have to be incurred for spending in other areas.

Paul Holahan asked what agencies should do to plan for such uncertainty.

Rich responded that MPOs are required to program the TIP and LRTP to reasonably expected revenues. The current TIP meets this definition. If there are significant changes in revenues for surface transportation then the TIP will need to be revisited. Furthermore, this region’s emphasis on preventative maintenance and not on expansion positions us to better respond to changes in funding levels.

Erik Frisch asked if there was a sliver lining to the recent emphasis on no new earmarks and if this would result in increased funding levels.

Richard noted that many of the earmarks in this region are for projects that have come through the TIP process. Having no earmarks does make the full statewide allocation available to regions. If funding is cut, it may be better that the full allocation is programmed to projects that have been evaluated with respect to overall regional needs.

5. Action Items

- a. Action concerning approving the ***Draft FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program Project List*** for public review

Richard Perrin stated that the UPWP is the annual program of federally-funded transportation activities to be undertaken by GTC staff, its member agencies, and communities throughout the region. Included in the meeting package on pages 22 through 27 is the draft project list. Projects included in the current UPWP that are not complete by March 31, 2011 will automatically be rolled into the new UPWP.

After allocating the needed funding to the GTC core budget - presented as the first project GTC Staff Activities – and funds for the second phase of the GTC Household Travel Survey that were committed as part of the current UPWP, there were over \$1.35 million in requests which is nearly double the \$699,500 available.

The UPWP Development Committee met on November 18, November 29, and December 6 of last year as well as deliberated via e-mail to develop this program of projects which represents their consensus recommendation to this committee. Richard expressed appreciation to the UPWP Development Committee for their work given how difficult it was given the amount of requests relative to available funding.

Chuck Thomas moved to recommend approval of the *Draft FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program List* for public review, Dan Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Kris Hughes deferred item 5.b. to allow time for Geneva staff to arrive.

6. New Business

- a. Discussion on the *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region: 2035*

Richard Perrin discussed the first public review period of the *L RTP 2035*. Comments were limited but focused on increasing safety and recreational opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians along with providing transportation choices to seniors. Richard then noted the potential agenda for the regularly-scheduled February Planning Committee meeting and suggested that the committee consider a separate special meeting specifically for the *L RTP 2035*. This meeting would provide the Committee the necessary time to review and discuss the *L RTP 2035*.

There was general agreement among Planning Committee members that a special meeting for the *L RTP 2035* should be held.

Richard emphasized the importance of the LRTP as it sets the framework for the near-term, including the next TIP, as well as the long-term.

Richard asked the Planning Committee if any members have particular opportunities or issues that they have not raised to GTC staff before but would like to be addressed via the *L RTP 2035*.

Kris Hughes noted an increased interest in water-based recreational opportunities and the potential connections to the transportation system as well as water-borne freight.

Richard noted the *L RTP 2035* will not specifically address implementing recreational opportunities but can address travel and access to recreational opportunities. Blueways have similar needs as greenways such as defined trail heads, parking, and so forth. Ontario County could look to the G/FLRPC Blueways report for additional guidance.

In addition, water-borne freight is being considered as part of the current Regional Goods Movement Study.

5. **Action Items**

- b. Recommendations to the GTC Board concerning **accepting the City of Geneva Lakefront/Downtown Connectivity Study as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 7601** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-2

Eric Ameigh discussed the impetus for the study, the study process, and major recommendations. Major recommendations included a road diet – both a light and heavy diet and creation of a roundabout to slow traffic down and create a gateway. The public suggested a pedestrian bridge, since there was one in the past. This alternative was also explored by the study. Eric expressed appreciation for the support for the study as well as participation by GTC and NYSDOT staff.

Dan Hallowell noted that removing the right turn lanes on Routes 5 & 20 is recommended. Eric responded in the affirmative; the right turns are present on Routes 5 & 20 and have been suggested for removal via the road diet.

Dan wondered if doing so would increase rear-end accidents. He noted that the pedestrian bridge may eliminate the need to remove the turn lanes and limit other changes to Routes 5 & 20 through the road diet.

Angela Ellis recalled during her participation on the Route 14 Truck Study, that NYSDOT was opposed to a pedestrian bridge over 5&20 which may have put pressure on Geneva to look at other alternatives to access the lake and potential impacts to the configuration of Routes 5 & 20.

David Cook moved to recommend approval of Proposed Council Resolution 11-2, Terry Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Terry Rice stated that the Planning Committee agreed to have the TDC review progress on TIP projects and asked GTC staff about the schedule concerning the TIP Status Report.

Richard referred to the TIP Procedures Manual and noted since this was the first time through the process the schedule allows for flexibility and the Manual can be amended as needed. He noted that the Procedures Manual calls for GTC staff to analyze the most recent Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects and present it findings to the TDC at its January meeting.

6. **Public Forum**

No one from the public spoke during the public forum.

7. **Next Meeting**

February 10, 2011 at the Livingston County Highway Department

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Livingston County Highway Department
Groveland, New York**

February 10, 2011

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Ellis, Livingston County
Erik Frisch, City of Rochester – At Large
Todd Gadd, Wyoming County
James Fletcher, Monroe County – At Large
Daniel Hallowell, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) – Region 4
Timothy Hens, Genesee County
Kristen Mark Hughes, Ontario County (Chairperson)
Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At Large (Vice Chairperson)
Terrence J. Rice, Monroe County
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County
David Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC)

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning and Development, representing Tom Goodwin
David Cook, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA), representing Mark Aesch
James McIntosh, representing Paul Holahan, City of Rochester

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Robert Colby, Monroe County
Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Andrea Guzzetta, Rochester City Council
Peter McCann, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Edward Muszynski, Empire State Development Corporation
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County
Henry Smith, Jr., Orleans County
Chuck Thomas, Rochester City Planning Commission
Douglas Tokarczyk, New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA)
Steven Urlass, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
(Vacant), Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)
(Vacant), NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
(Vacant), Yates County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carl Ast, Fisher Associates
Jayme Breschard, G/FLRPC
Tony Favro, GTC staff
Don Higgins, Livingston County
Dennis Judson, Fisher Associates
Richard Perrin, GTC staff
John Polimeni, NYSDOT – Region 4
James Stack, GTC staff

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. Kris Hughes welcomed everyone and Members, Alternates, and others present introduced themselves.

Kris Hughes announced that Terry Rice has been named the Public Works Leader of the Year Award from the New York State Chapter of the American Public Works Association. The Committee congratulated Terry on his achievement.

2. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

3. Approval of Minutes

Terry Rice moved for approval of the minutes from the January 6, 2011 Planning Committee meeting; David Cook seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Reports and Action on Old Business

a. Reports on UPWP Projects and Other Activities

GTC

Richard Perrin reported:

- The remaining elements of the Supplemental Professional Services – Database Programming project are being finalized and it will be presented to the Committee for its consideration at the April meeting.
- As part of GTC Strategic Planning, GTC staff continue to work with the national Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations on key planning and programming issues to be considered in the next authorization, including national objectives and associated performance measures, level of funding, and the content and structure of funding programs. The NYSMPOs Association will be conducting a strategic planning session tomorrow in Syracuse to determine future goals and activities for the organization.
- As part of Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update/Implementation, a Planning Committee meeting has been scheduled for March 1 to review the draft *LRTP 2035* document. The document is continuing to be drafted and will be finalized for distribution the week after next.
- With regard to the Air Quality Planning and Outreach task, the NYSMPOs Association reviewed and prepared comments on the draft NYS Climate Change Action Plan, focusing on those recommendations that impact transportation and the federal metropolitan planning process.
- The three proposals received by the December 17, 2010 deadline for the GTC Household Travel Survey were evaluated and ranked by GTC staff. Interviews with two of the firms were conducted February 9 and references are being checked. A preferred consultant will be recommended to the GTCS, Inc. Board of Commissioners at their March 3 meeting.

- With regard to the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan Update, the consultant continues to make the final revisions to the updated regional ITS architecture with presentation to the Committee expected in April.
- There is no progress to report on the Diversion Route Planning Initiative.
- The Priority Trails Advancement Program consists of two projects. The first steering committee for the Pultneyville to Marion Trail was held January 25 and there will be direct outreach to landowners who may be affected by the alignment. The consultant is assessing alignment options for the Route 104 – Ontario to Sodus Trail.
- All five projects funded under the Circulation, Parking, Accessibility, and Parking Program are complete.
- The update of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) continues to advance as part of the development of the *L RTP 2035*. Recommendations that directly address reducing delay will be noted as such in the *L RTP 2035* document.
- With regard to the Greater Rochester Regional Commuter Choice Program, the consultant is continuing to develop the program capabilities assessment and collect the necessary data.
- With regard to the Travel Time Data Collection Program, data collection is complete for the second phase on Principal Arterials with speed limit and intersection verification continuing.
- Focus groups in all nine counties were conducted in December 2010 and January for the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan Update. The consultant provided the initial draft report on existing conditions earlier this week and the second steering committee meeting is scheduled for February 16.
- With regard to the Regional Goods Movement Strategy, the regional economic and freight profile is being finalized with current and projected conditions through 2035. The survey for shippers, carriers, and other businesses has been completed and will be distributed via business and advocacy groups. The first steering committee meeting is expected to be held in mid-March to gather input on the draft regional profile and discuss associated needs. GTC staff attended a town hall meeting of the NYS Motor Truck Association.

G/FLRPC

Dave Zorn reported:

- There is no progress to report on the 2010 Census TAZ Analysis and Revisions project as G/FLRPC is waiting for the release of the 2010 Census data.
- Data collection and follow-up for the 2010 Regional Land Use Monitoring Report is underway.
- The Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Inventory of Culturally Significant Areas report will be considered by the Planning Committee under agenda item 5.b.2.

Livingston County

Don Higgins reported:

- The RFP for the Livingston County Safe Passing Zone Study will be released this month. Data collection is expected to begin in the Spring.

Monroe County

Rochelle Bell reported:

- Seventeen of 30 completed surveys for the Monroe County Land Use Monitoring Report have been received from municipalities; follow-up is in progress.

Terry Rice reported:

- The draft report for the Monroe County Audible/Tactile Pedestrian Signal Device Study is being reviewed. Presentation is expected at the April Planning Committee Meeting.
- The final report for the Monroe County Vertical Curve Safety Study is expected this week, and will be submitted for Planning Committee review at the April or May meeting.
- The consultant for the Monroe County Sign Inventory Location Upgrade has completed more than 50 percent of the work and is currently collecting/integrating more data.
- There is no progress to report for the Monroe County High Accident Location Program.
- Three proposals have been received for the Monroe County Accident Rate Database GIS Conversion project; consultant selection is expected in March.

City of Rochester

Erik Frisch noted that Chuck Thomas retired effective today.

Erik Frisch reported:

- The first steering committee meeting for the Center City Tourist/Visitor Circulation and Pedestrian Wayfinding Study is scheduled for February 24.
- The final public meeting for the Center City Circulator Study will be held in March.
- Regarding the City of Rochester Urban Trail Linkages Feasibility Study, the draft RFP has been sent to stakeholders for review.
- With regard to the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Parking and Circulation Study, field work has been completed and the final draft report is expected to be sent to Steering Committee members soon; the final steering committee meeting will be scheduled in March.

Terry Rice asked that steering committee members have the opportunity to review the final draft before a public meeting is held.

- A contract for the St. Paul and North Clinton Two-Way Conversion Study has been awarded to Laberge Group.

RGRTA

David Cook reported:

- The contract for the Suburban Transit Station Study was awarded to Nelson Nygaard; total cost will exceed \$250,000 with RGRTA supplementing UPWP funds.
- Presentation of the RTS Signal Prioritization project is expected in Spring.
- The RGRTA Energy Study is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its December 9 meeting.
- There is no progress to report for the RGRTA Transit-Supportive Development Guidelines project.
- The RGRTA Route Analysis project is ongoing.

Seneca County

Richard Perrin reported:

- The NYS Routes 5 & 20/414 Corridor Study is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its June 17 meeting.

Wayne County

Kevin Rooney reported:

- The draft report for the Cluster Development Enhancement Project Feasibility Study is being reviewed by the project steering committee.
- The final report for the Wayne County Safe Passing Zone Survey has been received and will be presented to the Planning Committee at the April meeting.

Other Agencies

Richard Perrin reported:

- The most recent component of the Regional Traffic Count Collection project is complete and will be considered by the Planning Committee under agenda item 5.b.1.
- The RFP for the Auburn Trail/Ontario Pathways Trail Connection Feasibility Study was advertised on January 28 with proposals due March 11.
- There is no progress to report on the Irondequoit Seneca Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study.
- The Village of Arcade Main Street Study is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its December 9, 2010 meeting.
- The Dewey Avenue Corridor Traffic Calming Study is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its December 9, 2010 meeting.
- The Town of Macedon NYS Route 31 Corridor Study is complete and was adopted by the GTC Board at its September 8, 2010 meeting.
- The final Steering Committee meeting for the Genesee County Central Corridor Plan is being scheduled to review the revised draft report. The second public

meeting will be scheduled pending approval of the draft report by the Steering Committee.

- The City of Geneva Lakefront/Downtown Connectivity Study is complete and was accepted by the GTC Board at its December 9, 2010 meeting.
- There is no progress to report for the Victor Transportation Systems Plan.

Kris Hughes noted that leadership of the project advisory board has changed, and the project is expected to progress rapidly.

b. Any Other Old Business or Announcements

Richard Perrin announced that the new president of the Monroe County Supervisor's Association, Webster Supervisor Ron Nesbitt, has designated David Dunning as his alternate on the GTC Board; Ontario County Board of Supervisors' Chairman Ted Fafinski has re-designated East Bloomfield Supervisor Dorothy Huber as his alternate on the GTC Board; and Livingston County Board of Supervisors' Chairman James Merrick has re-designated Angela Ellis as his alternate on the GTC Board; and Chairman Merrick has also reappointed Ms. Ellis as the Livingston County Planning Committee member with Don Higgins and Heather Ferrero as Ms. Ellis' alternates.

Terry Rice noted that the former long-time highway superintendent in Seneca County died this morning.

1. Update and discussion on proposed federal legislation.

Both Chairman Mica of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Chairwoman Boxer of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee have stated that they are committed to passing a multi-year surface transportation authorization bill in 2011. USDOT Secretary LaHood has also gone on record that he expects a bill to be enacted by August. SAFETEA-LU expired at the end of September 2009, and the federal programs authorized by it have been continued through extensions. Congress is set to extend the programs once again on or before March 4, when the current extension ends. It is expected that the next extension will run until the end of the current fiscal year.

The biggest issue continues to be how to pay for the spending included in the bill. With the changes in the majority in the House, and both the House and Senate more focused on reducing federal spending, the chances of large increases in transportation funding are remote. Chairman Mica has repeatedly stated that this bill will need to do more with less. Recent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) highway trust fund projections show that if spending is continued at current levels, the highway account of the Highway Trust Fund will be negative in 2013 and the transit account balances will be negative in 2014. Without increases in the excise (e.g., gas, diesel, etc.) taxes or more general fund transfers, the next bill will have to rely solely on revenues that are deposited into the trust fund at current rates.

Beyond funding, the committees will be intent on redefining the federal interest in transportation and reviewing the structure of funding programs. This will likely involve consolidating programs and eliminating programs that are no longer relevant.

The committees will also look to find new ways to introduce more private sector funding and know-how into the system. Some possibilities under consideration are public-private partnerships and innovative financing strategies. If there is a bill this year, it will likely not include earmarks and both the House and Senate have had serious discussions about rescinding unobligated funds from older earmarked projects.

In terms of current year appropriations, the current Continuing Resolution expires March 4. The House Appropriations Committee approved their plan for allocating \$1.055 trillion in new discretionary spending between its 12 subcommittees. This is \$35 billion less than the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 level and \$73.7 billion less than the President's request. The Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) Subcommittee allocation is \$11.6 billion less than FFY 2010 level; a 17 percent reduction. It's important to note that transportation funding was less than one-third of T-HUD spending in FFY 2010, so, presumably, most of the cuts will come from HUD and not transportation.

Chairman Mica recently announced his plans to conduct a series of national field meetings on the authorization. Working with Congressman Reed (NY-29th), he will be holding one of these meetings in Rochester on February 18. To our knowledge, no invitations have been sent yet but should be forthcoming.

Richard's update was followed by a general discussion of Chairman Mica's upcoming meeting in Rochester. It is expected to be a roundtable discussion among invited participants but few other specifics have been provided.

Angela Ellis and Kris Hughes noted that the state's new Smart Growth infrastructure Act will likely have an as yet unknown impact on project planning and development; they have invited state NYS Department of State officials to the Rochester area for discussions. Richard said that it may present an opportunity to take a broader view of infrastructure capacity and investments.

Terry Rice added that authorizations for federally-funded highway projects are being held up in Albany. Dan Hallowell responded that state cash flow problems, as well as a review of projects by the new state administration, have been holding up projects. If a legitimate need is presented, he will make an appeal to advance a project.

5. Action Items

- a. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **adopting the *FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program*** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-1 (GTC staff)

Richard Perrin discussed the Unified Planning Work Program, indicating that this is the same program as what was put out to the public for review and comment. One public comment was received and a response was provided by GTC staff as included in the meeting package. In addition, GTC staff requested comments from NYSDOT-Main Office and to-date have received one: our FY 2011-2012 FTA Metropolitan Planning allocation is \$112 more than what was included in the NYSDOT Call Letter and used to program the draft UPWP. GTC staff recommend that this amount be

added to task 1600-Program Reserve. The Committee concurred with this recommendation.

Richard indicated that GTC staff will conduct an additional editorial review and incorporate state-level commissioners that by their appointment will be GTC Board members in Exhibit 2 at the time of adoption.

Two new GTC-staff tasks are included: 5210-Performance Measurement and 5700-Safety Planning. The first is a component of task 5200 (LRTP Development and Implementation) that will receive increased emphasis with the adoption of the *LRTP 2035* and, very likely, in the next authorization. The second is for work activities that GTC staff have been conducting primarily under tasks 5500-Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Program and 5520-Safe Routes to School.

Scott Leathersich noted a typo in the draft UPWP.

Richard Perrin complemented the UPWP Committee for their work.

Scott Leathersich moved to recommend approval of Proposed Council Resolution 11-1, Angela Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

b. Recommendations to the GTC Board concerning **accepting submission of an executive summary and report as evidence of completion of various UPWP Tasks**

1. Action concerning **accepting the executive summary, *Regional Traffic Count Collection*, as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 4370 / Proposed Council Resolution 11-3.**

James Stack gave an overview of the project. Terry Rice stated that Monroe County is revising the roads that it will conduct counts on since NYSDOT is has or will begin to collect data on some that the County used to count. Richard Perrin said it would be good if all counties did this and if the region was on a three-year cycle for updating counts not conducted by NYSDOT.

2. Action concerning **accepting the report, *Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Inventory of Culturally Significant Areas*, as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 5332 / Proposed Council Resolution 11-4.**

Jayne Breschard, G/FLRPC, presented an overview of the study.

Scott Leathersich asked if transportation projects near these sites should take the study into consideration. Jayne responded affirmatively and noted that, though the sites were locally designated as significant historic landscapes, many may be eligible for state or federal designation.

Dave Zorn said the study will be posted this week on the G/FLRPC website.

David Zorn moved to recommend approval of Proposed Council Resolutions 11-3 and 11-4. James Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

c. Action and Recommendations to the GTC Board concerning **modifications and amendments to the 2011-2014 TIP**

Kris Hughes suggested that proposed Planning Committee Resolution 11-1 and proposed Council Resolutions 11-5 and 11-6 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

1. Action concerning **modifying the 2011-2014 TIP by renaming and modifying the notes portion of the Twin Bridge Road over Oatka Creek project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 11-1.
2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of, renaming, and modifying the description of the Kirk Road Bridge over Round Pond Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-5.
3. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Burnt Mill Road Bridge over Black Creek Preventive Maintenance project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-6.

Terry Rice requested consideration of another amendment, Dorsey Road, with cost increases offset by savings from other projects, specifically Jefferson Road and Mill Road II.

John Polimeni explained that most of the savings on the Jefferson Road project were already allocated as offsets to other amended projects.

A general discussion ensued on when in the project development process a TIP amendment should be pursued: although there are thresholds for TIP amendments, sometimes project timing and budget issues may necessitate special consideration for an amendment. Discussion also focused on how NYSDOT manages project cost overruns and savings.

It was decided that no amendment for Dorsey Road is necessary.

Dan Hallowell moved to recommend approval of Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 11-1 and Proposed Council Resolutions 11-5 and 11-6. James Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by changing the phase costs and schedules of select TIP Projects** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-7.

Richard Perrin noted a change and distributed a revised exhibit containing an RGRTA project. He also noted that all the projects utilize "earmarked" discretionary funds and do not impact fiscal constraint.

Jim Fletcher asked if these projects fall out of the TIP if Congress rescinds the earmarks. Richard responded in the affirmative with the exception being if

other federal funds were programmed to the project.

Dan Hallowell noted that NYSDOT-Region 4 is preparing a status report on earmarks at the request of NYSDOT Main Office in Albany

Dan Hallowell moved to recommend approval of Proposed Council Resolution 11-7. Erik Frisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Kris Hughes suggested that proposed Resolutions 11-8 through 11-36 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

5. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Rochester/Monroe County Traffic Control Center project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-8.
6. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring phases of the Buffalo Road Preventive Maintenance project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-9.
7. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by reprogramming phases of the Canandaigua Downtown Rail-with-Trail project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-10.
8. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Dewey Avenue Preventive Maintenance project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-11.
9. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Lyell Avenue Reconstruction project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-12.
10. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Edgemere Drive Bridge over Round Pond Outlet project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-13
11. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Union Street Bridge Replacement project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-14.
12. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Long Pond Road Reconstruction project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-15.
13. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring phases of the Black Street over Mud Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-16.
14. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by advancing phases of the Clarendon Street Bridge over Falls Road Railroad project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-17.
15. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring a phase of the Straub Road over Round Pond Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-18.

16. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the NYS Route 20 at Genesee County Road 35 (East Rd.) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-19.
17. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of and deferring phases of the Rt. 18 over Moorman Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-20.
18. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deleting the Quaker Street Bridge over the Erie Canal project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-21.
19. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring phases of the Inner Loop Bridge over Brown's Raceway project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-22.
20. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring phases of the Rt. 390 Multi-Use Trail - Canalway Trail to the 390 Bike Path at Rt. 104 project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-23.
21. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by advancing the Technology Initiatives for Driving Excellence (TIDE) - Phase II project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-24.
22. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by advancing a portion of a phase of the Mt. Hope Station project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-25.
23. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring a phase of the I-390 Rest Areas project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-26.
24. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring phases of the Rt. 590 Bridges over Rt. 941V (Blossom Rd.) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-27.
25. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring phases of the Rt. 590 Bridges over Rt. 286 (Browncroft Blvd.)** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-28.
26. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring phases of the Interstate Overhead Sign Structure Improvement (2011) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-29.
27. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the I-390 Interchange Improvements @ Rt. 15A (Exit 16 Part 1) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-30.
28. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the I-390 Interchange Improvements @ Rt. 15 (Exit 16 Part 2) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-31.
29. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the I-390 Interchange @ East River Rd. (Exit 16A Stage 3 of 4) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-32.

30. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by advancing the Rt. 39 (Main St.) Norfolk Southern Rail Crossing project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-33.
31. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the Wilkinson Road Railroad Crossing (CSX RR) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-34.
32. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the School Street Railroad Crossing (OMID RR) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-35.
33. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the Evans Road Railroad Crossing (R&S RR) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-36.

Kris Hughes asked if there were any questions or comments on the projects.

John Polimeni noted that all the amendments reflect updated project schedules.

Kevin Rooney moved to recommend approval of Proposed Council Resolutions 11-8 through 11-36. Terry Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Kris Hughes suggested that proposed Resolutions 11-37 through 11-46 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

34. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the On-Board Video System Replacements project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-37.
35. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the Fluids Management System for RTS & Lift Line project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-38.
36. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the RGRTA Server Virtualization project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-39.
37. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the RGRTA Software for Claims and Workers Compensation project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-40.
38. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the Prior Years cost of the Renaissance Square Transit Center project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-41.
39. Action concerning **modifying the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Replace 6 Lift Line Buses project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 11-2.

40. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by renaming and decreasing the cost of the Purchase 24 Lift Line Buses (FFY 2012) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-42.
41. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Replace 33 Transit Buses (FFY 2012) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-43.
42. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Replace 10 Articulated Transit Buses (FY 2012) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-44.
43. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Preventive Maintenance (2011) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-45.
44. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the RGRTA Site and Facility Improvements project** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-46.

David Cook summarized the amendments.

Kris Hughes asked what is happening to funds that are being removed from the Renaissance Square Transit Center project. David Cook responded that the FTA Section 5307 funds are being re-allocated to the other projects being considered in these proposed amendments.

A general discussion began about using FHWA STP-Flex funds from the Renaissance Square Transit Center project to offset cost increases on non-RGRTA projects. Angela Ellis noted that, although the TIP Development Committee approved re-allocating the funds to other RGRTA projects, she wasn't sure the TDC fully understood that these savings could be re-programmed in a different way.

David Cook noted that this is an opportunity to address transit needs in light of a reduction in State Operating Assistance and mortgage recording tax receipts.

Richard Perrin noted that the fund source was discussed at the TIP Development Committee meeting and that committee did recommend approval of the amendment to the Renaissance Square Transit Center project.

David Cook moved to recommend approval of proposed Planning Committee Resolution 11-2 and proposed Resolutions 11-37 through 11-46. Kevin Rooney seconded the motion. With eight abstentions, the motion did not carry.

There was additional discussion on the issue and it was decided that, if future requests are made amend this project, there will be fuller consideration of what funds that are not needed will be reprogrammed to. Another vote on the proposed resolutions was called.

David Cook moved to recommend approval of proposed Planning

Committee Resolution 11-2 and proposed Resolutions 11-37 through 11-46. Kevin Rooney seconded the motion. The motion passed with three abstentions.

An additional Proposed Council Resolution (11-47) regarding adding preventive maintenance bridge projects to the TIP, which was inadvertently left out of the mailing, was distributed. Richard Perrin stated that GTC and NYSDOT-Region 4 conducted a targeted solicitation for new bridge corrective/preventive maintenance projects that can be delivered in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013. Funding for these projects was included in the *2011-2014 TIP* in FFYs 2011 and 2013 as part of the Highway Bridge Block Program.

Terry Rice asked if there was any way to fund the Genesee County North Pembroke Road over Tonawanda Creek Preventive Maintenance proposal for the sake of geographic balance. A general discussion of the pros and cons of geographic balance occurred.

Dan Hallowell said that NYSDOT could free up funds from the Route 590 and Route 104 Bridge Repair project (proposal #10-13) for pre-construction phases of the North Pembroke Road bridge project (proposal #10-2). With the deletion of the Quaker Street Bridge over the Erie Canal project (proposed Resolution 11-21), there is enough Highway Bridge Program funding to accommodate the North Pembroke Road bridge project.

Kris Hughes summarized the discussion and proposal to add Genesee County's proposal #10-2 and decrease funding for NYSDOT's proposal #10-13.

Terry Rice moved to recommend approval of Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 11-47. Dan Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

6. New Business

David Cook reminded the group that draft designs for the Renaissance Square Transit Center will be presented at a public meeting February 9. David also noted that RGRTA is working with the University of Rochester to include a satellite transit station in the proposed College Town development.

7. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the public forum.

8. Next Meeting

Next Meeting: March 1, 2011 at the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority

Richard Perrin noted that the March 1 meeting will be a special meeting devoted exclusively to the Long Range Transportation Plan.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.