

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

September 8, 2011

GTC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Adair, Monroe County
Jerry Davis, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC)
Mary Pat Hancock, Genesee County (Chairperson)
James Hoffman, Wayne County (Vice Chairperson)

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Chris Bollin, Monroe County At-Large, representing Daniel Hogan
Angela Ellis, Livingston County, representing James Merrick
Thomas Goodwin, Monroe County, representing Linda A. Faubel
E. Joseph Gozelski, Wyoming County, representing A. Douglas Berwanger
Andrea Guzzetta, Rochester City Council, representing Lovely Warren
Daniel Hallowell, NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), representing Joan McDonald
Paul Holahan, City of Rochester, representing Thomas Richards
Donald House, Yates County, representing H. Taylor Fitch
Dorothy Huber, Ontario County, representing Theodore Fafinski
Edward Muszynski, Empire State Development, representing Kenneth Adams
Thomas E. Pericak, NYS Thruway Authority, representing Thomas J. Ryan
Terrence J. Rice, Monroe County, representing Maggie Brooks
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County, representing Chuck Lafler

GTC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

David B. Callard, Orleans County
Daniel DeLaus, Monroe County At-Large
Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Federal Transit Administration
Joe Martens, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Jonathan McDade, Federal Highway Administration
Ronald Nesbitt, Monroe County Supervisors Association
James Redmond, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA)
Steven Urlass, Federal Aviation Administration
David L. Watson, Rochester City Planning Commission
(Vacant), City of Rochester – At Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Carpenter, RGRTA
Erik Frisch, City of Rochester
Kristen Mark Hughes, Ontario County
Dennis Judson, Fisher Associates
Richard Perrin, GTC staff
John Polimeni, NYSDOT – Region 4
James Stack, GTC staff
John Thomas, City of Rochester
Robert Torzynski, GTC staff
David Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Hancock called the meeting to order at 8:33 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

James Hoffman moved for approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2011 Quarterly Meeting; Jerry Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Communications and Announcements

Richard Perrin noted the following GTC Board designations:

- Thomas J. Ryan, by his appointment as Acting Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority, is now a voting member of the GTC Board.
- Jonathan McDade, by his appointment as Federal Highway Administration-New York Division Administrator, is now a non-voting member of the GTC Board.
- Rochester Mayor Thomas Richards has designated Paul Holahan, City of Rochester Department of Environmental Services Commissioner, as his Alternate to the GTC Board.

5. Reports and Action on Old Business

- a. Planning Committee Report – Kristen Hughes, Chairperson

Kristen Hughes provided the following report:

The Planning Committee met August 11 and recommends that the GTC Board:

- Amend the *FY 2011-2012 UPWP* to decrease Federal Transit Administration Metropolitan Planning funds and delete the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Staff Training task;
- Accept the submission of updated data and reports as evidence of completion of five Unified Planning Work Program tasks; and
- Adopt 37 amendments to the *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* as requested by the City of Rochester, Monroe County, the New York State Department of Transportation, and the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority.

Additionally, the Planning Committee took the following actions:

- Approved three administrative modifications to the *2011-2014 TIP* as requested by Monroe County and by NYSDOT on behalf of Orleans County.

b. GTC Staff Report – Richard Perrin, Executive Director

Richard Perrin provided the following report:

Since this Board adopted the *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035 (LRTP 2035)* at its last meeting on June 16th, GTC staff is progressing the recommendations and developing a status and monitoring report to track them. As part of this, staff is working with new partners such as the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency on addressing the transportation needs of seniors as their numbers are increasing and will continue to at a significant rate. To identify ways we can improve connections between the economies of the larger mega-region that includes Buffalo and Toronto, staff has begun discussions with the Buffalo-Niagara Region Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. Given the emphasis of the *LRTP 2035* on using technology to better manage and operate our existing infrastructure and services, we are also in conversations with Xerox's research and technology department on potential partnership opportunities that can leverage their work within the region.

At the June 16th meeting, it was reported that there were three major initiatives being advanced by GTC staff: the regional freight plan, the coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan, and the commuter choice program. The regional freight plan is approximately 60 percent complete. The needs assessment is being developed based on the completed economic and freight profile of the region and input from transportation professionals from the private and public sectors. Public meetings are scheduled for Monday, September 26 to gather input.

GTC staff has completed the updated coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan for the region, which identifies strategies to enhance mobility and access for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income persons while minimizing duplication of services and improving cost-effectiveness. The plan will be considered later in the agenda as item 6.b.(5).

The third major initiative is the commuter choice program. The program website that will provide information on potential carpool matches, link to public transportation trip planning tools, and present preferred bicycling routes has been developed and is being tested. We expect the project to be complete within the next 60 days and provided for your consideration at the December 8th Board meeting.

Looking forward to future planning activities, GTC will be issuing the call for projects for next year's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on September 16th. The call for projects is sent to every county, city, town, and village in the region as well as the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority and Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. After funding GTC staff activities, we expect that approximately \$525,000 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Section 104(f)

Metropolitan Planning (FHWA-PL) funds and \$150,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program (FTA-MPP) funds will be available for concept-level planning, analysis, and design initiatives. Applications will be due October 21 and a workshop is scheduled for September 28 at Henrietta Town Hall.

c. Old Business

1. Federal Transportation Funding Update and impacts on *2011-2014 TIP*

Richard Perrin provided a presentation on the status of Federal Transportation Funding and its impacts on the *2011-2014 TIP*. Richard described the impacts which include decreases in funding that range from approximately 25 percent (Highways) to more than 53 percent (Bridges) from current levels.

Terry Rice asked for clarification regarding the change to the bridge formula. Dan Hallowell explained that the change added factors that account for the extent of the system and its condition.

Richard Perrin discussed the planned approach to revise the *2011-2014 TIP* in light of these funding considerations. Terry Rice suggested that projects for which design is complete that are ready to go should get preference. Richard Perrin responded that this will need to be discussed by the TIP Development Committee however deliverability is a key factor in project selection.

Joseph Gozelski noted that counties are now subject to a 2 percent tax cap so there will be even more pressure on the non-federal aid. Joseph further commented that raising the federal gas tax would be very unpopular and questioned where this leaves local officials.

Dorothy Huber asked if Board Members and Alternates could be provided a copy of the presentation and Richard Perrin responded that it will be distributed as requested.

6. Action Items

- a. Amending the *FY 2011-2012 UPWP* to decrease FTA Section 5303 funds and delete Task 9310 – NYSMPO Staff Training / Proposed Resolution 11-130.

Richard Perrin noted that this resolution amends the current Unified Planning Work Program by decreasing Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program (MPP) funds by \$892 and by deleting Task 9310.

The reduction in FTA MPP funds is necessary to account for the difference between the amount programmed in the *FY 2011-2012 UPWP* based on November 2010 estimates provided by NYSDOT and the statewide appropriation published in the Federal Register on May 20, 2011. As a result of the difference between the NYSDOT estimate and the FTA apportionment, every Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) UPWP in New York State – including the GTC *FY 2011-2012 UPWP* – is over-

programmed. The \$892 reduction would be taken from UPWP Task 1600 – Program Reserve so that no existing projects will be impacted.

GTC manages the New York State Association of MPOs (NYSAMPO) staff training initiative, UPWP Task 9310. NYSAMPO has decided that additional funds are needed for NYSAMPO staff services to address statewide planning and collaboration needs, monitoring and review of the reauthorization of the federal surface transportation legislation, and facilitation of working group activities. These additional funds, in the amount of \$25,000, would come from Task 9310 – NYSMPO Staff Training, leaving this task with a balance of zero dollars. Accordingly, GTC staff is proposing that UPWP Task 9310 be deleted. This change would have no impact on GTC as these funds are not available for programming to GTC staff or member agencies.

Richard Perrin stated that this resolution was reviewed and recommended for GTC Board approval by the Planning Committee at its August 11, 2011 meeting.

Dan Hallowell moved to approve Resolution 11-130; Donald House seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- b. Accepting the submission of updated data and reports as evidence of completion of various UPWP Tasks.

Chairperson Hancock suggested that proposed Resolutions 11-89 through 11-93 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

- (1) Accepting the submission of updated Transportation Analysis Zones and Transportation Analysis Districts as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 4186 / Proposed Resolution 11-89.
- (2) Accepting the *Land Use Report for Monroe County, New York – 2010* as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 4210 / Proposed Resolution 11-90.
- (3) Accepting the *2010 Regional Land Use Monitoring Report* as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 4220 / Proposed Resolution 11-91.
- (4) Accepting the report, *Monroe County Department of Transportation Vertical Curve Safety Study*, as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 6202 / Proposed Resolution 11-92.
- (5) Accepting the report, *Genesee-Finger Lakes Region Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update*, as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 8150 / Proposed Resolution 11-93.

With respect to UPWP Task 4186, Richard Perrin stated that GTC uses Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZs) as the geography in its travel demand model, which provides projections of future traffic volumes for planning and design of infrastructure and services as well as conducting regional emissions analyses to demonstrate conformity with Clean Air Act requirements. Richard noted that

G/FLRPC completed this project on behalf of GTC by updating the current TAZ structure using 2010 Census data.

Richard Perrin explained that the Monroe County and Regional Land Use Monitoring reports are complementary initiatives that are developed by Monroe County and G/FLRPC, respectively. They collect data on the number of building permits issued and the status of major projects, both proposed and under construction. The information that these reports provide is important for not only transportation planning but also land use planning in that trends in the number, type, and size of buildings serve as the basis for historical analysis and future projections.

Richard discussed the Vertical Curve Safety Study indicating that Monroe County conducted the study to evaluate existing vertical curves and associated operating characteristics on the County's roadway network and, using a system for filtering the locations, identify and prioritize future safety improvements.

As mentioned in the GTC staff report, Richard Perrin reviewed the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update, which identifies strategies to enhance mobility and access for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income persons while minimizing duplication of services and improving cost-effectiveness. This plan included significant stakeholder involvement via a steering committee, four public meetings, and focus groups. Seventeen strategies have been identified within three major categories: Mobility Management; Information; and Service Improvements.

Richard Perrin stated that proposed Resolutions 11-89 through 11-93 were reviewed and recommended for GTC Board approval by the Planning Committee at its August 11, 2011 meeting.

Dorothy Huber moved to approve Resolutions 11-89 to 11-93; Jeffrey Adair seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- c. Adopting amendments to the *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP).

Richard Perrin stated that the proposed amendments to the TIP were reviewed and recommended for GTC Board approval by the Planning Committee at its August 11, 2011 meeting. Richard also noted that all of the amendments maintain the fiscal constraint of the *2011-2014 TIP* by either providing an offset for any increase or identifying new funding.

- (1) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Rochester Amtrak Station Improvements project / Proposed Resolution 11-94.

Richard Perrin discussed the proposed TIP amendment.

Joseph Gozelski moved to approve Resolution 11-94; Dorothy Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Chairperson Hancock suggested that proposed Resolutions 11-95 through 11-97 and proposed Resolution 11-131 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

- (2) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Kirk Road Bridge over Round Pond Creek and Round Pond Creek Tributary project / Proposed Resolution 11-95.
- (3) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Penfield Road Bridge over Irondequoit Creek project / Proposed Resolution 11-96.
- (4) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by modifying the project type and project description, and decreasing the cost of the Klem Road Bridge over Mill Creek Tributary project / Proposed Resolution 11-131.
- (5) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by combining five Monroe County highway preventive maintenance projects / Proposed Resolution 11-97.

Richard Perrin discussed the proposed TIP amendments.

Terry Rice moved to approve Resolutions 11-95 through 11-97 and 11-131; Jeffrey Adair seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Chairperson Hancock suggested that proposed Resolutions 11-98 through 11-105 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

- (6) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Scott Crescent Bridge over Millrace project / Proposed Resolution 11-98.
- (7) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by adding the York Landing Culvert Washout Repairs project / Proposed Resolution 11-99.
- (8) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by combining three City of Rochester highway preventive maintenance projects / Proposed Resolution 11-100.
- (9) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by combining two City of Rochester highway projects / Proposed Resolution 11-101.
- (10) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by combining three City of Rochester multi-use trail projects / Proposed Resolution 11-102.
- (11) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by combining two Wyoming County bridge preventive maintenance projects / Proposed Resolution 11-103.
- (12) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the West Street Bridge over Cattaraugus Creek project / Proposed Resolution 11-104.

- (13) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by modifying the scope and description of the High Risk Rural Road Improvement in Wyoming County project / Proposed Resolution 11-105.

Richard Perrin discussed the proposed TIP amendments.

Dorothy Huber moved to approve Resolutions 11-98 to 11-105; Daniel Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Chairperson Hancock suggested that proposed Resolutions 11-106 to 11-128 be considered as a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

- (14) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by reinstating six railroad crossing projects / Proposed Resolution 11-106.
- (15) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by adding nine railroad crossing projects / Proposed Resolution 11-107.
- (16) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by modifying the source of a portion of the funding for the I-590 Interchange at Winton Road project / Proposed Resolution 11-108.
- (17) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the I-490 Bridge over Marsh Road project / Proposed Resolution 11-109.
- (18) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Rt. 64 over Irondequoit Creek project / Proposed Resolution 11-110.
- (19) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the Rt. 98 at Genesee Rd. in Wyoming County project / Proposed Resolution 11-111.
- (20) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by a decreasing the cost of the Rt. 33A Bridge over Black Creek project / Proposed Resolution 11-112.
- (21) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the ITS Operations project / Proposed Resolution 11-113.
- (22) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by adding the Route 590 ITS Improvements Part I project / Proposed Resolution 11-114.
- (23) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by adding the Route 590 ITS Improvements Part II project / Proposed Resolution 11-115.
- (24) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by deleting the Underwater Bridge Inspection (2014) project / Proposed Resolution 11-116.
- (25) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the Geneva Park & Ride, Intersection of Rt. 14 and the Thruway project / Proposed Resolution 11-117.

- (26) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost and modifying the scope of the Canandaigua Road Bridge over the Erie Canal project / Proposed Resolution 11-118.
- (27) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by advancing phases of the Rt. 390 Ramp Bridge over Rts. 104 and 390 project / Proposed Resolution 11-119.
- (28) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by deleting the Hindsburg and Allens Rd. Canal Bridges project / Proposed Resolution 11-120.
- (29) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the Highway Safety Improvement Block Program project / Proposed Resolution 11-121.
- (30) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Rt. 251 Rehabilitation project / Proposed Resolution 11-122.
- (31) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the Rt. 590 Bridges over Rt. 941V (Blossom Rd.) project / Proposed Resolution 11-123.
- (32) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Route 590 and Route 104 Bridge Repairs project / Proposed Resolution 11-124.
- (33) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the Federal share of the Rt. 33 from Marway Circle to the Canal MbC project / Proposed Resolution 11-125.
- (34) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by decreasing the cost of the Rt. 18 over Moorman Creek project / Proposed Resolution 11-126.
- (35) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the I-390 Rest Areas project / Proposed Resolution 11-127.
- (36) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by advancing phases of and increasing the cost of the Underwater Bridge Inspection (2012) project / Proposed Resolution 11-128.

Richard Perrin discussed the proposed TIP amendments.

Daniel Hallowell moved to approve Resolutions 11-106 to 11-128; Mitchell Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- (37) Amending the *2011-2014 TIP* by increasing the cost of the Replace 5 RTS Transit Buses (FFY 2010) project / Proposed Resolution 11-129.

Richard Perrin discussed the proposed TIP amendment.

Thomas Pericak moved to approve Resolution 11-129; Daniel Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

7. New Business

- a. City of Rochester Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants Funding Application Request / Proposed Resolution 11-132.

Richard Perrin noted that the City of Rochester is making an application for the third round of TIGER Discretionary Grants Funding. Paul Holahan discussed the city's proposal to raise the southeast portion of the Inner Loop.

Richard Perrin noted that the *L RTP 2035* includes this project as an Illustrative Project. Richard also noted that the Board's previous endorsement of the I-390 at Kendrick Road Project is proposed to serve as the template for this endorsement, if approved.

Daniel Hallowell noted that New York State is not going to resubmit the I-390 at Kendrick Road proposal, but it does intend to submit for other projects. Daniel stated that NYSDOT is supportive of the Inner Loop proposal if new funding becomes available and noted that NYSDOT has already had some preliminary discussions on land transfers that relate to the city's proposal.

Terry Rice noted that the second round of TIGER funding precluded the resubmitting of prior project proposals and asked if there was a similar prohibition on round three. Richard Perrin and Daniel Hallowell both stated that they were not aware of a similar prohibition for the third round of TIGER funding.

Terry Rice commented that if NYSDOT-Main Office is not submitting another application for the I-390 at Kendrick Road Project, then the state should fund the project with other resources.

Ed Muszynski asked for clarification on the extent of the project. Paul Holahan responded that it includes less than half of the Inner Loop and that the volumes on the north side of the Inner Loop preclude that section's conversion to an at-grade facility.

Mitchell Rowe moved to approve Resolution 11-132; Edward Muszynski seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

8. Next Meeting

The next GTC Board meeting will be held Thursday December 8, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 175 Jefferson Road, in Henrietta.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Ebenezer Watts Conference Center
Rochester, New York**

October 13, 2011

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

James Fletcher, Monroe County – At Large
Erik Frisch, City of Rochester – At Large
Todd Gadd, Wyoming County
Tom Goodwin, Monroe County Planning Board
Andrea Guzzetta, Rochester City Council
Daniel Hallowell, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) – Region 4
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

David Cook, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA), representing William Carpenter
Don Higgins, Livingston County, representing Angela Ellis
James McIntosh, City of Rochester, representing Paul Holahan

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Robert Colby, Monroe County
Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Timothy Hens, Genesee County
Kristen Mark Hughes, Ontario County (Chairperson)
Peter McCann, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Edward Muszynski, Empire State Development Corporation
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County
Henry Smith, Jr., Orleans County
Steven Urlass, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
(Vacant), Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)
(Vacant), NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
(Vacant), Rochester City Planning Commission
(Vacant), Yates County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joseph Bovenzi, GTC staff
James Hoffman, Wayne County Board of Supervisors
Sally Kuzon, City of Batavia
Richard Perrin, GTC staff
John Polimeni, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) – Region 4
James Stack, GTC staff
Robert Torzynski, GTC staff

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. Scott Leathersich welcomed everyone and Members, Alternates, and others present introduced themselves.

2. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

Scott Leathersich suggested that the agenda be revised to move item 5.a.2., action concerning the acceptance of the report, Route 104 Corridor Trail Feasibility Study, forward in order to accommodate the Committee's guests. No Member or Alternate objected.

5. Action Items

- a. Recommendations to the GTC Board concerning accepting submission of reports as evidence of completion of various UPWP tasks
2. Action concerning **recommending the acceptance of the report, *Route 104 Corridor Trail Feasibility Study* as evidence of completion of a component of UPWP Task 6510** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-134

James Hoffman reported that this study is for a 17.4 mile-long multi-use trail that will run along NYS Route 104 from Webster to Sodus. EDR served as the consultant on this project and the county and towns are very pleased with the results. Two public meetings were held, and there were no adverse public reactions to the project. The report's study area is extensive and covers about 300 parcels and 18 intersections.

The consultants developed two possible alternative routes for the trail: the first is parallel to NYS Route 104 and the second follows the railroad tracks that run through the study area. Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) owns the track right-of-way and Ontario-Midland Railroad Corporation leases the tracks from RG&E. Developing the trail may require expanding the railroad right-of-way in certain locations. The sections of the trail in each town can be built individually and linked together in the future. The town supervisors in the study area support this report, and will begin implementation when funds are available.

Terry Rice stated that within Monroe County RG&E owns the railroad right-of-way. The section east of the XEROX campus is still an active railroad; the section west of the campus is abandoned and will be transferred to the Town and Village of Webster. The tracks will be left in place when ownership is transferred. However, the Town and Village are pursuing development of a multi-use trail on this portion.

Kevin Rooney moved to recommend approval of the *Route 104 Corridor Trail Feasibility Study*; Jim Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Scott Leathersich suggested that the committee discuss item 5.a.1 in order to finish the discussion of reports submitted as evidence of completion of UPWP tasks. No Member or Alternate objected.

1. Action concerning **recommending the acceptance of the *Cluster Development Enhancement Feasibility Study* as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 5375 / Proposed Council Resolution 11-133**

Richard Perrin reported that the Acting Director of the Wayne County Planning Department, Ora Rothfuss, could not be in attendance at this meeting. Based on discussions with him, Richard agreed to present the study to the committee. This study was prepared for western towns of Wayne County where the most significant residential development is occurring. The study's purpose was to evaluate the feasibility of residential cluster subdivision projects.

Cluster development can protect farmland, preserve open space, and maximize infrastructure use. Current development patterns result in new construction that is typically strung-out along road frontages with multiple curb cuts, which can make farming operations more difficult. One key issue that the study addresses is the lack of understanding of cluster subdivision techniques by local landowners who may be interested in developing their properties. The study recommends establishing a Residential Cluster Development Agency to provide support to landowners and local governments in developing cluster subdivisions.

The study was overseen by a Project Advisory Committee consisting of the Wayne County Planning Department, the Towns of Macedon, Ontario, and Walworth, and Genesee Transportation Council. The study includes three hypothetical cluster development scenarios and was funded with \$16,000 in UPWP funds.

Tom Goodwin asked if the Residential Cluster Development Agency would be sponsored by the county. Richard replied that the report does not specify who would sponsor the Agency but leaves it flexible.

Erik Frisch moved to recommend approval of the *Cluster Development Enhancement Feasibility Study*; Daniel Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Tom Goodwin moved for approval of the minutes from the August 11, 2011 Planning Committee meeting; Andrea Guzzetta seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. **Reports on UPWP Projects and Other Activities**

a. Reports on UPWP Projects and Other Activities

GTC

Richard Perrin reported:

- The Supplemental Professional Services – Database Programming project was accepted by the GTC Board at its June 16 meeting.
- GTC staff continue to monitor developments related to the next surface transportation authorization legislation. GTC staff is working with other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and NYSDOT on a committee to identify ways to collaborate on data collection and issues of statewide significance. GTC staff continues to keep the Regional Working Group apprised of opportunities related to positioning the region to access funding for the implementation of sustainability initiatives.
- The *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035 (LRTP 2035)* was adopted by the GTC Board at its June 16 meeting. GTC staff is continuing the development of monitoring report to track progress in advancing the recommendations of the *LRTP 2035*.
- GTC staff is working with other MPOs and partners at the state and federal levels on determining how to best address climate change through mitigation and adaptation initiatives. GTC staff participated in a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) workshop on the impacts of climate change on transportation systems and is participating in two national initiatives with FHWA and AMPO.
- The GTC Household Travel Survey has been distributed to 48,000 households in the Rochester Transportation Management Area over the past four weeks. GTC staff and the consultant are monitoring the response rate and addressing comments received from the public in a timely and professional manner. Between 3,000 and 3,500 returned surveys are needed for a statistically valid survey.
- The Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan for Greater Rochester was adopted by the GTC Board at its June 16 meeting. GTC staff is conducting an assessment of how the Transportation Management Committee can be improved as well as advancing the development of a Regional Concept of Transportation Operations in cooperation with transportation, law enforcement, and other interested agencies.
- The revised scope of work for the Diversion Route Planning Initiative was transmitted to the consultant on September 23 and they are reviewing it and will provide feedback.
- The Priority Trails Advancement Program consists of two projects. The NYS Route 104 - Ontario to Sodus Trail was presented earlier in the meeting. The Steering Committee for the Pultneyville to Marion Trail Feasibility Study met on October 3 and outreach to affected landowners is occurring.
- The update of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) is included in the *LRTP 2035* that was adopted by the Board on June 16.
- The second round of travel time data was accepted by the GTC Board at its June 16 meeting. GTC staff has determined that the purchase of archived data will

provide better information and be more cost-effective than the current methodology.

- The draft version of the Greater Rochester Regional Commuter Choice Program website has been reviewed and a marketing plan is being developed as part of the public roll out. This roll out will include promotional materials for commuters and businesses, a press conference, and other outreach activities.
- The Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan was accepted by the GTC Board at the September 8 meeting.
- Public meetings for the Regional Goods Movement Strategy were held on September 26 and the third Steering Committee meeting has been scheduled for November 17. The needs assessment, including performance measures, is being finalized and a listing of proposed projects, programs, and regulatory changes is being developed for review by the Steering Committee.

David Cook asked what the response rate for the Household Travel Survey was. Richard replied that survey responses were on pace, about 6.5 percent to 7 percent, for a sufficient response. David commented on the need to update the carpool/rideshare signs that are still in place along the region's expressways. Since route-matching will replace the rideshare program, he observed that a decision needs to be made on what will happen to those signs.

Richard Perrin responded that there are on-going conversations with the respective agencies and that the phone number would no longer be promoted. Daniel Hallowell stated that advertising for 511NY could be installed in place of the old rideshare signs. Terry Rice noted that the first step is to determine the present locations of the rideshare signs.

G/FLRPC

Dave Zorn reported:

- The 2010 Census TAZ Analysis is complete.
- The 2010 Regional Land Use Monitoring Report is complete and municipalities have been notified of its availability.

Livingston County

Don Higgins reported:

- Field work for the Safe Passing Zone study is nearly complete.
- The consultant selection team for the Livingston County Transportation Connectivity Plan will be interviewing four firms tomorrow and expects to bring on a consultant by the end of October.

Monroe County

Tom Goodwin reported:

- The 2010 Monroe County Land Use Monitoring Report was accepted by the GTC Board at the September 8 meeting.

Terry Rice reported:

- The Audible Tactile Survey was accepted by the GTC Board at its June 16 meeting.
- The Monroe County Vertical Curve Safety Study was accepted by the GTC Board at its September 8 meeting.
- Data collection for the Monroe County Sign Inventory Location Upgrade is complete and being integrated into the project database.
- Hunt Engineers has been selected as the consultant for the Monroe County Horizontal Curve Study and the project scope is being developed.
- Two more locations for the Monroe County High Accident Location Program have been completed. The project is 47 percent complete.
- Approval from the county legislature for the Monroe County Accident Rate Database GIS Conversion project was obtained on October 11. Work on this project will begin later in October.

Ontario County

Richard Perrin reported:

- The Scope of work for the Routes 5 & 20 and State Route 364 Multi-Modal Study is being developed for Planning Committee consideration.

City of Rochester

Erik Frisch reported:

- The second public meeting for the Center City Tourist/Visitor Circulation and Pedestrian Wayfinding Study has been held and a project advisory committee meeting will be held next week.
- The Center City Circulator Study is complete.
- A public meeting on the City of Rochester Urban Trail Linkages Feasibility Study was held last week. Policy changes at the Eastman Business Park (EBP) may preclude constructing a trail through EBP. The consultant is exploring alternative alignments.
- Neighborhood interviews for the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Parking and Circulation Study are being conducted with six of twelve done. A final public meeting will be held in early-November.

- The revised Draft Future Conditions Report for the St. Paul and North Clinton Two-Way Conversion Study will be distributed to the Project Advisory Committee this week. The first public meeting was postponed until alternatives have been developed to which the public can react.
- A draft traditional scope of work for the Mt. Read Boulevard Corridor Study is being developed by the City. The City and GTC are working in partnership with XEROX research and development personnel to determine if they would emphasize different aspects of the project than is traditionally done. The thought is to determine if a new study approach can achieve better results.

RGRTA

David Cook reported:

- The consultant is finalizing a draft of Phase I of the Suburban Transit Station Study. The first public meeting is expected in December.
- There is no progress to report on the RTS Signal Prioritization Study.
- There is no progress to report on the RGRTA Transit-Supportive Development Guidelines project.
- The RGRTA Route Analysis project is ongoing.

Wayne County

Kevin Rooney reported:

- The Cluster Development Enhancement Project Feasibility Study was discussed earlier in this meeting.
- The Wayne County Safe Passing Zone Survey is complete.

Other Agencies

Richard Perrin reported:

- The second Steering Committee meeting for the Auburn Trail/Ontario Pathways Trail Connection Feasibility Study was held on August 29 and the first public meeting was held September 14.
- There is no progress to report on the Irondequoit Seneca Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study.
- Bergmann Associates with Steinmetz Planning Group and Razak Associates was selected as the preferred consultant for the Black Creek Stream Corridor Trail Feasibility Study. A contract for this project is being developed.
- The draft Genesee County Central Corridor Plan will be considered by the Town Board on October 19 and will be presented at the November 10 Planning Committee meeting.
- There is no progress to report on the Victor Transportation Systems Plan.

- The Consultant Selection Committee for the Brighton Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Plan met on August 12 and conducted interviews on September 7 and 9. EDR Companies with SRF Associates and Sprinkle Consulting were selected as the preferred consultant team. A contract is being developed.

b. Any Other Old Business or Announcements

Richard Perrin announced the following GTC Board appointments:

- James Redmond, Chairman of the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority Board of Commissioners, has designated Bill Carpenter as his alternate to the GTC Board.
- Thomas J. Madison, Jr., by his appointment as Acting Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority, is now a voting member of the GTC Board.
- Jonathan McDade, by his appointment as Federal Highway Administration-New York Division Administrator, is now a non-voting member of the GTC Board.

Richard Perrin noted that the *FY 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)* Call for projects was issued on Friday, September 16. An applicant workshop was held on Wednesday, September 28 at Henrietta Town Hall with six potential project sponsors attending.

GTC staff held a brainstorming session on October 6 to identify potential requests for professional services. Staff will meet internally over the next few days to identify which projects to submit applications for consideration in next year's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Project proposals are due Friday, October 21. The first meeting of the UPWP Development Committee to review the proposals submitted will be held following next month's Planning Committee meeting on November 10. Staff has received positive feedback regarding the new Call for Projects package, particularly the section on the selection process and criteria.

Terry Rice asked Richard how the UPWP scoring system will be used. Richard replied that GTC staff will evaluate the proposals and provide tiered lists based on this evaluation to the UPWP Development Committee (UDC) to inform their deliberations. Richard noted that unless GTC receives more applications than are expected the evaluation and tiered lists will be ready by the first UDC meeting on November 10.

1. Proposed federal legislation update and discussion

Richard Perrin provided the following report:

On September 16, Congress extended the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) through March 31, 2012. The legislation that extended SAFETEA-LU included extensions of the federal

motor fuel excise taxes and the Federal Aviation Administration authorization. This is a “clean extension” in that there are no changes to programs or initiatives in the legislation and the previous year’s funding level is prorated to one-half year. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee Chairman John Mica has stated that this extension of SAFETEA-LU (the eighth) is the last that the Committee will consider and that a new bill needs to be enacted by the time the extension expires.

Major developments related to the next authorization include:

- House leadership has given permission to Chairman Mica to identify additional revenues for the six-year T&I Committee proposal. Reports are that the amount to be identified would be approximately \$15 billion more annually so long as it does not include an increase in motor fuel excise taxes. One option that is being explored is working with the oil and gas industry to collect royalties or fees in exchange for expanded drilling leases. If the additional revenues could be identified in the amount of \$15 billion per year, it would allow the federal-aid highway program to remain at Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 levels.
- In the Senate, Environment & Public Works Committee Chairwoman Barbara Boxer has stated that she expects the Committee to release a draft by the end of this month. Chairwoman Boxer continues to work with the Senate Finance Committee to identify an additional \$12 billion for a two-year bill that currently maintains existing funding levels and with the added revenues of six billion dollars per year would represent an approximately 12 percent increase in funding.
- There has been no significant action by the White House as they continue to advocate for the American Jobs Act, which would provide similar (if not identical) amounts in Federal highway and transit formula-based apportionments to those included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Appropriations committees of both the House and Senate have “reported out” their FFY 2012 spending bills. The House Appropriations Committee bill cuts spending on highways and transit to conform to the House budget resolution making \$27 billion available for highways, \$5.2 billion for transit formula/bus grants and, \$1.5 billion for transit capital investments. Meanwhile the Senate Appropriations Committee proposes funding the programs at current levels of \$41.1 billion for highways (which includes safety money that is set-aside for safety program outside of the Federal Highway Administration), \$8.2 billion for transit formula/bus grants and, \$1.9 billion for transit capital investments. Congress has until November 18 to pass all spending bills (most likely in one big omnibus bill or several “mini-buses”) or pass another Continuing Resolution.

5. Action Items

- b. Action concerning **approving the Draft Revised 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Project List for Public Review**

Richard Perrin provided the following report:

As discussed at the August 11 Planning Committee meeting, NYSDOT has produced new planning targets of reasonably-expected federal funds for the remainder of the time period covered by the GTC *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). These revised planning targets replace those provided in December 2009 that were used to develop the *2011-2014 TIP*. At that time, it was fully anticipated that a new federal surface transportation authorization would be enacted by FFY 2012 and would include increases similar to those between previous and successive authorizations. A new authorization has not been enacted and, based on discussions in Congress about associated funding levels, it does not appear that increases in funding consistent with the recent past are likely.

GTC staff has worked with the TIP Development Committee to reprogram FFYs 2012 through 2014 within the limits of the reduced anticipated funding. The major steps were to:

1. Concur on revised inflation factors to ensure all projects are presented in year of expenditure dollars.
2. Contact project sponsors about voluntary deferral and removal of projects.
3. Produce the list of projects to be considered.
4. Develop an Initial Draft Program for TDC consideration and comment.
5. Develop a Revised Draft Program for Planning Committee consideration and comment.

Based on any changes made by the Committee at this meeting, GTC will issue the Revised Draft Program for 30-day public review beginning October 14 and running through November 15. Because this is not a new TIP, GTC is not required to provide public review opportunities beyond those typically conducted for other TIP amendments, which includes posting to the GTC website upon recommendation to the Board by the Planning Committee. However, given the significant reduction in reasonably-expected funds and the necessary deferral of projects to FFY 2015 and beyond, GTC staff has proposed and the GTC Board has agreed that it is in the best interest of the community to conduct a public review similar to that done for the development of a new TIP.

Accordingly, a legal notice will be published in the *Democrat & Chronicle*, a direct notice of the public review period is being sent to the organizations included in the GTC Environmental Justice database, and four public meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 in Rochester City Council Chambers, Thursday, October 20 at Henrietta Town Hall, Monday, October 24 at Ogden Town Hall, and Tuesday, November 1 at the Perinton Community Center. GTC staff will review the public comments received to-date at the November 10 Planning Committee meeting.

If it is determined that public comments warrant revisions to the program that is approved for public review today, an additional 10-day public review period will be conducted from November 18 to November 28 and a special Planning Committee

meeting will be held November 29 to make a recommendation to the GTC Board on the revised *2011-2014 TIP*.

Richard asked Erik Frisch to discuss the City of Rochester's proposed changes to the draft program. Erik asked the committee to consider a revision to two City projects. Erik reported that City staff had recently met with University of Rochester officials regarding development plans for their campus. The University has some concepts for rebuilding Crittenden Boulevard that the City would like to explore. As a result, the City would like to remove Crittenden Boulevard from the City of Rochester Preventive Maintenance project (Project No. 36), which includes work on five city streets, and defer it until 2014. The City would then add the Plymouth Avenue Preventive Maintenance project (Project No. 37) to Project No. 36 and cover any funding shortfall with its own funds. Erik said the other change would be to include two earmarks, one for the Port of Rochester Security and Intelligent Transportation Systems project and the other for the Brooks Landing project, that were not obligated in FFY 2011.

Richard asked Erik if the City required additional funds for these projects. Erik replied in the affirmative and that a total of about \$29,000 was needed. Richard noted that there was a small balance in the Surface Transportation Program-Flexible program in FFY 2013 and FFY 2014 that could cover a potential shortfall. The Planning Committee was agreeable to this suggestion.

Terry Rice asked Erik if the City could combine its Union Street Preventive Maintenance project (Project No. 35) with the other preventive maintenance projects included as part of Project No. 36. Erik replied that it could not because the Union Street work includes some city funds for improvements in the Public Market area.

Terry Rice stated that he had two changes to the draft program. First, he wanted to combine Projects 31 through 34 into a new "Monroe County Preventive Maintenance" project using existing funding amounts. Second, he wanted to combine the "Monroe County 2013 Bridge Preventive Maintenance" project (Project No. 76) and the "Monroe County Bridge Rustic Railing Preventive Maintenance" projects (Project No. 77) using existing funding amount. The Planning Committee was agreeable to this suggestion. Richard Perrin noted that the Public Review document will list these projects separately but they can be combined under a single bid and contract.

Terry Rice asked that Erie Station Road be listed. This was an earmark project with no cost in FFYs 2012 through 2014 so it was not listed. The Planning Committee was agreeable to this suggestion.

Richard Perrin stated that three Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) proposals and one New Freedom proposal were being reviewed. Selected projects will be brought to the Planning Committee in November. These projects are expected to be incorporated into the recommended program and adopted as part of the TIP revision.

Dan Hallowell asked Richard to provide him with the public meeting schedule; Richard replied that he would distribute the schedule to the TIP Development Committee (TDC) members.

Terry Rice noted that the Stone Road Reconstruction project (Project No. 28) and the Whitney Road Reconstruction project (Project No. 174) do not show funding for the Scoping phase because those phases occurred in prior years. He expressed a concern that if the funds were already obligated they will be at risk of de-obligation. Dan Hallowell said that NYSDOT-Region 4 would investigate the risk of de-obligation. Terry noted that Monroe County is revising the scope of work for the Whitney Road Reconstruction Project so that project's costs will decrease.

Terry Rice stated that he recalled an agreement reached at a Highway Superintendent's discussion regarding the High-Risk Rural Road program (Project No. 132) whereby High-Risk Rural Road projects in Wyoming County would be funded in 2012, a project in Ontario County funded in 2013, and a project in Monroe County funded in 2014. Currently, the funding for 2014 is shown as a block. He asked if the public review document could reflect the Monroe County projects.

Richard Perrin asked if this discussion could be had through the TDC process. The Planning Committee agreed to defer discussion until the March 2012 amendment cycle.

Terry Rice stated that he would prefer to accelerate the Edgewood Road over Allens Creek project (Project No. 50) and defer the Twin Bridge Road over Oatka Creek and Oatka Creek Tributary project (Project No. 53). He asked if NYSDOT would be amenable to rescheduling some projects to allow this change to take place. Dan Hallowell responded that NYSDOT-Region 4 would investigate what projects can be moved.

Richard suggested the draft program could show the Twin Bridge Road over Oatka Creek and Oatka Creek Tributary project (Project No. 53) as a future project. The committee can see which project can be accelerated at a later date.

Terry commented that two projects, the I-390 Interchange Improvements at Rt. 15 (Project No. 18) and Mt. Hope Avenue Improvements Phase 2 (Project No. 41), cannot realistically be advanced at the same time due to the disruption in traffic movements through the area they would cause. He asked if it would be reasonable to show the Mt. Hope Avenue Phase 2 project as a future project.

Richard replied that this decision should be left to the project sponsors.

Dan Hallowell stated that the large non-Federal amount of funding on I-390 Interchange Improvements at Rt. 15 represents the Construction and Construction Inspection phases of the proposed Kendrick Road interchange. Given the lack of federal funding for this portion of the project, he thought it would be best not to show it.

Jim McIntosh stated that the City is not comfortable with deferring the Mt. Hope Avenue Phase 2 project until there is clarification on the status of the Kendrick Road project.

Richard Perrin noted the National Highway System (NHS) funds could be removed from the Mt. Hope Avenue project and programmed to the Lake Avenue Improvements project (Project No. 175) as it is the only NHS-eligible project that is not funded. The City of Rochester felt this was acceptable. The Planning Committee was agreeable to this suggestion.

David Cook moved to approve the Draft *Revised 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* Project List for Public Review; Jim Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the public forum.

8. Next Meeting

Next Meeting: November 10, 2011 at NYSDOT – Region 4
1530 Jefferson Road
Henrietta, NY

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
NYSDOT-Region 4
Henrietta, New York**

November 10, 2011

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Ellis, Livingston County
Todd Gadd, Wyoming County
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
Douglas J. Tokarczyk, NYS Thruway Authority
David Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC)

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Richard Beers, Jr., representing Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Rochelle Bell, representing Thomas Goodwin, Monroe County Planning Board

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Robert Colby, Monroe County
James Fletcher, Monroe County – At Large
Erik Frisch, City of Rochester – At Large
Timothy Hens, Genesee County
Peter McCann, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Edward Muszynski, Empire State Development Corporation
Henry Smith, Jr., Orleans County
Steven Urlass, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
(Vacant), Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)
(Vacant), NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
(Vacant), Rochester City Planning Commission
(Vacant), Yates County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marcia Barry, City of Rochester
Joseph Bovenzi, GTC staff
Eric Farr, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA)
Dennis Judson, Fisher Associates
Tom Lichtenthal, Town of Batavia
Richard Perrin, GTC staff
John Polimeni, NYSDOT – Region 4
Christopher Reeve, NYSDOT – Region 4
Ora Rothfuss, Wayne County
James Stack, GTC staff
Robert Traver, NYSDOT – Region 4
Edwin Welsh, NYSDOT – Region 4

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Kristen Mark 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

Terry Rice moved for approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2011 Planning Committee meeting; Dan Hallowell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Reports on UPWP Projects and Other Activities

a. Reports on UPWP Projects and Other Activities

GTC

Richard Perrin reported:

- The Supplemental Professional Services – Database Programming project was accepted by the GTC Board at its June 16 meeting.
- GTC staff continue to monitor developments related to the next surface transportation authorization legislation. The joint NYS Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations/NYS DOT committee working on integration of planning activities on a statewide level has identified initial opportunities and issues to be addressed along with a process for doing so. A small working group, consisting of Livingston County, Monroe County, and G/FLRPC will meet on November 30 to discuss potential partnerships that could expand the resources available to local governments in the region.
- The *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035 (LRTP 2035)* was adopted by the GTC Board at its June 16 meeting. The format of the Recommendation Advancement Plan has been finalized and GTC staff is completing one for each of the recommendations of the *LRTP 2035*.
- GTC staff activities on Air Quality Planning and Outreach include presenting as part of a webinar for MPOs on how to incorporate climate change and energy considerations into the overall planning process. GTC staff are also participating on the steering committee of an FHWA-sponsored initiative that will develop a handbook for MPOs and state DOTs on methods of estimating greenhouse gas emissions.
- Approximately 3,540 completed Household Travel Surveys have been received and are being processed. Initial results are expected in the next two weeks and GTC staff will work with the consultant to identify various cross tabulations of the collected data.

- The ITS Strategic Plan for Greater Rochester was adopted by the GTC Board at its June 16 meeting. GTC staff has completed a draft assessment of how the Transportation Management Committee can be improved for review by the committee at its meeting next week.
- A draft contract for the Diversion Route Planning Initiative will be provided to the consultant for their review on November 10.
- The NYS Route 104 - Ontario to Sodus Trail Feasibility Study was recommended for adoption by the GTC Board at the October Planning Committee meeting. Outreach to affected landowners is continuing as part of the Pultneyville to Marion Trail Feasibility Study.
- The update of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) is included in the *LRTP 2035* that was adopted by the Board on June 16.
- The Greater Rochester Regional Commuter Choice Program website has been finalized and the draft marketing plan has been developed to include promotional materials for commuters and businesses, a press conference, and other outreach activities.
- The second round of data collection for the Travel Time Data Collection Program was accepted by the GTC Board at its June 16 meeting. GTC staff has gathered information relative to the purchase of archived data and submitted a UPWP application for a multi-year procurement of the data and associated licensing terms.
- The Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan was accepted by the GTC Board at the September 8 meeting.
- The third Steering Committee meeting for the Regional Goods Movement Strategy has been scheduled for November 17. Meeting materials have been made available to members. The needs assessment, including performance measures, has been finalized and an initial listing of proposed projects, programs, and regulatory changes is complete.

G/FLRPC

Dave Zorn reported:

- The 2010 Census TAZ Analysis is complete.
- The 2010 Regional Land Use Monitoring Report is complete.

Livingston County

Angela Ellis reported:

- The field work for the Safe Passing Zone study is complete and the report is being developed.
- C&S Companies was selected as the preferred consultant for the Livingston County Transportation Connectivity Plan. A resolution authorizing the project will

be sent to the Board of Supervisors on November 16. Kickoff is expected in January 2012.

Monroe County

Rochelle Bell reported:

- The 2010 Monroe County Land Use Monitoring Report (LUMR) is complete. Monroe County submitted an application to GTC for including the 2011 LUMR in the UPWP.

Terry Rice reported:

- The Audible Tactile Survey is complete.
- The Monroe County Vertical Curve Safety Study is complete.
- Data for the Monroe County Sign Inventory Location Upgrade is being integrated into the project database.
- Hunt Engineers has been selected as the consultant for the Monroe County Horizontal Curve Study. The project scope and fee is being negotiated. The contract is expected to be presented to the County Legislature in early-2012.
- There is no progress to report on the Monroe County High Accident Location Program.
- Work on the Monroe County Accident Rate Database GIS Conversion project will begin this month.

Ontario County

Kristin Mark Hughes reported:

- The scope of work for the Routes 5 & 20 and State Route 364 Multi-Modal Study has been drafted. There is a need to confirm support for the study from the new County Administrator. If there is support, the County expects to present the scope of work at the January 2012 Planning Committee meeting.

City of Rochester

Paul Holahan reported:

- The Steering Committee for the Center City Tourist/Visitor Circulation and Pedestrian Wayfinding Study met in October. Preferred alternative routes will be selected next month.
- The Center City Circulator Study is complete.
- The inventory and analysis report for the City of Rochester Urban Trail Linkages Feasibility Study will be completed by the end of the month. A committee meeting will be held in early December.
- Survey results for the Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Parking and Circulation Study are undergoing review. A draft final report is expected after Thanksgiving.

- The revised Draft Future Conditions Report for the St. Paul and North Clinton Two-Way Conversion Study was distributed to the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and the next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 14.
- A draft scope of work for the Mt. Read Boulevard Corridor Study will be provided to GTC, NYSDOT, and the Town of Greece by the end of the day.

RGRTA

Eric Farr reported:

- A final draft of the Suburban Transit Station Study scope is being prepared. Public meetings will be held in conjunction with the downtown transit center in December and January.
- There is no progress to report on the RTS Signal Prioritization Study.
- There is no progress to report on the RGRTA Transit-Supportive Development Guidelines project.
- The RGRTA Route Analysis project is ongoing.

Wayne County

Kevin Rooney reported:

- The Cluster Development Enhancement Project Feasibility Study is complete
- The Wayne County Safe Passing Zone Survey is complete.

Other Agencies

Richard Perrin reported:

- Draft alternatives have been developed and a Steering Committee meeting for the Auburn Trail/Ontario Pathways Trail Connection Feasibility Study is scheduled for November 10.
- There is no progress to report on the Irondequoit Seneca Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study.
- The consultant contract for the Black Creek Stream Corridor Trail Feasibility Study is being finalized.
- The draft Genesee County Central Corridor Plan will be presented later in the meeting.

Kristen Mark Hughes reported:

- Work on the Victor Transportation Systems Plan is progressing as part of the larger effort to update the Victor Comprehensive Plan. The committee is meeting every two weeks to complete a draft plan by January 23.

Richard Perrin reported:

- The consultant contract for the Brighton Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Plan has been executed and the kickoff meeting is scheduled for November 15.

Richard Perrin reported:

GTC staff has completed its Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 core budget, which funds activities necessary to maintain the federally-required metropolitan planning process to qualify for the receipt of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funding. Revenues for the *FY 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP) are anticipated to be the same as in FY 2011-2012 – approximately \$1.78 million.

After accounting for GTC core requirements and adding rollover from FY 2010-2011 and balances from completed studies, there is \$1,068,325 available for programming to proposals received in response to the *FY 2012-2013 UPWP* Call for Projects.

Twenty four proposals requesting \$1,437,650 in federal transportation planning funds were received by the October 21 deadline in the Call for Projects. This leaves a gap of \$369,325 or 25.7 percent between requested funds and available revenues.

The 24 proposals were evaluated by GTC staff based on the information contained in the applications and the scores were provided to the UPWP Development Committee (UDC). The UDC will hold its first meeting immediately following this meeting to review the applications and discuss additional factors based on their professional judgment. Additional meetings are scheduled for November 30 and December 5.

A draft *FY 2012-2013 UPWP* will be presented to the Planning Committee at its January 5, 2012 meeting. Based on any changes made at that meeting, an initial draft program will be approved for 30-day public review and a final draft program for Board adoption will be recommended by the Planning Committee at its February 9, 2012 meeting. The GTC Board will consider the final draft *FY 2012-2013 UPWP* at its March 8, 2012 meeting and the adopted UPWP will take effect April 1, 2012.

b. Any Other Old Business or Announcements

Richard Perrin announced the following GTC Board appointment:

- Rochester Mayor Thomas Richards has designated Allen G. Casey, President of M/E Engineering, P.C., as his At-large member to the GTC Board and appointed John Thomas as Mr. Casey's alternate.

Richard Perrin provided the following report:

1. Proposed federal legislation update and discussion

Richard Perrin discussed the highlights of the proposed legislation Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). A draft of the proposed two-year legislation was released by the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works committee

leadership on November 4 with full committee mark-up on November 9. This draft maintains highway funding at approximately current levels. It includes the consolidation of core FHWA programs from seven to five and reduces the overall number of FHWA programs from 90 to 30. It places an increased emphasis on performance measures to gauge progress and monitor implementation.

Terry Rice asked for clarification of the new funding regulations as discussed by Richard. He asked if the new legislation would require that non-National Highway System (NHS) bridges would have to compete for the same funding as non-NHS highways. He also asked about the scale of proposed funding. Richard responded in the affirmative; his interpretation is that there would be significantly less funding available for non-NHS bridges than under the current formula.

Terry Rice commented that MAP-21 still needs to be reconciled with any House legislation. Richard Perrin added that other Senate committees also need to weigh in on the proposed legislation. Terry stated that he thought the GTC Board would be very interested in this legislation.

Angela Ellis asked if a summary of the proposed changes was available for the committee members to review. Richard replied that he would prepare a summary, but noted that it would not be very detailed due to the likelihood of change in the draft legislation. Angela noted that the Planning Committee members need to provide direction to their board members on the impacts of the new transportation authorization bill.

Richard Perrin discussed the status of USDOT appropriations. The Senate approved Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 funding levels for a series of agencies, including the Department of Transportation. The House still needs to vote on its version and the two versions will need to be reconciled. The current Continuing Resolution expires November 18.

Richard Beers added that USDOT announced the availability of several discretionary programs on November 9. The deadline for applying to these programs is the first week in January.

5. Action Items

- a. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **acceptance of the *Genesee County Central Corridor Plan as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 7572*** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-135

Tom Lichtenthal, Assistant Engineer of the Town of Batavia, presented an overview of this project. He reported that this plan was developed jointly by the City of Batavia, the Town of Batavia, and Genesee County. It provides a transportation plan for the central part of the county that will guide sustainable growth and transportation investments in that area over the next 20 years. He explained the growing traffic congestion problems in and around the City of Batavia due to the confluence of several major roads in the heart of downtown, and reviewed the plan's

recommendation for a “partial outer loop” on the northwest side of the city aimed at relieving traffic congestion and providing safer and more efficient access to rapidly developing properties in that area. The plan also addresses bicycle and pedestrian safety and access by including recommendations on potential infrastructure improvements.

Tom said that the key lesson from the study is the variety of alternative financing strategies that can be used to pay for infrastructure improvements. He stated that one of the project’s goals was to promote alternative financing strategies beyond the TIP or other traditional methods.

Richard Perrin expressed support for the inclusion of alternative funding sources in the plan and said that GTC has been encouraging project sponsors to consider and assess options outside of traditional state and federal sources.

Kris Hughes asked about whether or not the Town and City of Batavia supported the plan’s recommendations. Tom replied in the affirmative stating that the Town was the project lead and the City and County were closely involved in developing the plan.

Scott Leathersich asked if representatives from local business/commercial interests were involved. Tom replied that the study has broad community support and that business interests were represented on the Study Committee and engaged in public meetings.

Kevin Rooney moved to recommend acceptance of the *Genesee County Central Corridor Plan* as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 7572; Mitch Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- b. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the *2011-2014 TIP* to add projects to be funded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs and delete the Purchase and Operation of an Accessible Bus Project**

Richard Perrin discussed the background of the JARC and New Freedom programs. He noted that any project funded through the JARC and New Freedom programs must be consistent with the *Genesee-Finger Lakes Region Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update* that was adopted in by the GTC Board on September 8. He added that RGRTA is the designated recipient of JARC and New Freedom funds for the Rochester Urbanized Area.

RGRTA and GTC conducted a competitive solicitation for projects to be funded with the Rochester Urbanized Area JARC and New Freedom apportionments for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2011 and 2012. The solicitation for projects was issued on September 9 and proposals were due on October 11. RGRTA and GTC staffs reviewed and evaluated the proposals.

Additionally, RGRTA is no longer pursuing the Purchase and Operation of an Accessible Bus Project due to less need than originally anticipated. As a result, a portion of the funds programmed to that project are available for other projects.

If recommended by the Planning Committee, the proposed changes will be incorporated into the larger amendment of FFYs 2012 through 2014 of the *2012-2014 TIP* that is provided to the GTC Board. The TIP Development Committee has concurred with the evaluation prepared by RGRTA and GTC staffs and recommends favorable action by the Planning Committee.

Angela Ellis moved to recommend amending the *2011-2014 TIP* to add projects to be funded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs and delete the Purchase and Operation of an Accessible Bus Project; Scott Leathersich seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- c. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending Federal Fiscal Years 2012 through 2014 of the *2011-2014 TIP*** / Proposed Council Resolution 11-136

Richard Perrin discussed the TIP revision process. He reported that the public review period is nearly complete and GTC has not received a large number amount of input. The only public comments received were about a single project in Genesee County (Project No. 2, NYS Route 20 at Genesee County Road 35). The comments on this project were specifically in opposition to the idea of building a roundabout at this intersection. Richard explained that this concern can be addressed as part of the design process and that until it is determined that the identified safety issue has been addressed it is prudent to maintain funding to the project.

Bob Traver explained that NYSDOT is reviewing all design options for reconfiguring this intersection and that no preferred alternative has been selected. The main issue that this project has to address is the number of fatalities that have occurred at that intersection. In addition to the roundabout, options include cutting down the hill to enhance sight distance.

Terry Rice mentioned that he was at the public meeting where comments on this project were received. Based on what he heard, he expressed concern that this situation may not have an engineering solution due to the level of driver error. He noted that reducing the frequency of crashes, as NYSDOT has done with the installation of signage, may be all that NYSDOT can be realistically expected to achieve.

Tom Lichtenthal mentioned that this intersection is known locally as "Suicide Corners" and that local drivers will go out of their way to avoid it. However, he acknowledged that improvements in signage have helped increase safety at the intersection.

Richard Perrin discussed the changes and technical corrections made to the TIP project list between the October 13 version release for public review and the November 2 version distribute for this meeting.

John Polimeni discussed six projects that were not obligated in FFY 2011 as programmed. NYSDOT would like to reprogram them from FFY 2011 to FFY 2012. He provided the attendees with a letter, dated November 10 2011, that listed and described the project deferrals, noting that offsets are not required per NYSDOT-Main Office. This applies to one City of Rochester project, three Monroe County projects, and two recreational trail projects.

Terry Rice moved to amend the project list to include the six projects listed in the November 10 NYSDOT letter; Todd Gadd seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Kris Hughes stated that he would like to combine all proposed revisions into one package that the committee could accept.

Richard Perrin discussed an amendment to the TIP regarding the Chili Center Coldwater Road rehabilitation project (TIP# H09-29-MN1, PIN 4LS032). He explained that this project was funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. In an effort to fully utilize ARRA funding, New York State requested project sponsors to relinquish ARRA funds programmed to a project if they had a lower engineering cost estimate than the amount programmed. New York State committed to hold any project sponsor that did relinquish ARRA funds harmless and cover any shortfall through other fund sources. Monroe County agreed to reduce the ARRA funds originally programmed for this project because the project costs were expected to be less than the amount programmed for it from ARRA. However, the actual project contract cost was in line with the initial programmed estimate. As a result, this amendment would program federal funds to this project that will cover the actual costs.

Paul Holahan moved to include the Chili Center Coldwater Road Rehabilitation Project (TIP# H09-29-MN1, PIN 4LS032) with the package of revisions; Terry Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Tom Lichtenthal asked if the proposed revisions between the October 13 list and the November 2 list would result in an increase or decrease in TIP funding. Richard Perrin replied that the revisions will result in a net increase in the amount of funding programmed in the TIP. Jim Stack explained that the proposed revisions represent the addition of projects that were expected to be obligated in FFY 2011 but were not and the removal of projects from future years that were obligated in FFY 2011. Richard added that these are not new projects and NYSDOT-Main Office has provided assurance that the funds are available for the projects rolling over from FFY 2011.

Terry Rice said that agencies need to have projects ready to implement whenever funding becomes available.

Terry Rice stated that he was willing to defer Project No. 59, Twin Bridge Road over Oatka Creek and Oatka Creek Tributary, to 2015 in order to provide funds for Design projects in 2013 for other agencies. This would allow agencies to have projects in the design phase so that they can keep projects moving through the TIP pipeline. Richard Perrin responded that it might be better to keep the project where it is as new legislation may create a situation whereby neither the project nor the others the funds would be programmed to are eligible for federal funds. Terry withdrew his request.

Kevin Rooney expressed concern over what would happen if a jurisdiction used federal funds to design a project and subsequently could not obtain federal funds to build it. He asked if the jurisdiction would have to repay the design funds if the jurisdiction could not afford to build the project on its own. It was generally agreed that the project sponsor would not need to repay the design funds if the null alternative could be legitimately selected or the project sponsor implemented the preferred alternative with other fund sources.

Ed Welsh asked when the next TIP process would begin. Richard Perrin replied that it would start in fall 2012 with a new TIP adopted in June 2013 and taking effect October 1, 2013. It was agreed that this would likely create an opportunity to adjust project phases scheduled for FFY 2014 and beyond.

Terry Rice moved to recommend the amended Federal Fiscal Years 2012 through 2014 of the 2011-2014 TIP; Kevin Rooney seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

6. New Business

The attendees discussed the proposed 2012 GTC Meeting Calendar. Terry Rice stated that the TDC meeting scheduled for January 19 would conflict with the Statewide Highway Superintendent's Association conference. Richard Perrin replied that GTC staff would work with the TDC to set a new January meeting date.

7. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the public forum.

8. Next Meeting

Next Meeting: January 5, 2012 at the Ebenezer Watts Conference Center
47 S. Fitzhugh Street
Rochester, NY

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.