

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
Ontario County Municipal Building  
Canandaigua, New York**

**April 12, 2012**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Marcia Barry, Rochester City Planning Commission  
James Fletcher, Monroe County – At Large  
Erik Frisch, City of Rochester – At Large  
Todd Gadd, Wyoming County  
Thomas 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  
Terrence J. Rice, Monroe County  
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County  
David Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC)

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Don Higgins, Livingston County, representing Angela Ellis  
Jim Pond, Monroe County, representing Scott Leathersich

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Bill Carpenter, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA)  
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  
Thomas Pericak, NYS Thruway Authority  
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), Yates County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Greg Albert, G/FLRPC  
Joe Bovenzi, GTC staff  
Glenn Cooke, Webster Community Coalition for Economic Development (WCCED)  
Jim Costello, Town of Penfield  
Katie Evans, Town of Penfield  
Tony Favro, GTC staff  
Roy Gates, Seneca County  
Paul Gee, Village of Scottsville  
Razy Kased, G/FLRPC  
Rod Penniman, Popli Design Group  
Richard Perrin, GTC staff  
Mary Rowlands, Barton & Loguidice, P.C.  
James Stack, GTC staff

**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

Richard Perrin welcomed everyone and explained that neither Kris Hughes, Planning Committee Chairperson, nor Scott Leathersich, Planning Committee Vice Chairperson, were able to attend today's meeting. By concurrence, the Members and Alternates present designated Kevin Rooney to serve as Acting Chairperson for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. 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 February 9, 2012 Planning Committee meeting; Jim Fletcher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.**

Richard Perrin suggested that the agenda be revised to move item 5.b, Action concerning consideration of UPWP Project Scopes of Work, forward in order to accommodate the Committee's guests. No Member or Alternate objected.

**5. Action Items**

b. Action concerning **consideration of UPWP Project Scopes of Work**

**1. Task 5231 – Regional Population Projections**

Razy Kased discussed the update of the regional population projections with 2010 U.S. Census data. He noted that the previous population projections based on the 2000 Census were very close to the actual population figures in 2010 and, therefore, G/FLRPC staff is very comfortable using the same methodology again.

**2. Task 5820 – Regional Atlas**

Greg Albert discussed the Regional Atlas update, which will include new census data. Dan Hallowell asked if Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations would be identified in the atlas. Richard Perrin replied that they would and that the GTC Title VI plan uses American Community Survey (ACS) data to identify LEP areas.

**3. Task 6806 – Village of Scottsville Traffic Circulation and Safety Study**

Paul Gee, the Mayor of Scottsville, discussed the project. He explained that the study will focus on the North Road corridor, which is a heavily traveled route that has seen three crashes involving pedestrians. Issues along this corridor include heavy truck traffic generated by a nearby garbage transfer station and conflicts between school dismissal times and factory shift changes.

Don Higgins noted that there is a gravel mine located to the south of the garbage transfer station that also generates truck traffic in the area.

Dan Hallowell observed that this project might result in more than roadway improvements, so he suggested adding the phrase “and other options” to the Objective section of the scope. Mayor Gee acknowledged that the study may call for adding new sidewalks along roads just outside the village boundaries and agreed with the suggestion.

Terry Rice suggested that the project steering committee specify that the Monroe County Department of Transportation will represent the county and that the recommendations include a justification for changes.

Jim Pond asked if North Road will be the main focus of the study and if the Village was in communication with the garbage transfer station operators. Mayor Gee replied in the affirmative. Terry noted that the transfer station operators could be included on the steering committee.

Richard Perrin suggested that after GTC staff works with the Village to prepare a draft Request for Proposals (RFP), both NYSDOT-Region 4 and MCDOT could have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft RFP before it is published. Mayor Gee agreed to this suggestion.

#### **4. Task 6807 – Village of Webster Village Core Circulation, Accessibility and Parking Study**

Glenn Cooke discussed development trends in and around the Village of Webster. The study will focus on the Village’s core business district along Main Street, as well as North Avenue and the NYS Route 104/North Avenue interchange. Key concerns Webster officials would like to address in the study include accommodating the transportation needs of senior citizens living in the area and improving access to the farmer’s markets and community events that are steadily attracting increasing numbers of people to the village core. Glenn noted that the steering committee will look to engage a consulting firm with strong transportation and community planning expertise.

Terry Rice noted that the tasks listed in the scope do not directly address transportation concepts. Glenn replied that the steering committee would look to the consultant to identify those concepts.

Richard Perrin indicated that GTC staff would work with the Village to prepare the draft RFP and that he fully expected the RFP to include a planning process similar to other circulation, parking, and accessibility studies that have been performed in the region.

**5. Task 6221 – Yates County Safe Passing Zone Study**

Richard Perrin informed the Committee that Dave Hartman of Yates County couldn't attend because of a death in the family and he understood if the Committee wanted to postpone consideration of the scope of work until the May 10 meeting. Richard noted that the RFP for this study would be essentially the same as the other safe passing zone studies developed for other counties in the region and asked the Planning Committee to consider the scope of work in Dave's absence. No Member or Alternate objected. Richard then discussed the scope of work.

**6. Task 6227 – Wayne County Horizontal Curve Sign Study**

Kevin Rooney discussed the project and stated that this study would be very similar to the other horizontal curve studies done for other counties in the region.

**7. Task 6228 – Wyoming County Horizontal Curve Sign Study**

Todd Gadd said that this study would be very similar to the Wayne County horizontal curve study. Terry Rice asked for clarification of whether the Wyoming County study would look at all curves or just signed curves. Todd responded that it would include all curves, noting that there are curves within the County that do not currently have signs that may need them. Terry noted that based on previous experiences the proposed budget may be tight for this scope and suggested that the RFP specify digital ball-bank and not look at sign conditions since signs need to meet new standards by 2016. Todd agreed and responded that the County is on pace to have all signs updated to meet the new standards by the deadline.

**8. Task 7121 – Travel Time Data Collection Program**

Joe Bovenzi explained that GTC staff is interested in acquiring real-time traffic data for arterials and collectors in the region. This data set will provide a more comprehensive view of traffic conditions in the region and allow staff to identify various types of congestion. It will be useful for a range of projects, including the Congestion Management Process, future iterations of the Long Range Transportation Plan, and various other local studies.

Richard Perrin commented that GTC previously had a scope of work approved for using the floating car method. This new approach will use propriety data sets from GPS-enabled devices. GTC staff will consider licensing agreements when identifying providers so that this data can be shared with member agencies.

**9. Task 8170 – Regional Mobility Management Business Plan**

Richard Perrin discussed this project. It will be similar to the regional commuter choice program in that it will connect individuals with unique mobility needs to

the most appropriate transportation providers, including public, private, and not-for-profit services. The business plan will project start-up costs and operating costs at the three- and five-year marks in order to identify a financially sustainable operating model.

**10. Task 8514 – NYS Route 250 Transit Supportive Mixed Use Development District**

Katie Evans discussed development trends along NYS Route 250 north of the Perinton-Penfield town line. She noted that there are about 400 acres of open land in this area that several developers are interested in and the Town would like to facilitate the coordinated development of this land in accordance with mixed-use principles.

Terry Rice asked if this project would build on the recently completed NYS Route 250 corridor study. Katie replied in the affirmative and stated that the Town conducted a land use analysis following completion of that study. The Town has recently completed a new comprehensive plan. These will serve as the basis for the new study, which will provide the Town with the ability to guide new mixed-use development. It will also result in a mixed-use development guidebook and model ordinance that other municipalities in the region can use.

Richard Perrin reiterated that the final products will be transferable throughout the region and that this is a topic that is gaining interest in many communities. Jim Fletcher said this type of study is important for aging populations to be allowed to age in place.

Dan Hallowell commented that these types of studies are critical for smart growth.

**Jim Fletcher moved to approve the Project Scopes of Work as discussed; Terry Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

a. Action concerning **classifying *Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program (FY 2012-2013 UPWP)* tasks in accordance with the GTC Public Participation Plan**

Richard Perrin discussed the proposed *FY 2012-13 UPWP* project classifications. GTC staff prepared recommended project classifications and that all of the new UPWP projects were straightforward with respect to their associated classification and public requirements. He noted that the scopes of work that were just approved utilized the proposed classifications.

**Tom Goodwin moved to approve the classification of *2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program* tasks as presented; Dan Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

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

##### a. Reports on UPWP Projects and Other Activities

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Richard Perrin reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: GTC staff has continued to monitor reauthorization proposals and action, as well as discuss the associated implications with elected officials, national and state organizations, and the media at their request. GTC participated in a March 23 discussion with representatives from the Transportation & Climate Initiative. GTC has also been involved in a working group to develop a regional sustainability plan to strengthen the region's ability to access various public, private, and not for profit funding opportunities.
- LRTP Update/Implementation: Adopted by the GTC Board at its June 16, 2011 meeting. Initial drafts of the Recommendation Advancement Plans for each of the recommendations of the *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035 (LRTP 2035)* were completed by the end of February and revised drafts are due tomorrow.
- Air Quality Planning and Outreach: GTC staff participated on the February 15 and March 21 Interagency Consultation Group teleconferences. GTC staff made a presentation on communicating climate change and energy considerations in transportation as part of a national webinar on March 6. GTC staff also participated in the New York State Association of MPOs' Climate Change Working Group meeting on April 11. GTC discussed the forthcoming attainment designation of the current nonattainment area under the new ozone standard with EPA.
- GTC Household Travel Survey: Model calibration incorporating the new data is underway. Initial survey results regarding preferences and attitudes about a variety of transportation issues were provided and GTC is working with the consultant on select cross tabulations of the data.
- Diversion Route Planning Initiative: The first steering committee meeting was held February 16. Requested GIS and crash data has been provided to the consultant.
- Priority Trails Advancement: The steering committee for the Pultneyville to Marion Trail Feasibility Study met March 1 and final edits to the draft report are being made. Closeout is expected at the May 10 Planning Committee meeting.
- Congestion Management Process: The update of the CMP is included in the *LRTP 2035* that was adopted by the Board on June 16, 2011.
- Greater Rochester Regional Commuter Choice Program: The roll-out of the program was held April 6 with excellent media coverage due in large part to assistance from RGRTA. Fact sheets for commuters and employers/organizations as well as an administrator's manual have been developed. GTC staff are willing

to provide a presentation of the program to any interested parties to increase awareness.

- Travel Time Data Collection Program: The scope of work discussing an improved methodology has been developed and was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Planning: The plan was accepted by the Board at the September 8, 2011 meeting.
- Regional Goods Movement Strategy: A technical memorandum discussing the project evaluation process and describing the alternatives considered was completed. The steering committee met April 5 to review the memorandum and public meetings will be held in May. GTC staff will be available to make presentations to legislatures and boards of supervisors at that time as well.

#### *G/FLRPC*

Dave Zorn reported:

- 2010 Census TAZ Analysis and Revisions: The project is complete.
- Regional Land Use Monitoring Report: Surveys for the 2011 report have been distributed and follow-up is underway while data entry has begun.

#### *Livingston County*

Don Higgins reported:

- Livingston County Safe Passing Zone Survey: The project is complete.

Richard Perrin reported:

- Livingston County Transportation Connectivity Plan: The plan is progressing with the consultant developing the inventory of existing and planned conditions.

#### *Monroe County*

Tom Goodwin reported:

- Monroe County Land Use Monitoring Report: All surveys have been returned and the survey data is being compiled. Monroe County Planning Department staff will meet with G/FLRPC to coordinate on building permit data.

Terry Rice reported:

- Monroe County Audible/Tactile Pedestrian Signal Device Study: The project is complete.
- The Monroe County Vertical Curve Safety Study: The project is complete.
- Monroe County Sign Inventory Location Upgrade: The consultant's work is complete.
- Monroe County Horizontal Curve Study: A contract has been awarded and the consultant is developing a work plan.

- Monroe County High Accident Location Program: There is a correction from previous reports; analysis for 25 out of the 54 sites is complete. Follow-up studies are being prepared for seven locations studied under previous cycles.
- Monroe County Accident Rate Database GIS Conversion: The conversion process has been worked out for a pilot area and is now being applied to the whole study area.

### *Ontario County*

Richard Perrin reported:

- Routes 5 & 20 and State Route 364 Multi-Modal Study: The RFP was issued on February 10 and six proposals were received. Consultant interviews have been scheduled for April 17.

### *City of Rochester*

Erik Frisch reported:

- Center City Tourist/Visitor Circulation and Pedestrian Wayfinding Study: The consultant is working on the final plan. Project closeout is expected in July.
- Center City Circulator Study: The project is complete.
- City of Rochester Urban Trail Linkages Feasibility Study: The Project Advisory Committee met to review the report and is discussing alternate routes for trails. The City has begun discussing potential locations with property owners.
- Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Parking and Circulation Study: The final Project Advisory Committee and public meetings were held in March. Public comments are being addressed and the project closeout is expected in July.
- St. Paul and North Clinton Two-Way Conversion Study: The draft Feasibility Assessment Report was distributed to the Project Advisory Committee on April 10. The next Project Advisory Committee meeting will be held in mid-May and project closeout is expected in July.

Dan Hallowell asked if NYSDOT was represented on the project. Erik Frisch responded in the affirmative.

- Mt. Read Boulevard Corridor Study: A draft RFP is under development and is expected to be released in May.

### *RGRTA*

Richard Perrin reported:

- RGRTA Suburban Transit Station Study: The public meeting was held February 28. Project closeout is expected in July.
- RTS Signal Prioritization Study: Final revisions are being made to the study.
- RGRTA Transit-Supportive Development Guidelines: No progress to report.

- The RGRTA Route Analysis: The project is ongoing.

### *Wayne County*

Kevin Rooney reported:

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

### *Other Agencies*

Richard Perrin reported:

- Auburn Trail/Ontario Pathways Trail Connection Feasibility Study: Feasible alignments have been refined along with evaluation criteria for selection of a preferred alignment. The Town and consultant met with affected property owners on March 28.
- Irondequoit Seneca Trail: No progress to report.
- Black Creek Corridor Trail: Work is progressing on the inventory of existing and planned conditions.
- Genesee County Central Corridor Plan: The report was accepted by the GTC Board at the December 8, 2011 meeting.
- Victor Transportation Systems Plan: The Master Plan steering committee discussed the transportation component at its April 2 meeting.
- Brighton Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Plan: The existing conditions inventory including level of service analyses for bicyclists and pedestrians has been completed. The first public meeting was held March 29.

### b. Any Other Old Business or Announcements

Richard Perrin reported:

Orleans County Legislature Chairman David Callard has designated Gerald Gray as his alternate to the Board and designated Legislator Donald Allport as the County's Planning Committee member and re-designated Wayne Hale as his alternate.

Thomas J. Madison, Jr., by his appointment as Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority, is a voting member of the GTC Board and has re-designated Tom Pericak as his alternate. Mr. Madison has re-designated Tom Pericak as the Authority's Planning Committee member and designated Thomas Sheehan as his alternate.

Maggie Brooks, Monroe County Executive, has re-designated Daniel M. DeLaus, Jr. and Daniel Hogan as her At-large members to the GTC Board and Scott Leathersich and Chris Bollin as their respective alternates.

Rochester City Planning Commission Chairman David Watson has designated Marcia Barry as his alternate to the Board and designated Ms. Barry as the Commission's Planning Committee member.

1. Proposed federal legislation update and discussion

Richard Perrin reported:

In late-February, House leadership recognized that their version of the transportation reauthorization bill, The American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act, would not be able to gain the needed 218 votes to be passed. At that time, House leadership began negotiations with coalitions of members on specific items within the proposed legislation but no efforts have been made to get it on the House floor for a vote.

On March 14, the Senate passed Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21). The version of the bill that passed included an amendment by Senator Blunt of Missouri that an off-system bridge (in this case, non-National Highway System bridges) set-aside of 15 percent of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 apportionment of Highway Bridge Program funds to each state be included.

The eighth extension to SAFETEA-LU expired on March 31. On March 30, the President signed another extension, this one for 90 days (i.e., through June 30). Congress is currently in a two-week recess and will not return to Washington until the week of April 16. House Speaker Boehner and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John Mica plan to continue to educate members about the provisions the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act in an attempt to obtain the 218 votes necessary to pass the bill.

Despite consistent pressure from Senate Democrats, House Republicans are not seriously considering passing the Senate version, MAP-21, at this time. Absent passing their own version, the House would not have much, if any, leverage when the transportation reauthorization bill goes to conference with the Senate. It appears highly likely that there will be additional extensions and that a new multi-year reauthorization will not be in place until 2013.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies is tentatively scheduled to move the FFY 2013 appropriations bill on April 17, with action at the full Appropriations Committee on April 19. The House Appropriations Committee has not announced its schedule for moving legislation but the House Budget Committee proposal calls for reduced funding for transportation.

The President's FFY 2013 budget proposal includes \$74 billion in discretionary and mandatory transportation resources, an increase of 2 percent over the FFY 2011 enacted level. It includes a six-year reauthorization proposal totaling \$476 billion. Although lower than the FFY 2012 proposal, it is still much higher than either Congressional plan, and is mostly similar in content to the FFY 2012

version. The proposal would provide \$50 billion in upfront spending on infrastructure, rename the Highway Trust Fund the Transportation Trust Fund, consolidate 55 programs into five, and provide \$47 billion for intercity passenger rail. The funding would come from money saved by ending overseas wars, a plan derided by Republicans.

Dan Hallowell discussed the New York Works program, noting that projects have been selected by NYSDOT-Main Office. The NYSDOT website lists the specific projects to be funded. The region received about 6 percent of the total statewide allocation.

Terry Rice asked Dan to clarify comments from a Buffalo-area State Senator regarding extra funds Western New York would receive as a result of a correction made to the allocation formula. Dan stated those comments are not accurate, there are no new funds, and there were no errors in the allocation formula.

Dan Hallowell requested the committee add a TIP Amendment request to the agenda. No Member or Alternate objected.

## **5. Action Items**

### **c. Action concerning amending the Transportation Improvement Program to add the I-390 Interchange Improvements at Exit 16 Phase 2A (Kendrick Road Bridge/Ramp) project**

Dan Hallowell distributed a request from NYSDOT to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a new project for the improvement of Kendrick Road and the addition of a ramp from Kendrick Road to I-390 northbound. He noted that a portion of the funding for this project was identified as part of New York Works and the remainder is being provided from a NYSDOT-Main Office set-aside of Interstate Maintenance funds. The project will use the recently authorized design-build approach and is expected to be ready to bid within six months.

Richard Perrin clarified that the Planning Committee is being asked to approve three associated items: 1.) amend the TIP to include the Kendrick Road project; 2.) Amend the *LRTP 2035* to remove the Kendrick Road project from the "Illustrative Projects" section; and 3.) approve the development of a new air quality conformity statement for public review.

**Terry Rice moved to recommend amending the Transportation Improvement Program to add the I-390 Interchange Improvements at Exit 16 Phase 2A (Kendrick Road Bridge/Ramp) project; Paul Holahan seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

## **6. New Business**

### *a. Long Range Transportation Plan for Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035 discussion*

Richard Perrin stated that he would be brief but wanted the Committee to be aware of two main points regarding the development of the *LRTP 2035* and next LRTP. First, GTC staff is working on a "Systems Status Report" that will be completed next year and will provide an update on progress made in implementing the *LRTP 2035*, including updated data for the LRTP performance measures. Second, GTC staff will be looking at improving the process used to develop the next LRTP compared to the *LRTP 2035* both in terms of the technical approach employed and the expansion of public input activities beyond traditional town hall-style meeting.

Dave Zorn noted that there are multiple studies going on at the regional level and asked if there was a possibility of convening one public meeting for all these projects as a way of making them more accessible to the general public.

### *b. Regional Sustainability Plan Discussion*

Richard Perrin reported that a group including Monroe County, the City of Rochester, Governor Cuomo's regional office, the Rochester Institute of Technology, the Center for Governmental Research, LeChase Construction, and GTC staff began discussions about submitting an application through the next round of the Governor's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process to develop a regional sustainability plan. There is an approximately \$10 million dollar set-aside for the 10 regions of the state to conduct these plans. Seven of the 10 regions in the State submitted applications and were awarded funds through the last round of the CFA process. This region did not submit an application because of issues related to the consultant procurement process and the identification of a local government to serve as the applicant. Monroe County has agreed to serve as the lead applicant and the group has been expanded to include the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. An application is being prepared for submittal by the April 24 deadline.

Tom Goodwin noted that there was strong support from local agencies regarding the development of the scope of work for this plan, which would be prepared over the next eight months.

Terry Rice commented that the TIP includes several major projects that have construction phases spread out over multiple years. He expressed his appreciation for the efforts of NYSDOT-Region 4 and GTC staff in advancing the projects by addressing NYSDOT-Main Office requests to get the approvals necessary for these projects to be advertised for bids.

## **7. Public Forum**

No one from the public spoke during the public forum.

**8. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: May 10, 2012 in the Rochester City Council Chambers  
30 Church Street  
Rochester, NY

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

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Todd Gadd, Wyoming County  
Andrea Guzzetta, Rochester City Council  
Daniel Hallowell, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) – Region 4  
Timothy Hens, Genesee County  
Paul Holahan, City of Rochester  
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Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At Large  
Terrence J. Rice, Monroe County  
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Douglas J. Tokarczyk, NYS Thruway Authority  
David Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC)

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Thomas Beck, Monroe County – At Large, representing James Fletcher  
Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning Board, representing Tom Goodwin  
Doug Benson, Rochester City Planning Commission, representing Marcia Barry  
David Cook, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA), representing Bill Carpenter  
David Hartman, Yates County

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Edward Muszynski, Empire State Development Corporation  
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Henry Smith, Jr., Orleans County  
Steven Urlass, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)  
(Vacant), Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)  
(Vacant), NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Josh Artuso, Rochester City Planning Department  
Scott Copey, Town of Greece  
James Hoffman, Town of Williamson Supervisor  
Richard Perrin, GTC staff  
John Polimeni, NYSDOT-Region 4  
James Stack, GTC staff  
Robert Torzynski, GTC staff  
Pat Waterman, TY Lin

**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

Kris Hughes, Planning Committee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Paul Holahan welcomed everyone to City Hall. Members, Alternates, and others present introduced themselves.

**2. Public Forum**

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Paul Holahan moved for approval of the minutes from the April 12, 2012 Planning Committee meeting; Erik Frisch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.**

Kris Hughes suggested that the agenda be revised to move items 5.c, Action concerning consideration of the submission of the *Pultneyville to Marion Trail Feasibility Study* evidence of completion of a component of a UPWP task, and 5.e, Action concerning consideration of UPWP Project Scopes of Work, forward in order to accommodate the Committee's guests. No Member or Alternate objected.

**5. Action Items**

- c. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **accepting the submission of the *Pultneyville to Marion Trail Feasibility Study* as evidence of completion of a component of UPWP Task 6510** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-46

Town of Williamson Supervisor James Hoffman discussed the development of the feasibility study including the public involvement process, inventory of existing conditions, evaluation of alternatives, selection of the preferred alternative, and project cost and phasing. He noted that, due to landowner concerns, the northern segment is not recommended for advancement at this time but it is recommended that it be reconsidered for advancement following the successful completion of the southern segment, which may serve as a catalyst to build landowner support.

**Kevin Rooney moved to recommend that the GTC Board adopt Council Resolution 12-46. Terry Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

- e. Action concerning **consideration of UPWP Project Scopes of Work**

- 2. Task 8770 – Town of Greece Active Transportation Plan

Scott Copey discussed the Town's extensive sidewalk system and its supporting policies and codes while acknowledging that gaps still remain. He indicated that the purpose of this plan is to leverage the Town's sidewalk fund and address some of the remaining gaps in the system. Scott stated that the Town recognizes

the progress that is being made by the City of Rochester following the completion of its Bicycle Master Plan and expressed the desire that the Town's facilities including bicycle trails and lanes effectively link with the City's bicycle network. He described the scope of the plan including its anticipated public participation process, assessment of existing conditions, issues, and opportunities, and the development of alternatives and recommendations.

Paul Holahan commented that the City is currently conducting a study of potential bicycle facilities in the vicinity of Eastman Business Park and requested that the Town work with the City on this and other projects that cross their respective jurisdictional boundaries. Scott responded that the Town is participating in that study and is looking forward to working with the City to advance that proposal as well as to develop and implement this Active Transportation Plan for the Town.

Terry Rice commented that the Town should ensure that existing suitable bicycle space that may not be formally designated as bicycle lanes is included in the inventory and offered to work with Town staff to identify appropriate design standards. Scott responded that the Town looks forward to working with the County and other members of the Project Advisory Committee in this regard.

1. Task 6226 – Genesee County Horizontal Curve Sign Study

Timothy Hens provided an overview of the Scope of Work for the study, noting that it was similar to several recently-completed and currently-underway projects in the region and would help the County to confirm proper current traffic control devices and implement additional traffic control devices, if necessary.

Terry Rice noted Monroe County staff has developed a template for data collection which Genesee County may wish to use to ensure data completeness and compatibility between counties to the extent practicable. Tim indicated that the County would do so.

Todd Gadd commented that Genesee County may wish to consider the use of an electronic ball bank indicator during the project as a means to economically and accurately collect the data. Tim indicated that the County would do so.

**Terrence Rice moved to approve the scopes of work for *the Town of Greece Active Transportation Plan* and the *Genesee County Horizontal Curve Sign Study*. Todd Gadd seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

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

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Richard Perrin reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: GTC staff has continued to monitor reauthorization proposals and action, including attending Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Board and Policy Committee meetings and discussing elements of the proposals with elected officials, at their request. In cooperation with NYSDOT, the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations is developing an integrated planning initiative that included a strategic planning workshop on April 20 with a follow-up meeting to be held May 18. GTC has continued its involvement in a working group to produce a regional sustainability plan including the development of an application that was submitted to the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority on April 23.
- Regional Traffic Count Collection: The Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in the April 23 *New York State Contract Reporter* with proposals due May 14. A dozen copies of the RFP package have been provided to interested firms.
- LRTP Update/Implementation: Adopted by the GTC Board at its June 16, 2011 meeting. Revised drafts of the Recommendation Advancement Plans for each of the recommendations of the *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035 (LRTP 2035)* are underway with final versions expected by the end of May.
- Air Quality Planning and Outreach: The conformity statement for the *LRTP 2035* and *2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* to include the Kendrick Road interchange project was developed, finalized, and made available for public review. GTC staff participated in the May 2 steering committee for an FHWA initiative to develop a guidebook for addressing climate change in the transportation planning process. GTC staff participated on the April 18 Interagency Consultation Group teleconference and the April 24 United States Environmental Protection Agency Ozone Advance webinar. Ozone Advance is a voluntary, non-binding program for areas that are in attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ground level ozone to obtain information and share best practices about addressing precursor emissions.
- GTC Household Travel Survey: Model calibration incorporating the new data collected through the survey is continuing. Cross tabulations of the data have been received and GTC is conducting analysis on trip making characteristics and travel preferences.
- Diversion Route Planning Initiative: Analysis of requested data on crashes and public facilities is underway.

- Priority Trails Advancement: The Pultneyville to Marion Trail Feasibility Study is complete and was presented earlier in the meeting. The study was recommended for acceptance by the GTC Board.
- Congestion Management Process (CMP): The update of the CMP is included in the *L RTP 2035* that was adopted by the Board on June 16, 2011.
- Greater Rochester Regional Commuter Choice Program: Follow-up to the April 6 roll-out of the program is ongoing. Information on the program was sent to county and City of Rochester planners and economic developers for distribution, as well as being provided to the Rochester Business Alliance. There are currently 135 registered users of the website.
- Travel Time Data Collection Program: The updated scope of work was approved at the April 12 meeting and a draft RFP has been developed.
- Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Planning: The plan was accepted by the Board at the September 8, 2011 meeting. NYSDOT is currently soliciting applications for the FTA Section 5310 Grant Program to purchase vehicles for specialized transportation services for the elderly, people with disabilities, and people with low incomes. GTC plays a role in this solicitation by providing certification letters documenting that proposed projects are consistent with the Coordinated Plan. Currently approximately 10 requests for these letters have been received and six of the letters have been provided to-date. The solicitation began April 6 and ends June 1.
- Regional Mobility Management Business Plan: The scope of work was approved at the April 12 meeting and a draft RFP is under development.
- Regional Goods Movement Strategy: The second round of public meetings will be held on May 16. All materials to be considered and discussed have been posted to the website and invitations have been sent to stakeholders. GTC staff is available to make presentations to legislatures and boards of supervisors at their convenience throughout the remainder of May and early-June.

*Genesee County*

Tim Hens reported:

- Genesee County Horizontal Curve Sign Study: The scope of work was approved earlier in the meeting.

*G/FLRPC*

Dave Zorn reported:

- Regional Land Use Monitoring Report: The surveys have been distributed and most have been returned and final follow-up and data entry is underway. Write-ups for counties with complete data are underway.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Region Population Projections: Data collection and input is underway.

- Regional Atlas: Data acquisition and formatting are underway.

*Livingston County*

Angela Ellis reported:

- Livingston County Transportation Connectivity Plan: Focus groups have been scheduled and will be held on May 15, with an additional meeting scheduled for Planning and Zoning Board members which will be eligible for Continuing Education Credits.

*Monroe County*

Rochelle Bell reported:

- Monroe County Land Use Monitoring Report: The project is anticipated to be completed in the next two weeks.

Terry Rice reported:

- Monroe County Sign Inventory Location Upgrade: The consultant's work is complete and work to integrate the inventory with existing records is continuing.
- Monroe County Horizontal Curve Study: Data collection is anticipated to begin next week.
- Monroe County High Accident Location Program: No progress to report.
- Monroe County Accident Rate Database GIS Conversion: No progress to report.

*Ontario County*

Kris Hughes reported:

- Routes 5 & 20 and State Route 364 Multi-Modal Study: A preferred consultant has been selected and the County Board of Supervisors will be asked to approve the selection and authorize execution of a contract on May 10.

*City of Rochester*

Erik Frisch reported:

- Center City Tourist/Visitor Circulation and Pedestrian Wayfinding Study: The final report is under development.
- City of Rochester Urban Trail Linkages Feasibility Study: Alternate routes for the trail are under discussion and continue to evolve.
- Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Parking and Circulation Study: No change.
- St. Paul and North Clinton Two-Way Conversion Study: The consultant is addressing Project Advisory Committee comments on the draft received last week and a revised draft is anticipated to be available for review in advance of the May 17 Public Meeting.

- Rochester Bicycle Boulevard Plan: No progress to report.
- Mt. Read Boulevard Corridor Study: No progress to report.

*RGRTA*

David Cook reported:

- RGRTA Suburban Transit Station Study: Project closeout is expected in July.
- RTS Signal Prioritization Study: Project closeout is expected in July.
- RGRTA Transit-Supportive Development Guidelines: The scope of work is being revised prior to the anticipated issuance of the RFP.
- RGRTA Route Analysis: The project is ongoing and it is noted that the Regional Transit Service is instituting routing changes in the Town of Greece to accommodate the upcoming opening of the Walmart on Dewey Avenue based on work conducted under this task.

*Wayne County*

Kevin Rooney reported:

- Wayne County Horizontal Curve Sign Study: The draft RFP is near completion and currently under review by the Wayne County Attorney.

*Wyoming County*

Todd Gadd reported:

- Wyoming County Horizontal Curve Sign Study: The RFP is being developed.

*Yates County*

Dave Hartman reported:

- Yates County Safe Passing Zone Survey: The RFP was published in the *New York State Contract Reporter* on May 9 with proposals due June 11. Three copies of the RFP package have been provided to interested firms.

*Other Agencies*

Richard Perrin reported:

- Auburn Trail/Ontario Pathways Trail Connection Feasibility Study: Work is continuing based on reassignment of tasks due to consultant personnel changes.
- Irondequoit Seneca Trail: The RFP was published in the May 3 edition of the *New York State Contract Reporter* with proposals due June 8.
- Black Creek Corridor Trail: The draft existing conditions report was provided to the Steering Committee on April 23, which met on April 25.

- Village of Scottsville Traffic Circulation and Safety Study: The scope of work was approved at the April 12 meeting.
- Webster Village Core Circulation, Accessibility and Parking Study: The scope of work was approved at the April 12 meeting and an RFP is being developed.

Kris Hughes reported:

- Victor Transportation Systems Plan: The final draft of the full comprehensive plan update will be available online for public review on May 11 and a public information meeting is scheduled for May 21. A presentation to the Town Board is anticipated for late-May and adoption is anticipated by July.

Richard Perrin reported:

- NYS Route 250 Transit Supportive Mixed Use Development District: The scope of work was approved at the April 12 meeting and an RFP is being developed with a Steering Committee meeting scheduled for May 15.
- Brighton Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Plan: Inventory of existing conditions is being refined based on public input and a needs assessment is beginning.
- Town of Greece Active Transportation Plan: The scope of work was approved earlier in the meeting.
- Village of Pittsford Active Transportation Safety Plan: This is a new project and the scope of work is to be developed.

b. Any Other Old Business or Announcements

Richard Perrin reported:

Today, NYSDOT issued the press release announcing the next round of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding. The guidebook has been revised since the last round and NYSDOT will be holding a workshop in June in Rochester to review federal-aid requirements with a SRTS component.

1. I-390 Intersection Improvements @ Exit 16 Phase 2A (Kendrick Road Bridge/Ramp) project update (GTC staff)

Richard Perrin noted that a draft resolution has been prepared based on the Planning Committee's recommendations at the April 12 meeting to include this project in the *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035* as a recommended fiscally-constrained expansion project and to include the project in the *2011-2014 TIP*. Richard distributed draft Resolution 12-43 for review and requested that if members of the Planning Committee have any suggestions on the language of the resolution that they be provided to GTC staff in the next week.

2. Proposed federal legislation update

As discussed at the April 12 Planning Committee meeting, the eighth extension to SAFETEA-LU was set to expire on March 31 and on March 30, the President signed another extension; this one for 90 days (i.e., through June 30). On April 18, the House of Representatives passed a measure extending the current extension through the end of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) on September 30. The bill maintains current funding levels per the FFY 2012 Appropriations Act and includes permit approval for the Keystone XL Pipeline from Canada to Texas, and the RESTORE Act, which provides funding allocations to the Gulf Coast states damaged by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

This extension has served as the mechanism for the Senate and House to convene a conference committee with the first meeting occurring on Tuesday, May 8. Among the conferees are Senator Schumer and Representative Hanna (NY-24), who currently represents Seneca County. It will be interesting to monitor the progress of the committee, which is far from any type of assurance that a new surface transportation authorization will be passed before the end of the current FFY.

Chairwoman Boxer's opening statement made it clear that she intended to wrap up the conference before the expiration of the current extension on June 30. To do so, she said that a conference report would need to be completed by the first week in June. Chairwoman Boxer is not inclined to hold a large number of conference committee meetings to work through the policy differences between the House and Senate. Rather, it appears that she expects the staff to negotiate and resolve as many issues as possible. Members will address issues that staff cannot resolve behind the scenes. If they are unsuccessful, she made it clear that the conference would be formally seated the first week in June so they could work through the outstanding items.

A majority of the Members talked about the number of construction jobs that will be sustained or created if a bill is passed. Others pointed out the current number of unemployed construction workers due to Congress' inability to reach a deal on surface transportation legislation. Streamlining the federal environmental review process of transportation projects received many comments as well. However, it was notable that the bulk of the comments for a highway bill conference dealt with extraneous items such as the RESTORE Act, Keystone XL pipeline, state regulation of coal ash, and funding for dredging navigation channels.

While the Senate passed MAP-21, which contains all the provisions of a complete surface transportation bill (albeit for a duration of less than 18 months at this time), the House was unable to pass a bill. House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee Chairman Mica has stated that he intends to introduce provisions of the proposed American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act, which was unable to garner enough votes to pass the House. Many Senators and Democratic House members continue to push for the conference committee to pass MAP-21 as provided to them for a vote in their respective chambers. The inclusion of approval for the Keystone XI Pipeline is viewed by many Democrats as a non-starter.

One positive development is that Senator Schumer's staff has obtained an assurance from the FHWA that the provisions in MAP-21 regarding the revision of the boundaries of MPOs that are no longer nonattainment areas would not affect GTC, per their interpretation. The Senator's staff, both here and in Washington D.C., has been diligent in working to ensure that we are able to keep our current boundaries.

**5. Action Items**

- a. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **adopting the *Transportation Conformity Determination for the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035 and the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program*** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-44

Richard Perrin discussed the status of the Conformity Determination including the Interagency Consultation Group concurrence with the draft conformity statement on Thursday, April 26, 2012 and the public review period. He noted that the statement reflects the allocation of Interstate Maintenance funding for the "I-390 Interchange Improvements @ Exit 16 Phase 2A (Kendrick Road Bridge/Ramp)" project and that it is a compliance document to satisfy federal requirements and does not establish any new policy or investment decisions.

**Scott Leathersich moved to recommend that the GTC Board adopt Council Resolution 12-44, David Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

- b. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the *FY 2012-2013 UPWP* to reflect the contribution of actual FY 2011-2012 rollover amounts** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-45

Richard Perrin discussed the need to adjust the budgets for several projects included in the *FY 2012-2013 UPWP* that were not expected to be completed by March 31, 2012 (the end of the fiscal year) at the time of UPWP adoption. He noted that the accounting for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2012 has been closed out and the FY 2012-2013 budgets for these projects can now be adjusted to reflect the actual rollover amounts. He discussed the specific projects affected and the amounts included within the adjustments.

**Kevin Rooney moved to recommend that the GTC Board adopt Council Resolution 12-45, Angela Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

- d. Action and Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolutions 12-9 and 12-10 and Proposed Council Resolutions 12-47 through 12-91

Kris Hughes suggested that the committee block items the first two items and take a

single action after they both have been discussed since they are Planning Committee resolutions. No members of the committee objected.

1. Action concerning **modifying the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Dutch Hollow Road over Glade Creek project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 12-9
2. Action concerning **modifying the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Griffith Road over East Koy Creek project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 12-10

John Polimeni discussed agenda items 5.d.1. and 5.d.2. He noted that the reduction resulting from decreasing the cost of the Dutch Hollow Road over Glade Creek project offsets the increasing cost of the Griffith Road over East Koy Creek project.

**David Cook moved for approval of Planning Committee Resolutions 12-9 and 12-10; Erik Frisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

Kris Hughes suggested that the committee block the remaining action items and take a single action after all have been discussed. No members of the committee objected.

3. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Midtown Redevelopment Transportation Infrastructure Improvements project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-47

Erik Frisch discussed this amendment, noting that it adds new Economic Development funds obtained through a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration and defers construction to 2013.

4. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Rochester Plug-in Hybrid Vehicle Charging Stations/Vehicle Expansion Project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-48

Erik Frisch discussed this amendment, noting that it adds funds from a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and there is no change to federal funds.

5. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Inner Loop/Sidewalk ADA-Accessible Ramps & Other Arterial Sidewalks project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-49

Richard Perrin distributed a corrected resolution to reflect what was agreed upon

at the TIP Development Committee meeting and Erik Frisch discussed the amendment.

Richard Perrin informed the committee that this change also affects the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Block Program and distributed a corrected Proposed Council Resolution 12-58.

6. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the Federal share of the Rochester Amtrak Station Improvements project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-50

Erik Frisch discussed the amendment, noting that the source of Federal funds is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 High Speed Rail initiative (Federal Railroad Administration portion).

7. Recommendation to the GTC Board **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Edgemere Drive Bridge over Round Pond Outlet project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-51

Terrence Rice discussed the amendment, noting that it will add a supplemental Construction Inspection phase to the project and that the source of the additional federal funds is the Highway Bridge Program.

8. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Edgewood Avenue Bridge over Allens Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-52

Terrence Rice discussed the amendment. Richard Perrin distributed a corrected Proposed Council Resolution 12-52, noting that this and other corrections affect Proposed Council Resolution 12-74 (Highway Bridge Block Program). He also distributed a corrected Proposed Council Resolution 12-74.

9. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring phases of the Portland Avenue Reconstruction project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-53

Terrence Rice discussed the proposed amendment, noting that it defers the Construction and Construction Inspection phases of the referenced project.

10. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Highway Safety Improvement Block Program project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-54

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

11. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the High Risk Rural Road Improvement in Wyoming County project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-55

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

12. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Interstate Overhead Sign Structure Improvement (2012) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-56

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

13. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by reprogramming select phases of the Mount Hope Avenue Reconstruction - Phase 1 project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-57

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

14. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the CMAQ Block Program project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-58

John Polimeni discussed the amendment, noting the corrections to the draft resolution that was distributed a few minutes prior.

15. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring a phase of the City of Rochester Bicycle Trails project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-59

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

16. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the New York State Electric Truck Voucher Program project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-60

Daniel Hallowell discussed the amendment and Richard Perrin noted that the region is required to include this project in the TIP in order to participate.

17. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Dublin Road Railroad Crossing project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-61

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

18. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Beaver Meadow Road Railroad Crossing project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-62

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

19. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Caswell Road Railroad Crossing project / Proposed Council Resolution 12-63**

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

20. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Ivson Road Railroad Crossing project / Proposed Council Resolution 12-64**

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

21. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the I-390 Interchange Improvements @ Rt. 15A (Exit 16 Part 1) project / Proposed Council Resolution 12-65**

22. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the I-390 From Exit 6 to Exit 7 MBC project / Proposed Council Resolution 12-66**

Daniel Hallowell discussed this and the preceding amendment and the need to alter what was discussed at the TIP Development Committee meeting. He distributed an updated request letter and TIP tables. This revised request also impacts the I-390 Interchange @ East River Rd. (Exit 16A Stage 3 of 4) project and the I-390 Interchange Improvements @ Rt. 15 (Exit 16 Part 2) project. Dan noted that the funds are from the Interstate Maintenance program.

23. Recommendation to the GTC Board **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by splitting the Rt. 414 from Canal to Rt. 31 & Rt. 31 from Rt. 414 to the west Village line project into two separate projects / Proposed Council Resolution 12-67**

John Polimeni discussed the amendment. James Stack noted that the TIP previously included a reference to the separate NYSDOT Project Identification Number in the Project Notes. This action will formally separate the projects in the TIP.

24. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Rt. 33 (Buffalo Rd) Improvements from I-490 to Marway Circle project / Proposed Council Resolution 12-68**

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

25. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Jefferson Avenue, Ayrault Road to Route 31F project / Proposed Council Resolution 12-69**

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

26. Recommendation to the GTC Board **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the John Street Extension, Bailey Rd. to Lehigh Station Rd. project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-70

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

27. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **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 Council Resolution 12-71

Richard Perrin distributed a corrected Resolution 12-71 and John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

28. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the West Street Bridge over Cattaraugus Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-72

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

29. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by advancing portions of select phases of the Rt. 947A (LOSP) Bridge over Salmon Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-73

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

30. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of and reprogramming phases of the Highway Bridge Block Program project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-74

John Polimeni discussed the amendment, noting the corrections to the corrected draft Resolution that was distributed a few minutes prior.

31. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Old State Road over Keshequa Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-75

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

32. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by advancing a phase of the Straub Road over Round Pond Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-76

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

33. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by advancing a phase of the Ferguson Road Bridge over Flint Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-77

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

34. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by advancing phases of the Allen Street over Oatka Creek project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-78

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

Terrence Rice noted that at the TIP Development Committee meeting there was a request to identify bridges that can be accelerated to FFY 2012. He noted that Monroe County DOT has two bridges, Long Pond Road and Twin Bridge Road, that could be accelerated. Richard Perrin noted that the two bridges Monroe County is proposing to accelerate were initially rated higher than the Allen Street over Oatka Creek project.

Terry also noted that bids for the Burnt Mill Road Bridge preventive maintenance project will be opened on May 11 and he expects they will be higher than programmed. Richard Perrin asked Terry how much higher he thought the bids might be. Terry responded that the bids might come in \$50,000 to \$70,000 higher than the cost included in the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package.

Following a discussion of options on how to utilize FFY 2012 Highway Bridge Program it was the consensus of the Planning Committee that:

- the Allen Street over Oatka Creek project would advance as proposed via Resolution 12-78;
- the Long Pond Road Bridge project would advance as requested with a new resolution to be developed by GTC staff;
- the figures for the Highway Bridge Block Program (Resolution 12-74) would be adjusted as necessary to make funds available to cover the anticipated increase to the Burnt Mill Bridge preventive maintenance project as discussed;
- the Twin Bridge Road project would be left as currently programmed;
- the Lake Ontario State Parkway (LOSP) project would advance as proposed via Resolution 12-73; and
- the Rt. 947A (LOSP) Bridge over Salmon Creek project would be adjusted again in September to use all Highway and Bridge funds available in FFY 2012 with a corresponding reduction in FFY 2014.

35. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deleting the FFY 2012 Railroad Crossing Block Program project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-79

John Polimeni discussed the amendment.

36. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Purchase 18 Lift Line Buses (FFY 2012) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-80

37. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by decreasing the cost of the Replace 32 Transit Buses (FFY 2012) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-81

Richard Perrin distributed a corrected copy of Resolution 12-81.

38. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Replace 10 Articulated Transit Buses (FY 2012) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-82

David Cook discussed Proposed Council Resolutions 12-80 through 12-82.

39. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deferring a portion of the Mt. Hope Station project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-83

40. Recommendation to the GTC Board **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by advancing the Technology Initiatives for Driving Excellence (TIDE) - Phase II project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-84

David Cook discussed Proposed Council Resolutions 12-80 through 12-84, nothing that Resolutions 12-83 and 12-84 advance one project while deferring another and result in a swap of CMAQ funds between the two projects to fully utilize CMAQ funds in FFY 2012.

41. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by increasing the cost of the Preventive Maintenance (2012) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-85

42. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by deleting the Fluids Management System for RTS & Lift Line project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-86

David Cook discussed Proposed Council Resolutions 12-85 and 12-86.

43. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the RGRTA Grants Administration project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-87

David Cook discussed Proposed Council Resolution 12-87 which programs FTA Section 5307 funds for the purpose of administering various grants awarded to RGRTA and its subsidiaries as recommended by the Federal Transit Administration during its recent triennial review of RGRTA.

44. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the RGRTA Data Warehouse & Business Intelligence System project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-88
45. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the RGRTA Financial Software Replacement - Phase 1 project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-89
46. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the Lift Line Facility Improvements project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-90
47. Recommendation to the GTC Board **amending the 2011-2014 TIP by adding the RGRTA IT Disaster Recovery Hot Site project** / Proposed Council Resolution 12-91

David Cook discussed Proposed Council Resolutions 12-88 through 12-91, noting that these are all new projects.

**Kevin Rooney moved to recommend that the GTC Board adopt Council Resolutions 12-47 through 12-91 as discussed, including corrected resolutions that were distributed and additional Resolutions to be developed by GTC staff to reflect the recommended changes to the I-390 Interchange @ East River Rd. (Exit 16A Stage 3 of 4) project, the I-390 Interchange Improvements @ Rt. 15 (Exit 16 Part 2) project, the Long Pond Road Bridge project, and the Burnt Mill Road Bridge preventive maintenance project; Daniel Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

## **6. New Business**

### *a. Renaissance Square Transit Center Update*

David Cook provided an update on the current status of the Renaissance Square Transit Center. He summarized that RGRTA is ready to move forward on the project with regard to engineering, planning, finance, construction, and inspection. However, he indicated that the project is also being held up by three concurrent lawsuits in three different courts, all filed by the owners of the H.H. Warner Building, including a SEQR challenge.

David reported that two weeks ago the presiding judge encouraged the two parties to get agreement on access to the site to allow for archaeological investigation. He also noted that RGRTA may need to investigate a number of voids that have been discovered through test borings at the former RKO Palace theater site. He continued that RGRTA wants to get the project moving so that it can continue to demonstrate progress to the FTA.

David stated that timing is challenging since the next court dates may occur after the June GTC Board meeting and that RGRTA may not have a final decision on the lawsuits until this summer, which could have an impact on using the STP-Flex funding in FFY 2012.

Paul Holahan asked David about the nature of the SEQR challenge and David responded that in his understanding the suit is related to or challenges the use of the original SEQR documents prepared for the larger Renaissance Square project on the smaller station project.

Terry Rice asked if GTC moves FFY 2012 funds out, will that affect RGRTA's ability to start the project. David responded that it would affect the cash flow for the project but the analysis has not been completed yet so the details are unknown.

Terry noted that Monroe County has two split funded projects that could accommodate a change and that he believed it would be remiss if the region did not explore options to move funds at the June Board meeting which would be the last feasible opportunity to do so.

Paul Holahan asked what RGRTA is proposing at this time and David responded that he was requesting that the Planning Committee take the action needed to position the Board to address the issues at its upcoming June 21 meeting.

Richard Perrin noted two projects have been identified that might be candidates for moving funds to allow them to remain programmed in the region in the event that RGRTA is unable to advance the Renaissance Square Transit Center project in the manner needed to meet FTA requirements for timely advancement. These two projects are the Westfall Road and the East Ridge Road projects being progressed by Monroe County and they could facilitate a swap between FFYs 2012, 2013, and 2014 to keep available funds fully programmed.

Kris Hughes asked for a motion to swap funds as described and Angela Ellis asked if this change would affect any other agencies or projects. Richard Perrin responded that the swap would be wholly contained within the three referenced projects.

**David Cook moved to recommend that the GTC Board take action consistent with the swap in funds between Renaissance Square Transit Center project and the Westfall Road and East Ridge projects if necessary; Terrence Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

Richard Perrin indicated that GTC staff will work with RGRTA to determine if any action is necessary and, if it is, develop proposed Resolutions reflecting the recommended action.

Dan Hallowell distributed a copy of a letter that is being provided to MPO members throughout the state. He noted that the letter discusses the department's focus on preservation and its encouragement to MPOs to do the same. Dan pointed out that

NYS DOT is reviewing the use of Marchiselli funds on non-preservation projects without suitable justification.

Richard Perrin noted that Marchiselli program funds are state funds. He also noted that preservation and maintenance should be balanced with more intensive capital improvements that can enhance the functionality of facilities to improve safety and incorporate other modes.

**7. Public Forum**

No one from the public spoke during the public forum.

**8. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: July 12, 2012 at  
Wayne County Courthouse  
26 Church Street  
Lyons, NY

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.