

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
Rochester City Council Chambers  
Rochester, New York**

**May 10, 2012**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Ellis, Livingston County  
Erik Frisch, City of Rochester – At Large  
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  
Kristen Mark Hughes, Ontario County (Chairperson)  
Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At Large  
Terrence J. Rice, Monroe County  
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County  
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

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Robert Colby, Monroe County  
Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Peter McCann, Monroe County Supervisors' Association  
Edward Muszynski, Empire State Development Corporation  
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)

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

##### 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, 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.