

Dansville Transportation and Industrial and Commercial Access Study

Scope of Work

A. Objective

The objective of this project is to create a transportation and industrial and commercial access study that:

1. Enhances regional competitiveness and promotes long-term economic development in the Dansville area.
2. Identifies needed transportation (road, rail, air) investments to help Dansville revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure to retain existing businesses, attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify the local economy, and generate or retain long-term private sector jobs and investment.

B. Background

Dansville's nature as a transportation crossroads fosters a broad range of commercial and industrial traffic patterns, with car, truck, rail, and air transportation all having roles in support of the region's manufacturing, retail and service sector activities. As future development becomes a possibility, the increased potential exists for conflict between the transportation operations and residential areas; in addition, long-established transportation networks and other existing land uses can present barriers to optimal circulation for commercial vehicles. Thus, there is on the one hand the need to *harmonize* the relationship between transportation and land use but, on the other hand, the need to ensure that the transportation system plays a *facilitative* rather than *limiting* role in economic development.

The study area is in a part of Livingston County in which the manufacturing and industrial sector has been in decline, consistent with the broader local and national trend toward service sector dominance of the economy. That said, given the continued importance of the manufacturing sector to the area and in recognition of the varied skills of area residents, the project partners have mobilized to prepare a strategy aimed at renewing commercial and manufacturing development in Dansville. Revitalization can only be achieved if the transportation resources are used in a facilitative manner.

Primary transportation issues to be addressed:

1. Genesee and Wyoming Railroad (GWRR)/Interstate 390, Exit 5/New York State Route 36. The section of rail line between Mount Morris and Dansville that serves LMC, Inc., in Dansville is in need of major repair and upgrade. The condition of the line impacts LMC's current operations (limited speed and weight) and limits the ability of the company to expand operations. The GWRR, LMC, Dansville, North Dansville, and Livingston County are currently working on possible funding solutions to address the major repairs and upgrades needed in

the short term. In moving forward, it also makes sense to determine the future potential for adding new railroad customers, either at the existing location or at other property in the vicinity, such as the Dansville Industrial Park. Immediate access to I390, Exit 5, and New York State Route 36 contribute to the marketability of the area.

2. Interstate 390, Exit 4/New York State route 36. The County owns vacant property adjacent to I390, Exit 4, and New York State Route 36. This project provides an opportunity to identify the various development options that make best use of the location and the existing transportation network.
3. Dansville Industrial Park/Zerfass Road/New York State Route 36. The road network between the Dansville Industrial Park and State Route 36 is disjointed, not constructed to handle heavy truck or vehicle traffic, and directs vehicles through a well-established low-income residential area. The project will identify alternatives for better connecting the Industrial Park with access to I390 and to the commercial and industrial properties located on New York State Route 36. The Livingston County Industrial Development Agency (LCIDA) is in the beginning stages of developing a new marketing strategy for the industrial park. This project will inform the LCIDA's efforts and help determine how the transportation network can be improved and leveraged to help market and develop the Park.

C. Tasks

The Livingston County Planning Department will serve as Project Manager. A Project Steering Committee will be established to oversee the project and monitor progress of the project. The Planning Department will report progress at Steering Committee meetings and provide monthly updates to the County Board of Supervisors, Town of North Dansville, Village of Dansville, Livingston County Industrial Development Agency, Town of Sparta, and Genesee Transportation Council Planning Committee.

- Task 1: Consultant Selection Process. A Consultant Selection Team will be formed to oversee the selection of the consultant for the project. A Request for Proposals will be issued.
- Task 2: Public Participation Plan. A public participation plan that meets GTC requirements will be developed.
- Task 3: Existing Conditions/Baseline Analysis. This task will include, but may not be limited to, an inventory of the existing transportation system, land uses, zoning and regulatory framework, environmental resources, infrastructure and utilities.
- Task 4: Needs Assessment. This task will include consideration of transportation needs for the existing businesses, potential development/build-out scenarios/needs of available vacant land (appropriate for commercial and industrial development), local planning efforts, workforce development

objectives, and regional and state strategies such as the GTC Regional Goods Movement Strategy.

- Task 5: Development Scenarios and Alternatives. The consultant will prepare at least 3 development scenarios and alternatives based on Tasks 2 and 3.
- Task 6: Recommendations. The consultant will prepare a series of recommendations based on preferred scenarios and alternatives.
- Task 7: Action Plan and Funding Strategy. For preferred development scenarios and alternatives, the consultant will provide information sufficient for preparing future grant applications to implement transportation improvements. A proposed timeline, potential funding sources, and recommended next steps will be included.
- Task 8: Develop a Marketing Plan. The findings of the study will be incorporated into a marketing plan for retaining, expanding and attracting industry and business in the study area.

D. Products

1. Draft report and final report. Both reports will be available in electronic form and be photocopy-ready. 20 copies of the draft report and 35 copies of the final report will be provided.
2. An Executive Summary will be produced and available in electronic form and be photocopy-ready. 35 copies will be provided.
3. A Power Point presentation will be created for public and educational meetings.

E. Public Participation Plan

The consultant will work with the Project Steering Committee to create a public participation plan for the project. It is anticipated that there will be a minimum of 2 public meetings. Efforts will be made to identify effective outlets for advertising public meetings and obtaining public input, such as flyers, email distribution lists, press releases, and information posting on the County and/or Village of Dansville website.

F. Schedule

Scope of Work approved	April/May 2013
Consultant selection completed	July/August 2013
Contract awarded	August/September 2013
Draft report completed	December 2013/January 2014
Final report completed	February/March 2014

G. Project Budget

Sources of Funds		Uses of Funds	
	<u>FY 2013-14</u>		<u>FY 2013-14</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		<u>GTC</u>	
FHWA	\$44,000	Staff	\$0
FTA	0	Contractual	\$0
Subtotal	\$44,000	Subtotal	\$0
<u>Matching Funds</u>		<u>Other Agency</u>	
State (In-kind)	\$0	Staff	\$0
Local (In-kind)	\$10,000	Contractual	\$50,000
Local (Cash)	6,000	In-kind Exp.	\$10,000
Subtotal	\$16,000	Subtotal	\$0
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>