

GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Resolution 16-4 Endorsing the Livingston County Gateway Road project as the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region's highest priority for the Rural element of the TIGER Discretionary Grants program

WHEREAS,

1. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub. L. 114–113) as enacted on December 18, 2015 appropriated \$500 million to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for National Infrastructure Investments;
2. USDOT is referring to grants for National Infrastructure Investments under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 as "Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants";
3. TIGER Discretionary Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for transportation projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region;
4. TIGER Discretionary Grants have different thresholds for projects located in Urban and Rural areas, with a minimum allocation for projects in Rural areas;
5. The purpose of the Livingston County Gateway Road project is to create a new access road through a proposed Agri-business park in the Town of Livonia, which will provide access for heavy trucks via NYS Route 15 rather than the existing access in the vicinity of residential areas of Bronson Hill Road;
6. The Livingston County Gateway Road project would serve existing businesses and help attract new agriculture-related businesses to an area with rail and truck access;
7. The Livingston County Gateway Road project would promote economic development opportunities while minimizing the negative impacts of freight on nearby residential neighborhoods;
8. The Genesee Transportation Council is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region, inclusive of the Rochester, New York Metropolitan Planning Area, and maintains the federally-required metropolitan transportation plan and transportation improvement program; and
9. The Livingston County Gateway Road project is consistent with the Long Range *Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2035*, the federally-required metropolitan transportation plan for the Rochester, New York Metropolitan Planning Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Genesee Transportation Council Planning Committee endorses the Livingston County Gateway Road project as the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region's highest priority for the Rural element of the TIGER Discretionary Grants program;
2. That the Planning Committee supports the preparation and submittal of any and all necessary TIGER Discretionary Grants application materials by Livingston County for the Livingston County Gateway Road project;
3. The Genesee Transportation Council will amend the *2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program* at the earliest possible date to include TIGER Discretionary Grants funds for the Livingston County Gateway Road project, if so awarded by USDOT;
4. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Chairman of the Genesee Transportation Council Planning Committee certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Genesee Transportation Council Planning Committee held on April 7, 2016.

Date _____

SCOTT A. LEATHERSICH, Chairman
Genesee Transportation Council
Planning Committee

The Livingston County– Gateway Road Project

Preliminary planning for the proposed Gateway Road project began in 1996 as part of a plan to mitigate traffic concerns from the Village of Livonia through the hamlet of Lakeville. The concept has remained at the forefront of local leaders minds for the past several years. A successful CFA grant application last year led to further study of the development of an agri-business park along the proposed Gateway Road between US Route 15 and Bronson Hill Road in the Town of Livonia. During the user group meetings a common theme arose – the successful development along Bronson Hill Road, specifically the Lakeville Grain Elevator, has led to a significant increase in truck traffic along South Lima Road, Bronson Hill Road and Stone Hill Road. This increase in truck traffic along primarily residential streets has generated concern over public safety and other quality of life issues for the residents along these roads.

This project also aligns with the Genesee Transportation Council’s Transportation Strategies for Freight and Goods Movement in the Genesee-Finger lakes Region (G-FL Regional Freight Plan), which focuses on how transportation investments can be leveraged to increase regional economic competitiveness and maximize economic growth. Specifically referenced in the Near-Term Recommendations, the Livonia Gateway Road Project would provide “shovel-ready” opportunities and have benefits on a regional, state-wide and possibly national scale.

Constructing the Gateway Road and bridge would alleviate heavy truck traffic associated with the Lakeville Grain Elevator and other businesses located along Bronson Hill Road. The Gateway Road would provide additional access to NYS Route 15 for all area business and potential tenants that would locate within the proposed Park. Traffic would be reduced along the mostly residential sections of Bronson Hill Road and congestion would be reduced in the Hamlet of Lakeville, at the intersection of NYS Route 15 and US Route 20.

Along with reducing congestion and alleviating traffic concerns, safety would be improved in the area. The project will also increase the economic productivity of the associated land in the area by providing access to developable land. The County has identified the surrounding area as a “shovel-ready” opportunity and will create long term job and economic opportunities for the region.

The main entrance to the proposed Park along Rochester Road (NYS Route 15) is approximately one mile south from the I-390 exit as shown in the attached Figure. Access to I-90 is approximately 15 miles north of the main entrance to the Park, along I-390.

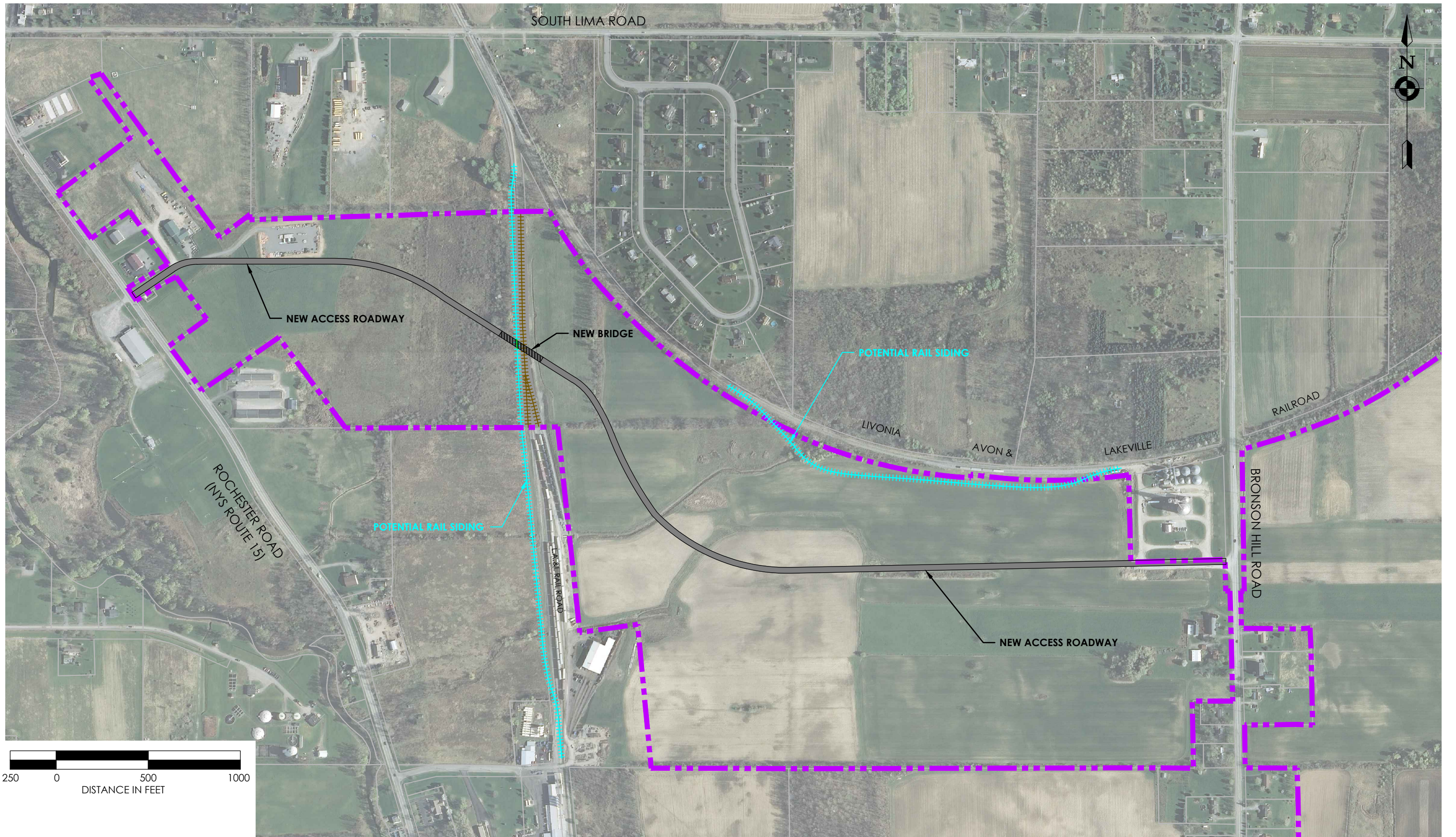
Proposed infrastructure for the project would include new access roadway throughout the proposed Park and a new bridge that would span two rail sidings (one existing and one planned) for Sweeteners Plus. The new access roadway would consist of approximately 7,000 linear feet of full depth roadway construction, extending from Rochester Road (New York State Route 15) to Bronson Hill Road. Roadside swales and drainage features would also be constructed as part of the project.

A new double-span bridge would be constructed over two Sweeteners Plus rail sidings. The bridge would provide approximately 25 feet of vertical clearance and consist of earth embankment on both sides of the bridge to accommodate the approaches.

A cost estimate for the new access roadway and the bridge was completed. The following is a summary of the total capital costs of the roadway and bridge:

Construction Item	Total Capital Cost
Access Roadway	\$2,695,000
Railroad Bridge	\$4,200,000
Total Project Capital Cost:	\$6,895,000

A detailed cost estimate is attached for reference.



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March, 2016

Figure 1: Road and Bridge Infrastructure

**Livingston County Development
Gateway Ag Park Road and Bridge
Prelim Engineering Estimate
March, 2016**



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Roadway Construction

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1	Roadway Construction	7,000	LF	\$275.00	\$ 1,925,000.00
CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL					\$ 1,925,000.00
CONTINGENCY (15%)					\$ 288,750.00
LEGAL, ENGINEERING AND ADMINISTRATION (25%)					\$ 481,250.00
TOTAL					\$ 2,695,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL COST					\$ 2,695,000.00

Bridge Over Railroad

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1	Bridge Construction	1	LS	\$3,000,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00
CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL					\$ 3,000,000.00
CONTINGENCY (15%)					\$ 450,000.00
LEGAL, ENGINEERING AND ADMINISTRATION (25%)					\$ 750,000.00
TOTAL					\$ 4,200,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL COST					\$ 4,200,000.00

TOTAL ROCHESTER ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE ZONE CAPITAL COST					\$ 6,895,000.00
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