

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wayne County Courthouse
26 Church Street, Lyons**

August 8, 2019

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At-Large (Chairperson)
Timothy Frelier, Monroe County
Erik Frisch, City of Rochester – At-Large
Todd Gadd, Wyoming County
Carlos Gonzalez, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Andrea Guzzetta, Rochester City Council
David Hartman, Yates County
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County
Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County
David Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC)
Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning Board

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

John Papponetti, Orleans County
Eric Farr, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA)
Heather Ferrero, Livingston County
Joel Kleinberg, NY State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) – Region 4

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation
Tim Hens, Genesee County
Thomas Hurley, NYS Thruway Authority
Norman Jones, City of Rochester
Robert Kiley, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Dorraine Kirkmire, Rochester City Planning Commission
David Lindsay, Monroe County – At-Large
Mike Rockow, Monroe County
Steven Urlass, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
William Wright, Ontario County
(Vacant), Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)
(Vacant), NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Garrett Augustyn, WSP
Heather Bachman, Genesee Valley BOCES
Joe Bovenzi, GTC staff
Pat Gooch, Monroe County Planning Board
Daniel Haxton, Cubic/Trafficware

Jeff Jamberdino, NYDOT-Region 4
Dennis Judson, Fisher Associates
Alex Kone, GTC staff
Terrence Rice, Barton & Loguidice
James Stack, GTC staff

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Scott Leathersich, Planning Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Members, Alternates, and others present introduced themselves.

2. Public Forum

Nobody from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

3. Approval of Minutes

David Hartman moved to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2019 Planning Committee meeting; Tim Frelier seconded the motion.

4. Reports and Action on Old Business

a. Reports on UPWP Projects and Other Activities

GTC

Jim Stack reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: No activity to report.
- Long Range Transportation Plan Update/Implementation: No activity to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Scenario Tool: A Steering Committee meeting was held July 31 and selection of a preferred tool was discussed. The consultant is following up with the leading contender, Urban Footprint, to explore pricing options for other organizations to "piggyback" on the GTC foundational tool to run their own scenario analyses. We have received a verbal commitment that the GTC regional license would include one seat for each County to have full use of the tool.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Local Bridge Vulnerability Assessment: Project was accepted by the GTC Board at its June 13 meeting.
- I-490 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Plan: Scope of Work to be considered under Agenda item 5.a.1.
- Vulnerable Users Safety Assessment Program Phases 1 & 2: No activity to report.
- Congestion Management Process (CMP): No activity to report.
- Greater Rochester Regional Commuter Choice Program: No activity to report.
- Travel Time Data Collection Program: No activity to report.
- Lake Ontario State Parkway Lane Transportation Alternatives Feasibility Study: NYSDOT has provided operations and maintenance data to support the alternatives analysis. The consultant has indicated that they will be able to wrap up the study in short order. A Steering Committee meeting is being scheduled for after Labor Day to identify a preferred alternative to present to the public.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Performance Measurement Monitoring & Evaluation System: The consultant has been conducting interviews with

stakeholders regarding an inventory of existing data sources and performance reporting needs.

- Transportation Impacts on Economic Development in the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) Area: Scope of Work to be considered under Agenda item 5.a.2.
- Cross Asset Highway and Bridge Evaluation and Prioritization Tool: This project has been put on the backburner as we consider options to rework the RFQ and whether or not to reissue. Staff received a presentation from Decision Lens on their tool to facilitate decision making based on priorities and tradeoffs. They indicated that they were not aware of the RFQ we had previously issued and likely would have responded if they were.
- Livingston County Human Services Trip Planning Website: The project is essentially complete. GTC staff will coordinate with Livingston County on a closeout presentation at a future meeting.
- Greater Rochester Transportation Management Association Feasibility Plan: Staff discussed the project with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce on July 30. Our intention is to refine the Scope of Work approved last month and share with the Chamber to incorporate the business sector perspective. Since the idea was first raised at an RMAPI meeting last year, the Chamber has been looking at potential opportunities where a TMA could provide service that meets that better needs of the business community. It was made clear that the intent of the TMA would be to complement public transportation service.

G/FLRPC

Dave Zorn reported:

- Genesee Finger Lakes Region Local Update of Census Addresses 2020: The Census Bureau started sending out address review materials on a rolling basis on July 18. The materials for our region have not been received yet. Once the materials are received, there is a 45-day window to review and respond with any appeals to rejections.
- Regional Land Use Monitoring Report: The 2018 report was presented for closeout at the July 11 meeting.
- Implementing Complete Streets in the G-FL Region: A Guidebook: No activity to report.

Livingston County

Jim Stack reported:

- Livingston County Downtown Wayfinding Master Plan: GTC staff worked with Livingston County to develop an RFP which was released on July 12. Proposals are due August 16.

Monroe County

Rochelle Bell reported:

- Monroe County Land Use Monitoring: The project is being presented for closeout under agenda item 5.b.1.

Tim Frelier reported:

- Monroe County High Accident Location Program: One follow-up study has been performed since the last meeting, which does not change the number of remaining locations. 31 out of 49 locations have been completed to date.
- Monroe County Traffic-Signal/Sign Pole Asset Management: The RFP was released on July 12 and proposals are due on August 9. Staff will meet to review the proposals and select a consultant.

NYS DOT

Joel Kleinberg reported:

- NYS DOT Safety Investigations and Analysis: No activity to report.
- O'Rorke Bridge Operations and Maintenance Analysis and Strategy: Scope of Work to be considered under Agenda item 5.a.3.

Ontario County

Jim Stack reported:

- State Route 332 & Route 96 Sub-Area Study: GTC staff worked with Ontario County to develop an RFP which was released on June 21. Four proposals were received by the July 26 deadline. The consultant selection committee is evaluating the proposals. The committee is meeting on August 14 and will decide if interviews are needed.
- Honeoye Hamlet Active Transportation Study: GTC staff worked with Ontario County to develop an RFP that was released on July 12. Proposals are due August 16.
- Ontario County SR 364/CR 11 Active Transportation Corridor Plan: No new activity to report.

City of Rochester

Erik Frisch reported:

- City of Rochester Comprehensive Access & Mobility Plan: The project is currently on hold pending completion of the city's new Comprehensive Plan, which is currently in its final week of public review. This project served as the basis for the comprehensive plan's transportation chapter.

RGRTA

Eric Farr reported:

- RTS Access Ridership and Facility Evaluation: The project was presented for closeout at the July 11 meeting.
- RTS System Redesign: Plans were approved by the RGRTA board on June 27. RTS is moving forward with implementation targeted for June 2020.
- Mobility Management Implementation Study: The project was presented for closeout at the July 11 meeting.

Seneca County

Jim Stack reported:

- Phase II - Cayuga-Seneca Trail: GTC staff worked with Seneca County to develop an RFP which was released on June 9. Eight proposals were received by the July 12 deadline. The consultant selection committee is evaluating proposals and is meeting on August 14 to identify firms to interview.

Wayne County

Jim Stack reported:

- Wayne County High Accident Location Study: The Scope of Work was approved at the July 11 meeting.
- Ontario Midland Strategic Plan: Data collection is underway.
- Gananda Parkway Pedestrian & Bicycle Active Transportation Plan: GTC staff worked with Wayne County to develop an RFP which was released on July 26. Proposals are due August 30.

Other Agencies

Jim Stack reported:

- Route 390 Multi-Use Trail Restoration and Safety Improvement Study: The Town of Greece has drafted a Scope of Work to be presented at the October meeting.
- Honeoye Falls Circulation, Accessibility, and Parking (CAP) Study: No activity to report.
- Penn Yan Circulation, Accessibility, and Parking (CAP) Study: The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for August 22 where the needs assessment and draft recommendations will be discussed. A second public meeting is anticipated to be scheduled for sometime in October.
- Village of Avon Circulation, Accessibility & Parking: GTC staff worked with the Village of Avon to develop an RFP which was released on July 8. Proposals are due August 16.
- Mt. Morris-Leicester Route 36 Corridor Study: GTC staff is working with the project stakeholders on the RFP. A first draft was distributed for review on July 24 and comments are being incorporated. The RFP will likely be released this month.

- Uptown Canandaigua Mixed-Use & Transportation Corridor Feasibility Study: The project was accepted by the GTC Board at its June 13, 2019 meeting.
- Pittsford Active Transportation Plan: The project was accepted by the GTC Board at its March 7, 2019 meeting.
- Geneseo Active Transportation Plan: The first public meeting was held July 13 to piggyback on the Rotary Festival. On July 17, a draft existing conditions report was provided for staff review. The consultant is addressing staff comments before sending to the full steering committee.
- Sodus Point Active Transportation Plan: Trail cameras have been placed as part of the data collection effort.
- Maple Ridge Corridor Study: On August 6, the consultant provided the Steering Committee with a Technical Memo detailing the draft Recommendations reflecting public comment. Seeking comments from the Steering Committee by August 14.
- Middle Cheshire Road & Health Care Services Corridor Active Transportation Plan: GTC staff worked with the Town of Canandaigua to develop an RFP which was released on June 21. Five proposals were received by July 26 deadline. The consultant evaluation process is underway.

b. Any Other Old Business or Announcements

Jim Stack provided the following report:

Carlos Gonzalez recently joined the New York Division office of FHWA as a Community Planner. Carlos has worked in various capacities within USDOT. He most recently worked for FHWA in Atlanta. He has been designated as the liaison to GTC. He drove into Rochester yesterday so I was able to show him some of our more interesting transportation projects like the Diverging Diamond Interchange in Brighton and the Inner Loop project downtown.

Federal Legislative and Funding Update

I previously noted that the Senate Environment and Public Works or EPW Committee was working on a bipartisan effort to establish five-year Surface Transportation Authorization. They met their goal and released a bill prior to the scheduled August recess. Please keep in mind that the EPW Committee only has purview over highway and highway safety provisions.

America's Transportation Infrastructure Act, or ATIA, of 2019 was released on July 29. The bill passed unanimously on July 30 and was reported out of Committee. The Association of MPOs has provided a brief analysis. Highlights include:

- The bill would repeal the \$7.6 billion FAST Act rescission scheduled for July 1, 2020;
- Provides \$287 billion in contract authority for highway programs which is 27 percent higher than the FAST Act;
- Maintains the formula for distributing funds to states and guarantees a return of at least 95 percent of what each state paid into the Highway Trust Fund;

- Provides for revenue escalation of at least 2 percent over FAST Act levels in FFY 2020 and 1 percent over the prior year of ATIA;
- Increases funding for the National Highway Performance Program or NHPP from \$24.2 billion in FFY 2020 (FAST Act) to \$27.2 billion in FFY 2021 (ATIA) growing to \$29.5 billion in FFY 2025 with flexibility to use up to 15 percent of funds to address resiliency;
- Increases funding for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program or STPBG from \$11.3 billion in FFY 2020 (FAST Act) to \$12 Billion in FFY 2021 (ATIA) growing to \$13 billion in FFY 2025;
- Establishes a new Bridge Investment Program to rehabilitate or replace structurally deficient bridges. The ATIA authorizes \$600 million in FFY 2021 rising to \$700 million in FFY 2025. The funding would come from the General Fund and is, therefore, subject to the annual appropriations process;
- Establishes a competitive grant program to support Charging and Fueling infrastructure to support the use of alternative fuels. The ATIA provides \$100 million in FFY 2021 rising to \$300 million in FFY 2025;
- Establishes the Carbon Reduction Performance Program to encourage reduced carbon emissions. The program will average \$600 million per year distributed to states proportional to total apportionments for each year;
- Establishes the PROTECT Grants program to provide both formula and competitive grants to help improve the resiliency of transportation infrastructure. The formula program is \$786 million per year while the competitive grant program is \$200 million per year. The program is available for highway, transit, and planning projects; and
- Establishes the Formula Safety Incentive Program to expand and incentivize investments in transportation safety projects. The program provides both formula and competitive grants. The formula program is \$500 million per year while the competitive grant program is \$100 million per year.

Keep in mind, the EPW Committee only has purview over highway and highway safety provisions. Another Senate committee is responsible for public transportation. The Senate Finance Committee is responsible for identifying the funding to pay for what these committees develop. The ATIA is not paid for.

The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee is expected to release their own transportation bill sometime next year. Any differences between the Senate and House bills will need to be reconciled through a conference committee.

FFY 2020 Appropriations

Congress and the Administration announced a budget agreement on July 30 which means the FFY 2020 Appropriations can move forward. Given the need to pass twelve different Appropriations, it is not likely a reauthorization will be finalized before the end of the year.

Todd Gadd asked if a summary of Jim's report was available. Jim replied in the affirmative and noted that his comments would be included in the meeting minutes.

5. Action Items

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

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 5.a.1 through 5.a.3 into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

1. 5902 – I-490 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Plan

Joe Bovenzi presented the Scope of Work and discussed the project.

2. 7703 – Transportation Impacts on Economic Development in the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) Area.

Joe Bovenzi presented the Scope of Work and discussed the project.

3. 7951 – O’Rorke Bridge Operations and Maintenance Analysis and Strategy

Joe Bovenzi presented the Scope of Work and discussed the project.

Kevin Rooney made a motion to approve the UPWP Project Scopes of Work for Tasks 5902, 7703, and 7951; Rochelle Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

b. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **accepting reports as evidence of completion of a UPWP Task**

1. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **accepting the *Monroe County Land Use Monitoring Report (2018)* as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 4210** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-62 (Monroe County)

Patrick Gooch presented the executive summary of the project. He reviewed the process used to generate the report and discussed coordination efforts with G/FLRPC. The purpose of this report is to provide information on building permits by type, size, and value to identify areas of growth within Monroe County that may, as a result, require increased transportation planning and services. He explained that this report includes the same information as previous years’ reports, but that it has been expanded to include additional analysis and information of interest to stakeholders.

Erik Frisch made a motion to recommend that the GTC Board adopt proposed Resolution 19-62; David Hartman seconded the motion. The motion pass unopposed.

c. Action and recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **modifying and amending the *2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program*** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolutions 19-15 through 19-18 and Proposed Council Resolutions 19-63 through 19-66

GTC staff distributed an addendum to Item 5.c., to also consider proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-26 and proposed Council Resolution 19-72.

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 1 through 4 and item 9 into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

Joel Kleinberg summarized the proposed TIP modifications.

1. Action concerning **modifying the 2017-2020 TIP by increasing the Total Cost of the NY 96 Intersection Improvements at Lynaugh Road project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-15

Kevin Rooney inquired if the requested changes to the project by the Town of Victor, particularly lighting fixtures were considered betterments. Joel Kleinberg responded that they were within the allowed project cost constraints.

2. Action concerning **modifying the 2017-2020 TIP by deferring a phase of the NYSDOT Bridge Deck Preventative Maintenance (15 Locations) project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-16
3. Action concerning **modifying the 2017-2020 TIP by advancing a phase of the Preventive Bridge Maintenance - East Oak Orchard Street project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-17
4. Action concerning **modifying the 2017-2020 TIP by increasing the Total Cost of the Rt 390 Multi-Use Trail project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-18
9. Action concerning **modifying the 2017-2020 TIP by modifying the Ridge Road Multi-Modal Corridor project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-26

John Papponetti made a motion to approve the Planning Committee Resolutions 19-15 through 19-18 and 19-26; Heather Ferrero seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 5 through 8 and item 10 into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

Joel Kleinberg summarized the proposed TIP amendments.

5. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2017-2020 TIP by deleting the Rt 31 over Erie Canal Bridge (West) Rehabilitation project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-63

Todd Gadd inquired about NYSDOT's current plan for the bridge. Joel Kleinberg replied that NYSDOT will seek discretionary funding opportunities or pursue funding in the next TIP.

6. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2017-2020 TIP by increasing the Total Cost of the Route 252 Pavement MbC, Lowenthal Rd to Marketplace Dr project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-64
7. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2017-2020 TIP by increasing the Total Cost of the Regional Traffic Operation Center Operations Staffing (2019) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-65

8. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2017-2020 TIP by deferring phases of the Railroad Crossing Improvement Project at Quaker Rd and Canandaigua Rd project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-66
10. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2017-2020 TIP by adding the I-490 Bridges over Erie Canal and Kreag Rd project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-72

Todd Gadd made a motion to recommend that the GTC Board adopt proposed Resolutions 19-63 through 19-66 and 19-72; Rochelle Bell seconded the motion. The motion pass unopposed.

- d. Action and recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **modifying and amending the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolutions 19-19 through 19-25 and Proposed Council Resolutions 19-67 through 19-71

GTC staff distributed an addendum to Item 5d, to also consider proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-27 and proposed Council Resolution 19-73.

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 1 through 7 and item 13 into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

Joel Kleinberg summarized the proposed TIP modifications.

1. Action concerning **modifying the 2020-2024 TIP by decreasing the Total Cost of the Rt 96, Mitchell Rd to Garnsey Rd project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-19
2. Action concerning **modifying the 2020-2024 TIP by increasing the Total Cost of the Rt 941B (Empire Blvd) Preventive Maintenance project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-20
3. Action concerning **modifying the 2020-2024 TIP by advancing a phase of the phase of the Preventive Bridge Maintenance - East Oak Orchard Street project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-21
4. Action concerning **modifying the 2020-2024 TIP by increasing the Total Cost of the Rt 104, from Monroe CL to Furnace Rd project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-22
5. Action concerning **modifying the 2020-2024 TIP by advancing phases of the Rt 250 over Thomas Creek Bridge Replacement project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-23
6. Action concerning **modifying the 2020-2024 TIP by increasing the Total Cost of the NYSDOT Bridge Deck Preventative Maintenance (9 Locations) project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-24
7. Action concerning **modifying the 2020-2024 TIP by advancing phases of the Pavement Markings projects** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-25

13. Action concerning **modifying the 2020-2024 TIP by modifying phases of the Ridge Road Multi-Modal Corridor project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 19-27

John Paponetti made a motion to approve Planning Committee Resolutions 19-19 through 19-25 and 19-27; Tim Frelier seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 8 through 12 and item 14 into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

Joel Kleinberg summarized the proposed TIP amendments.

8. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2020-2024 TIP by advancing phases of the Park Rd Preventive Maintenance project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-67
9. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2020-2024 TIP by increasing the Federal Share of the I-390, from Rt 251 (Exit 11 - Rush) to I-90 (Exit 12 - Thruway) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-68
10. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2020-2024 TIP by increasing the Total Cost of the Regional Traffic Operation Center Operations Staffing (2020-2024) projects** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-69
11. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2020-2024 TIP by increasing the Total Cost of the Mount Hope Avenue Improvements – Phase 2 project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-70

Erik Frisch provided an update on the revised estimates, including an explanation of the share of the increase that was related specifically to a betterment for replacing a water main.
12. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2020-2024 TIP by adding the Railroad Crossing Improvement Project at Quaker Rd and Canandaigua Rd project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-71
14. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the 2020-2024 TIP by adding the I-490 Bridges over Erie Canal and Kreag Rd project** / Proposed Council Resolution 19-73

Erik Frisch made a motion to recommend that the GTC Board adopt proposed Resolutions 19-67 through 19-71 and 19-73; Joel Kleinberg seconded the motion. The motion pass unopposed.

6. New Business

Joel Kleinberg noted that the end of the Federal Fiscal Year was approaching. Project sponsors must ensure that any phases are programmed during the current FFY be obligated as soon as possible.

7. Public Forum

Nobody from the public spoke during the second Public Forum.

8. Next Meeting:

Scott Leathersich noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2019 at the NYSDOT-Region 4 Office, 1530 Jefferson Road in Henrietta.

All materials for items to be considered at this meeting should be submitted to GTC staff no later than Friday, September 27, 2019.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.