

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 13, 2021  
10:00 a.m.**

*Due to physical distance requirements during the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was conducted online rather than in-person.*

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At Large (Chairperson)  
Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning Board  
Condenssa Brown, Rochester City Council  
Erik Frisch, Rochester – At Large  
Jay Gsell, Genesee / Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council  
Timothy Hens, Genesee County  
Robert Kiley, Monroe County Supervisors' Association  
Dorraine Kirkmire, Rochester City Planning Commission  
Jim Pond, Monroe County Executive  
Craig Prior, Yates County  
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Eric Farr, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, representing Bill Carpenter  
Scott Helser, NYS Thruway Authority, representing Sean Carrington  
Joel Kleinberg, NYS Department of Transportation, representing Chris Reeve  
Jason Wolfanger, Livingston County, representing Angela Ellis

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Uzoma Anukwe, Federal Transit Administration  
Maria Chau, Federal Highway Administration  
Todd Gadd, Wyoming County  
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation  
George Hebert, Monroe County Legislature  
Norman Jones, City of Rochester Mayor  
David Lindsay, Monroe County – At Large  
Evelyn Martinez, Federal Aviation Administration  
John Papponetti, Orleans County  
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County  
William Wright, Ontario County  
Vacant, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Bensley, Orleans County  
Jody Binnix, GTC staff  
Joe Bovenzi, GTC staff  
Tim Cutler, Yates County  
Mike Croce, Bergmann D.P.C.  
Fred Frank, WSP, Inc.  
Tim Freiler, GPI, Inc.  
Alex Kone, GTC staff  
Rusty Korth, RGRTA

Lori Maher, GTC staff  
Thomas Polech, Monroe County  
Darin Ramsay, City of Rochester  
Terry Rice, Barton & Loguidice  
Chris Sichak, Erdmann Anthony, Inc.  
James Stack, GTC staff  
Chris Tortora, GTC staff  
Louise Wadsworth, Livingston County  
Bob Williams, GTC staff

**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

Scott Leathersich, Planning Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Alex Kone conducted a roll call of Committee members and alternates. The names of other attendees were captured from meeting login information.

**2. Public Forum**

Nobody from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Jay Gsell moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2021 Planning Committee meeting; Erik Frisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

**4. Announcements and Old Business**

James Stack announced Dorraine Kirkmire's retirement from the City of Rochester and thanked her for her efforts with the Planning Committee, the UPWP Development Committee and numerous planning studies.

**5. Action Items**

**a) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

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

**a. Task 8553 – On Route Charging Feasibility Study**

Rusty Korth, Vice President of Maintenance for RGRTA, presented the Scope of Work for this project. He reported that the purpose of this project is to study the feasibility of on-route electric bus charging for RGRTA's fixed-route system. This project will inform RGRTA's Zero Emission Master Plan for deploying a zero-emission fleet in accordance with New York State goals. This study will evaluate RGRTA's current fixed-route system and identify potential locations for on-route charging. Each location will be evaluated against several criteria, including but not limited to utility electrical capacity, zoning restrictions, ownership restrictions, costs and physical space requirements, and availability. The project will be managed by a steering committee of key RGRTA staff members. An RFP will be developed to select a consultant to perform the technical work. The final product will be a report that identifies potential electric bus charging locations and the steps necessary to deploy charging infrastructure at these sites.

Jay Gsell asked if improved battery capacity and technology improvements will be considered. Rusty Korth replied that the study will account for a scale of battery densities. He stated that the NYS goal for entirely emissions-free buses by 2035 has made this study even more imperative, noting that no

diesel buses can be purchased after 2024 due to the 12-year estimated usable life of the vehicles.

b. Task 8769 – City of Rochester Active Transportation Master Plan

Darin Ramsey presented the Scope of Work for this project. He reported that multiple objectives of the project, including:

- Update the 2012 Bicycle Plan with specific objectives, policy guidance, and a recommended bike network for all ages and abilities.
- Make recommendations for the implementation of actions listed in the Comprehensive Access and Mobility Plan (CAMP) Bikeable City Report.
- Advance multi-use trail planning as called for in the Rochester 2034 Placemaking Plan.
- Create a Pedestrian Plan to guide pedestrian improvements with an assessment of existing conditions, propose new city policies and procedures, and provide specific guidance for infrastructure improvements.
- Make recommendations for the implementation of Actions listed in the CAMP Walkable City Report.

Jim Pond noted that Monroe County will also be undertaking its own Active Transportation Plan later this year. Rochelle Bell added that the scope of work will be presented to the Planning Committee in July for approval. Darin Ramsey noted that he is coordinating activities with the County and that both studies will be mutually beneficial.

**Jay Gsell motioned to approve the UPWP Project Scopes of Work for Tasks 8553 and 8769; Kevin Rooney seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **accepting reports as evidence of UPWP Tasks**

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 5.a.2.a and 5.a.2.b into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

a. **Livingston County Downtown Wayfinding Master Plan** (UPWP Task 6312) / Proposed Council Resolution 21-16

Louise Wadsworth of Livingston County Economic Development presented the Executive Summary of the Livingston County Downtown Wayfinding Master Plan. She detailed the goals of the Master Plan were to improve navigation throughout the County; support economic development within the County's downtowns; visually connect downtowns and destinations through uniform and consistent signage; and promoting the County's unique assets and destinations. The design and implementation of a wayfinding system will

weave together the nine Villages of Avon, Caledonia, Dansville, Geneseo, Leicester, Lima, Livonia, Mount Morris, and Nunda through a cohesive vehicular and pedestrian signage system, guiding people to Livingston County's unique destinations and promoting tourism, recreation, and economic development.

b. **Lake Ontario State Parkway Transportation Alternatives Feasibility Study (UPWP 7212)/ Proposed Council Resolution 21-22**

Fred Frank of WSP presented the Executive Summary. The purpose of the study was to determine the feasibility of repurposing the eastbound or westbound lanes of approximately 12.7 miles of Lake Ontario State Parkway. The Study was a collaborative effort between GTC, NYSDOT, Orleans County, and stakeholders within the community to identify a balanced, and financially feasible alternative for LOSP. The feasibility of repurposing the roadway to reduce long-term maintenance costs while continuing to address vehicle demand along the corridor was investigated. Public feedback was sought regarding the future of the parkway. Four concepts were developed considering both public feedback and steering committee input, as follows:

Concept 1: Retain Existing Lake Ontario State Parkway

Concept 2: Alternative NYS Route 18 Access to Lakeside Beach State Park

Concept 3: Modify Lake Ontario State Parkway

Concept 4: Conversion of Lake Ontario State Parkway to Two-Lane Parkway

Fred reported that a preferred alternative was not selected. James Stack noted that there was a lack of consensus on the Steering Committee and that the alternatives will be further analyzed in project development.

Scott Leathersich asked if the alternatives were shaped by the sources of potential funding. Fred replied that certain elements such as the gateway treatment or other amenities would be under the purview of NYS Parks.

James Bensley stated that the remote public involvement process worked well for this project. Stakeholders who are seasonal residents and visitors were able to be engaged in the project from other states and Canada.

Jay Gsell asked if the condition of the Parkway added a sense of urgency to the study. Fred noted that the State has an interest in reducing its maintenance costs and that the study provided an understanding of longer-term capital costs of the various alternatives.

**Jay Gsell moved to recommend approval of Resolutions 21-16 and 21-22; Dorraine Kirkmire seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

3. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the FY 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect the contribution of actual FY 2020-2021 rollover amounts** / Proposed Council Resolution 20-23

James Stack reported that the adopted FY 2021-2022 UPWP includes estimated rollover amounts for several projects that were not expected to be completed by March 31, 2021. These estimated rollover amounts were based on actual expenses through the second quarter. Now that the accounting for FY 2020-2021 has been closed out, the budgets for these projects for FY 2021-2022 can be adjusted to reflect actual rollover amounts.

He noted that individual projects for which adjustments between estimated and actual rollover amounts are required are presented in Exhibit 1 of the Resolution. During the last fiscal year, GTC staff expenses were significantly lower than budgeted. While COVID required many new expenses, it also reduced many other expenses. On balance, the savings outweighed the expenditures.

James requested that a portion of the FY 2020-21 savings from the core budget covering staff be segregated into a new Healthcare Contingency task funded at \$100,000. He provided background information that GTC staff enjoys the benefit of participation in health insurance for a large group through its fiscal agent, RGRTA. Several years ago, RGRTA enacted a health insurance plan to partially self-funded with stop loss coverage. He noted that this new Contingency would provide budget relief should a covered person experience extraordinary medical expenses, such as the need for ICU care. If such an instance were to occur, the GTC Executive Director would reach out to the RGRTA Finance Department. Only after concurrence that the medical event, and associated expenses, was extraordinary would the Contingency funds be used. This provides an independent check that using the Contingency is appropriate.

Jay Gsell asked if the new Contingency was recommended as part of a routine audit. James replied that the idea was conceived through an internal review and discussed with the RGRTA Finance Department.

James informed the Planning Committee that, even after funding this proposed Contingency, there was more than \$86,000 available to reprogram. This provides an opportunity to consider funding another UPWP project. As part of the UPWP project solicitation, the Town of Webster submitted a proposal requesting \$90,000 and the Village of Webster submitted a proposal requesting \$108,000. Matt Chatfield from the Webster Economic Development Alliance coordinated the proposals for both projects. James noted that both projects were well received by the UPWP Development Committee (UDC) but there was not enough available funding for either during the initial project solicitation. Either project can be funded with the available balance and a portion of Task 1600 – Program Reserve.

Dorraine Kirkmire recalled UDC discussions that noted the West Webster project had an equity component that was an important consideration. Other members of the UDC were not in attendance at this meeting.

Joel Kleinberg asked if the selection of the preferred project to be funded could be delegated to the UDC. James Stack responded that there is precedent for the Planning Committee to delegate final details of Board recommendations to the respective Development Committee prior to sending meeting materials to the Board. James agreed to coordinate with the UDC.

**Jay Gsell moved to recommend approval of Resolution 21-23 with concurrence from the UDC; Joel Kleinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

Note: Subsequent to this meeting, the UDC deliberated via email. It was learned that the Town of Webster has maintained momentum on the West Webster study and a community forum to conduct a SWOT assessment had already been scheduled. Based on the continued community momentum, the community equity considerations, and the requested budget relative to the available savings, the UDC agreed to recommend the West Webster study be included in the amended UPWP.

#### **b) Transportation Improvement Program**

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

1. Action concerning modifying the *FFYs 2020-2024 TIP*
  - a. **Changing the source of Federal funds for the School St Bridge over Salmon Creek project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 21-9 (GTC on behalf of the Town of Sodus)
  - b. **Increasing the Total Cost of the CR 46 at Smith Road Intersection Improvements project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 21-10 (Ontario County)
  - c. **Deferring phases of the Rt 33A over Erie Canal Replacement (BIN 4443340) project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 21-11 (NYSDOT)
  - d. **Modifying phases of the Rt 15A (E Henrietta Rd), from I-90 (Thruway) to I-390 project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 21-12 (NYSDOT)
  - e. **Deferring a phase of the Rt 414 over CSX Bridge Rehabilitation project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 21-13 (NYSDOT)
  - f. **Modifying phases of the Rt 31, from Monroe CL to V. of Macedon project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 21-14 (NYSDOT)

- g. **Deferring a phase of the Rt 260 (Sweden Walker Rd), from Rt 31 to Rt 104 (W Ridge Rd) project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 21-15 (NYSDOT)
- h. **Increasing the Total Cost of the Rt 5 & US 20 Intersection Improvements project** / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 21-16 (NYSDOT)

Scott asked if any members had questions on any of these projects. There were no questions.

**Kevin Rooney moved to approve Planning Committee Resolutions 21-9 through 21-16; Jay Gsell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 5.b.2.a through 5.b.2.x into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected. He noted that proposed Resolution 21-51 was added to the agenda and was reviewed by the TIP Development Committee.

- 2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the FFYs 2020-2024 TIP
  - a. **Increasing the Total Cost of the Preventive Maintenance – RTS & RTS Access for FFY 2021 project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-24 (RGRTA)
  - b. **Deferring the Replace 40-ft Buses (FY 21/22) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-25 (RGRTA)
  - c. **Decreasing the Total Cost of the Replace 40-ft Buses (FY 22/23) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-26 (RGRTA)
  - d. **Adding the Replace 40-ft Diesel Buses with Electric Buses (FY 21) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-27 (RGRTA)
  - e. **Decreasing the number of vehicles purchased in the Replace Paratransit Buses (FY 21/22) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-28 (RGRTA)
  - f. **Increasing the Total Cost of the Associated Transit Improvements (FFY 2021) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-29 (RGRTA)
  - g. **Adding the Human Resource Management Software Replacement project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-30 (RGRTA)
  - h. **Adding the RTS Access Paratransit Facility project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-31 (RGRTA)
  - i. **Adding non-Federal funds to the Connection Hubs project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-32 (RGRTA)
  - j. **Combining the Rt 104, from Monroe County Line to Furnace Rd Preventive Maintenance and Intersection Improvement projects** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-33 (NYSDOT)

- k. **Changing the project limits of the Bridge Steel Repairs at 40 Locations project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-34 (NYSDOT)
- l. **Deleting the Preventive Maintenance Reserve Block project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-35 (GTC on behalf of NYSDOT)
- m. **Adding the Stones Falls Rd Over Mill Creek Superstructure Replacement project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-36 (Livingston County)
- n. **Adding the County Line Road over Jeddo Creek Bridge Replacement project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-37 (Orleans County)
- o. **Adding the Gananda Pkwy (CR 205a) Preventive Maintenance (Rt 441 to Eddy Rd) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-38 (Wayne County)
- p. **Adding the E Lake Rd (CR 2) Preventive Maintenance (Rt 19A to Rt 39) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-39 (Wyoming County)
- q. **Adding the CR 22 Preventive Maintenance (CR 4 to Rt 21) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-40 (Ontario County)
- r. **Adding the CR 8 Preventive Maintenance (Rt 96 to Wayne CL) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-41 (Ontario County)
- s. **Adding the Monroe County Highway Preventive Maintenance #10 project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-42 (Monroe County)
- t. **Adding the Rt 15 (W Henrietta Rd) Preventive Maintenance from Rt 253 to Rt 252 project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-43 (NYSDOT)
- u. **Adding the I-490 Preventive Maintenance (Garnsey Rd to I-90) project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-44 (NYSDOT)
- v. **Adding the State/Exchange/Ford Preventive Maintenance project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-45 (City of Rochester)
- w. **Adding the Rt 18 at N. Greece Rd Intersection Safety Improvements project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-46 (NYSDOT)
- x. **Changing the Scope of the Rt 390, Lexington Ave to Rt 104 project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-51 (NYSDOT)

Joel Kleinberg explained that this proposed amendment would add bridge rehabilitation to three bridges within the limits of the current preventive maintenance project. Conducting the bridge rehabilitation projects in conjunction with the pavement project is expected to result in project efficiencies, lower overall costs, and less impact to motorist than if they were conducted separately. He added that the additional funds are provided by NYSDOT Main Office and will not affect Planning Targets.

**Jay Gsell moved to recommend approval of Resolutions 21-24 through 21-46 and 21-51; Erik Frisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**



### c) Long Range Transportation Plan

1. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **adopting the *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2045 for Public Review*** / Proposed Council Resolution 20-47

Jody Binnix reported the draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2045 (*L RTP 2045*) for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region had been completed and was posted for a final 30-day public review from April 12 through May 11. GTC utilized the PublicInput.com platform to conduct outreach. Since the initial May 6 mailing to the Planning Committee, GTC received additional public comments by the deadline. These new public comments and GTC staff responses were provided to the Committee presented via the transmittal memo that was sent on May 12.

She noted that during the Public Review period, GTC staff made editorial corrections to the plan – such as fixing typos and adding clarifying statements. Appendix A will include all public comments received from all three rounds of public engagement. The GTC Board is set to adopt the final plan in June.

She added that the NYSDOT Main Office provided extensive comments regarding LRTP 2045 at the close of business on Tuesday, May 11. Comments generally concern the plan's narrative. NYSDOT incorporated feedback they have received from FHWA and FTA through interactions with other MPOs across the state. This feedback is meant to help GTC exceed federal planning objectives. Preliminary certification review findings were highlighted, such as the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)/MPO area boundary distinctions and the increased emphasis establishing on relationships with the Tonawanda Band of Senecas located in Genesee County.

She added that GTC staff are also proposing to create Appendix B. This will provide additional information and clarification regarding the assumptions presented in projections included in the Financial Plan. Additional clarification regarding the distinction between the LRTP 2045 or regional performance measures and National Performance Measures Report will also be provided. This will require changing the narrative in the Evaluating Progress chapter.

Jody provided an overview of proposed changes to the Recommendations, based upon comments received:

Recommendation		Section	Text
AE-12	Transportation Management Association	Importance	TMA's are typically <del>non-profit</del> , member controlled organizations that provide transportation services, <u>such as shuttles or vanpools, to commuters within a defined area in a particular area...</u>
AE-14	Shared Mobility Management	Description	Attempt to minimize system disruption while promoting the availability of new mobility options such as bicycle share, car share, <u>van pool</u> , powered bicycles/scooters, and microtransit
MM-9	Congestion Management Process	Importance	Awareness of the location and causes of recurring congestion enables <del>transportation management agencies to design and implement solutions aimed at minimizing travel delay</del> <u>agencies to implement context-sensitive solutions to enhance user safety while maintaining the capacity of critical travel corridors.</u>
MM-5	Traffic Signal Synchronization	Importance	Traffic signal synchronization <del>allows drivers to move efficiently through a corridor, reducing the number of stops and delay</del> <u>reduces idling while preserving capacity and travel time reliability along critical travel corridors.</u>
ED-8	Interregional Travel Facilities	Description	Support and maintain current interregional travel options. <u>Encourage transfers between all modes, with particular attention to enhancing connections to local transit, active transportation, and rideshare.</u> Promote projects that enhance the traveler's experience within station facilities.

Jody also noted that one regional performance measure will be expanded:

Group	Metric	Benchmark
Access and Equity	Miles of multi-use trails	279 (2020)
	Lane-miles of <del>marked on-street bicycle facilities</del> <u>conventional bicycle lanes</u>	71.6 (2020)
	<u>Buffered bicycle lanes</u>	5.7 (2020)

**Dorraine Kirkmire moved to recommend approval of the *Long Range Transportation Plan 2045* with the noted changes; Jay Gsell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

#### d) Related Activities

1. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the *National Performance Measures Report for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region*** / Proposed Council Resolution 20-48

Jody Binnix reported that the adoption of the new LRTP triggers two federal requirements regarding performance-based planning. LRTP 2045 must include a system performance report that describes the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to required performance targets. In order to meet the reporting requirement, the standalone National Performance Measures Report is incorporated by reference into the LRTP as companion document.

She noted that GTC staff have included the following new sections under each performance measure category:

- On-Going Progress – a description of progress in regard to how the MPO and partners are working towards the achievement the agreed upon targets; and
- LRTP 2045 Alignment – a description of how LRTP 2045 supports the achievement of the agreed upon targets.

In addition, she reported the following updates to the National Performance Measures Report have also been made:

- RGRTA submitted new baseline data to the National Transit Database, therefore the transit asset management data was updated (2019)
- New York State Department of Transportation’s Mid Performance Period Progress Report (2020) also updated the baseline figures for the pavement, bridge, and system performance targets;
- We have since received confirmation that we are not subject to the requirement to set CMAQ targets, as the region meets all current air quality standards. Therefore, the CMAQ Performance Measure Targets have been removed.

Jody reiterated that the previously agreed upon performance measures and targets have not been changed; rather the baseline measures have changed. She noted that the Safety targets are updated annually and NYSDOT will update them this fall. Additionally, RGRTA is anticipating setting Transit Safety measures and targets this July. Subsequently, GTC will need to update the National Performance Measures Report to reflect the changes.

She added that having the National Performance Measures Report as Companion document to the Long Range Plan fulfills federal regulations and will continue to allow GTC to quickly respond to changes in performance targets established by NYSDOT and RGRTA without having to amend the LRTP in the interim years.

**Jay Gsell moved to recommend approval of the *National Performance Measures Report for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region*; Joel Kleinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **adopting the *Transportation Conformity Determination for the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2045 and 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program*** / Proposed Council Resolution 20-49

Alex Kone reported that updating the Transportation Conformity Statement is triggered with the adoption of *LRTP 2045*. He noted that the Rochester MSA is in non-attainment for 1997 ozone standard, per a legal judgement involving the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and that conformity determinations have been required again since 2019. The most recent Statement was adopted in that year concurrent with the adoption of the *FFYs 2020-2024 TIP*.

He noted that the Statement has been updated and was made available for 30-day public comment in conjunction with *LRTP 2045*. No comments were received. Following Board approval, the Statement will then be submitted to FHWA and FTA who are responsible for issuing the official Conformity Determination.

Jay Gsell asked if the Rochester MSA is in attainment for the current EPA standard. Alex Kone provided a chart showing that the 4<sup>th</sup> highest ozone 8-hour averages from 2005-2020, illustrating that the region has been in continuous improvement over that period and remains significantly below the current standard of 70 parts per billion.

**Jay Gsell moved to recommend approval of Resolution 20-49; Erik Frisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

3. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **changing the Functional Classification of Dunbar Road in the Town of Attica, Wyoming County /** Proposed Council Resolution 20-50

Alex Kone reported that Wyoming County has requested changes to the Functional Classification system in addition to those that were previously approved by the Board in February through Resolution 21-14. That change had requested a change in Classification for CR 31 (Exchange Street) from Meadow Lane to Dunbar Road from Rural Minor Collector to Rural Major Collector. Subsequent to the GTC Board action, the NYSDOT Highway Data Services Bureau proposed an additional change on Dunbar Road to connect Rural Major Collector corridor at Route 98. The other change to CR 31 would establish a single classification from south of Dunbar Road to the terminus at Buffalo Road in the Town of Orangeville.

**Kevin Rooney moved to recommend approval of Resolution 20-50; Jay Gsell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

## 6. Reports

### a) Status of UPWP Projects

*GTC* - Jim Stack reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: Staff is staying informed of the Biden Administration and Congressional negotiations on an infrastructure stimulus program and new surface transportation legislation to succeed the FAST Act. Member designated projects are being solicited for both the FFY 2022 Appropriations and the new surface transportation legislation.
- Long Range Transportation Plan Update/Implementation: The LRTP was discussed under Item 5.c.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Scenario Tool: Work session for Genesee County pilot held April 14. One highlight is the impact of a full build-out of the STAMP project.
- I-490 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Plan: The Consultant provided a draft Alternatives memo to GTC staff for initial review before going to the full Steering Committee. Staff provided extensive comments. Consultant has revised the memo and maps for distribution to the Steering Committee.
- Travel Time Data Collection Program: The RGRTA/GTCS, Inc. Board granted authorization to enter into a multi-year agreement at its May 6 meeting.
- Lake Ontario State Parkway Lane Transportation Alternatives Feasibility Study: This project was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item 5.a.2.b.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Performance Measurement Monitoring & Evaluation System: A contract was fully executed on May 3. The first Steering Committee/project kickoff meeting is scheduled for May 17.
- Cross Asset Highway and Bridge Evaluation and Prioritization Tool: No new activity

*G/FLRPC* – Jay Gsell and Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Regional Land Use Monitoring – Data collection is on-going.
- Implementing Complete Streets in the G-FL Region; A Guidebook: There is an opportunity for a second community to develop a local policy.
- Regional Fleet Electrification Study: The City of Rochester, RGRTA, and Fairport Electric are each providing fleet usage information.

*Livingston County* – Jim Stack and Bob Williams reported:

- Livingston County Downtown Wayfinding Master Plan: This project was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item 5.a.2.a.
- Livingston County Mobility Management Strategy: The project advisory committee reviewed the summary recommendations matrix. Peer counties will continue to be identified for additional recommendations.

*Monroe County* – Rochelle Bell and Jim Pond reported:

- Land Use Monitoring: Follow up requests and data collection is on-going.
- Monroe County High Accident Location Program: Two additional locations have been completed, totaling nineteen of the twenty-eight locations for 2020-2021. Five more will be completed. Updated network screening was completed resulting in the removal of four locations from the 2020-2021 list due to improved conditions and the addition of thirty-four locations for the 2021-2022 list.
- Monroe County Traffic-Signal/Sign Pole Asset Management: Data collection on the assets has begun and will continue through the summer.

*NYS DOT* – Joel Kleinberg reported:

- O'Rourke Bridge Operations and Maintenance Analysis and Strategy: This project was presented for closeout to the Planning Committee on April 8 and was recommended for acceptance by the Board.
- Ramp Reconfiguration Study: The second Steering Committee meeting has been scheduled for May 18 to review draft inventory. Joe Bovenzi and Joel Kleinberg held a coordination call with Mike Croce and Thomas Detrie from Bergmann to discuss agenda and presentation for the meeting.

*Ontario County* – Jody Binnix reported:

- State Route 332 & Route 96 Sub-Area Study: The consultant has addressed comments and provided a Final Draft to the Steering Committee May 12.

*City of Rochester* – Erik Frisch reported:

- West Main Street Multimodal Transportation and Placemaking Study: The steering committee held its sixth meeting. The draft existing conditions and corridor concepts are being produced.

*RGRTA* - Eric Farr reported:

- RTS System Redesign: The new launch date for Reimagine RTS has been announced for May 17<sup>th</sup>. The mobile app for RTS On-Demand is being field tested.

*Wayne County* – Kevin Rooney and Jody Binnix reported:

- Wayne County High Accident Location Study: This project was presented for closeout to the Planning Committee on April 8 and was recommended for acceptance by the Board.
- Ontario Midland Strategic Plan: A draft report and recommendations were provided to GTC and Wayne County staffs for initial review ahead of a May 18 Steering Committee meeting.

*Other Agencies* – GTC staff reported:

- Route 390 Multi-Use Trail Restoration and Safety Improvement Study: This project was presented for closeout to the Planning Committee on April 8 and was recommended for acceptance by the Board.
- Village of Waterloo Circulation, Accessibility and Parking (CAP) Study: Existing Conditions inventory/report has been completed and provided to the Project Advisory Committee review on April 23.
- Village of Perry Transportation Safety and Access Study: The first steering committee has been scheduled for May 24.
- Mt. Morris-Leicester Route 36 Corridor Study: This project was presented for closeout to the Planning Committee on April 8 and was recommended for acceptance by the Board.
- Beh Industrial Park Traffic Optimization Study: A project Public Participation Plan has been developed and the team will move ahead with using GTC's publicinput.com platform. The second Steering Committee meeting was held May 12 to review the first technical memo focused on the Inventory of Existing Conditions.
- Canandaigua Waterfront Active Transportation Plan: The consultant provided an Existing Conditions document to the Steering Committee on April 8. The consultant met with NYSDOT Region 4 Traffic & Safety to review Alternatives concepts to gain first impressions and look for any red flags. Steering Committee met on April 30 to review Alternatives concepts and gain initial feedback.
- Gananda Parkway Pedestrian & Bicycle Active Transportation Plan: This project was presented for closeout to the Planning Committee on April 8 and was recommended for acceptance by the Board.
- Middle Cheshire Road & Health Care Services Corridor Active Transportation Plan: This project was presented for closeout to the Planning Committee on April 8 and was recommended for acceptance by the Board.

*Completed Projects:*

- Phase II - Cayuga-Seneca Trail
- NYSDOT Safety Investigations and Analysis
- Vulnerable Users Safety Assessment Program Phases 1 & 2
- Village of Avon Circulation, Accessibility & Parking
- Rochester Comprehensive Access & Mobility Plan
- Honeoye Hamlet Active Transportation Study

**b) TIP Staff Modifications**

Alex Kone reported that since the previous Planning Committee meeting that there were two Staff Modifications:

- Add New Non-Federal Funding - CR 62 (Bronson Hill Rd) Rehabilitation (Livingston County)
- Add New Non-Federal Funding - Genesee Street Reconstruction project (City of Rochester)

**c) Status of *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2045***

The update was provided in conjunction with Item 5.c.1.

**d) Federal Legislative and Funding Update**

*MUTCD Update*

Alex Kone reported that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is soliciting comments on the update to the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways* (MUTCD). The NYS Association of MPOs has developed a fact sheet that provides a concise overview of many of the proposed changes.

*Funding Update*

James Stack reported that NYSDOT is still awaiting guidance from USDOT regarding the use and distribution of the Supplement Appropriations and Coronavirus Relief funds. As previously noted, some of the funds are specific to bridges and other funds are specific to Large Urban areas. Once we have sufficient guidance, staff will work with NYSDOT-Region 4 and the TDC to identify TIP projects to take advantage of new funding.

He noted that Congress has initiated development of a new Surface Transportation Legislation to replace the FAST Act. The new legislation will have Member Designated Projects, formerly referred to as earmarks. GTC staff provided several project sponsors with letters indicating how the project advances the LRTP and provide assurance that funded projects will be considered for inclusion in the TIP at the first opportunity. The projects submitted by various Representatives are shown on the slides.



He added that, on April 12, the FHWA released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE, Grant Program. This program was formerly known as BUILD and TIGER. He requested that potential applicants reach out to him so GTC staff can be of assistance.

**e) Other GTC matters**

There were no other matters to report.

**f) Public Engagement Highlights**

Lori Maher reported there were two new and ongoing public involvement opportunities in the region in the month of May. These included both GTC-led initiatives and local agency projects. She requested that project sponsors keep her informed of any additional public input opportunities so that GTC staff can support promotion of them.

**g) Member Agency and Partner Updates**

Joel Kleinberg reported that Frank DiCostanzo is retiring from NYSDOT-Region 4.

Kevin Rooney reported that Todd Gadd has resigned from Wyoming County effective at the end of this month.

**7. New Business**

*Active Transportation Advisory Committee*

James Stack reported that he had recently been approached by Mitch Gruber of the Rochester City Council and John Baynes of the Monroe County Legislature to establish an Active Transportation Advisory Committee made up of both of them as well as a diverse group of stakeholders. The intention would be to weigh in on various GTC efforts with an Active Transportation perspective. He noted that there have been similar requests from bicycle advocacy groups.

Jim added that he was also interested in looking at the potential for some type of Community Advisory Committee. There is the potential for one committee to take on several roles or separate committees based on topics. He planned to explore what, if any, similar committees other MPOs along the Thruway have established.

He requested input from the Planning Committee to further refine the proposed committee scope. Jay Gsell requested that the outline provided by Council Member Gruber and County Legislator Baynes be provided to the Planning Committee. Scott Leathersich asked Jim about in which aspects of planning the two officials were interested. He replied that they were focused upon providing Complete Streets guidance to local jurisdictions and providing input on projects in the TIP before the design phases.

TIP Administrative Modification

Joel Kleinberg noted that during the meeting, he had received a request from the FHWA, which is directly managing the Rt 63 Federal Lands Access Program project through the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (TIP # H17-38-GN2, PIN 406353), to change the funding source. Alex Kone noted that this would be an administrative modification that would require only Planning Committee approval. Joel Kleinberg requested that the Planning Committee approve the change, pending concurrence of the final details by the TIP Development Committee.

**Jay Gsell moved to recommend approval of Planning Committee Resolution 21-17 pending TDC concurrence; Kevin Rooney seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

Note: subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that action can wait until the next Planning Committee meeting and the request can follow the typical process. Therefore, no additional action was taken on this request.

**8. Public Forum**

Nobody from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

**9. Next Meeting**

Scott Leathersich noted that the next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2021 online.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.