

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Livingston County Highway Department
4389 Gypsy Lane, Mount Morris
and via PublicInput.com**

**February 10, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At-Large (Chairperson)
Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning Board
Devin Blue, Wyoming County
Angela Ellis, Livingston County (Vice-Chairperson)
Dominic Fekete, City of Rochester – At-Large
Tom Frys, Monroe County Executive
Paul Gavin, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
Kevin Kelley, Rochester City Planning Commission
David Lindsay, Monroe County – At-Large
Tsakhirmaa Nyamaa, NYS Thruway Authority
John Papponetti, Orleans County
Craig Prior, Yates County
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County
James Smith, Rochester City Council

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Holly Barrett, City of Rochester, representing Rich Perrin
Tim Cutler, Yates County, representing Craig Prior
Chris Day, Ontario County, representing William Wright
Eric Farr, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, representing Bill Carpenter
Joel Kleinberg, NYS Department of Transportation, representing Chris Reeve
Laura Wadhams, Genesee County, representing Timothy Hens

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Uzoma Anukwe, Federal Transit Administration
Maria Chau, Federal Highway Administration
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation
George Hebert, Monroe County Legislature
Evelyn Martinez, Federal Aviation Administration
Vacant, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Vacant, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jody Binnix, GTC staff
James Bragg, Wyoming County
Joe Bovenzi, GTC staff
Alex Kone, GTC staff
Lori Maher, GTC staff

Rick Papaj, Ravi Engineering, P.C.
James Stack, GTC staff
Chris Tortora, GTC staff
Zac Cracknell, Livingston County

1. **Call to Order & Introductions**

Scott Leathersich, Planning Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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**

Kevin Rooney moved to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2022 Planning Committee meeting; Tom Fry's seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. **Announcements and Old Business**

James Stack announced the following updated designations to the Planning Committee:

- Rich Perrin, Member for City of Rochester Mayor
- Holly Barrett, Alternate for City of Rochester Mayor
- James Smith, Member for City of Rochester Council
- Dominic Fekete, Member for City of Rochester – At Large
- Tsakhirmaa Nyamaa, Member for NYS Thruway Authority

5. **Action Items**

a) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

1. Approve the **Draft FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program for Public Review**

Jody Binnix reported that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the program of federally funded transportation planning activities to be undertaken by GTC staff, its member agencies, and other jurisdictions in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region. The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 UPWP will support planning activities for the period beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023. Projects included in the current UPWP that are not complete as of March 31, 2022 will be rolled over into the FY 2022-2023 UPWP. She expressed her appreciation to the members of the UPWP Development Committee that helped to evaluate and recommend a program of projects that will provide for significant transportation planning activities.

She noted that the full draft was presented in January for consideration and approval for a 30-day public review. The public review period was conducted from January 10th through February 8th. The UPWP public review was conducted

using the PublicInput.com platform. Public comments received by February 3rd were included in the mailing of the Planning Committee's meeting package.

The draft UPWP was also provided to NYSDOT Main Office, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration for review and concurrence that it satisfied the requirements of the Metropolitan Planning Rule.

Jody reported that, on the evening prior to the meeting, an email was sent to Planning Committee members and alternates that contained the comments received from Reconnect Rochester, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the New York State Department of Transportation Planning Bureau after distribution of the meeting package. At this time, GTC staff are not recommending any changes to the projects included in the draft UPWP based on the public and agency comments received. GTC staff will be editing the UPWP for clarification regarding our intentions based on the comments from the federal partners. These edits will not create any substantial changes to the draft UPWP program as presented.

She requested Planning Committee concurrence with this approach and added that GTC staff would make clarifying edits to the UPWP document ahead of sending the UPWP to the GTC Board for consideration at their February 24 meeting.

John Papponetti moved to recommend adoption of the Draft *FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program*; Tom Frys seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

b) Transportation Improvement Program

1. Action concerning modifying the *FFYs 2020-2024 TIP*
 - a. Increasing the Total Cost of the Yates Carlton Townline Road over Johnson Creek Bridge Replacement project / Planning Committee Resolution 22-1 (Orleans County)
 - b. Increasing the Total Cost of the Highway Preventive Maintenance #9 project / Planning Committee Resolution 22-2 (Monroe County)
 - c. Changing a fund source of the I-490 over the Erie Canal and Kreag Rd project / Planning Committee Resolution 22-3 (NYSDOT)
 - d. Adding phases to the Rt 260 from Rt 31 to Rt 104 & Rt 31 from Transit Way to west of Salmon Creek Preventive Maintenance project / Planning Committee Resolution 22-4 (NYSDOT)
 - e. Advancing phases of the E Lake Rd (CR 2) Preventive Maintenance (Rt 19A to Rt 39) project / Planning Committee Resolution 22-5 (NYSDOT)
 - f. Modifying the *2020-2024 TIP* by changing a fund source of the Rt 250, from Rt 96 to Rt 31 project / Planning Committee Resolution 22-6 (NYSDOT)

Scott Leathersich noted that modifications included in Planning Committee Resolutions 22-1 through 22-5 were reviewed by the TIP Development Committee.

Alex Kone reported that Planning Committee Resolution 22-6 was distributed as an addendum to the agenda prior to the meeting, per the request of the NYSDOT. The modifications would add a non-participating share to the project and change the source of Federal funds to a more restrictive fund source. He noted that all other projects funded through the Surface Transportation Block Grant – Large Urban program in FFY 2022 have already been obligated or amended.

Angela Ellis moved to approve Planning Committee Resolutions 22-1 through 22-6; Holly Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *FFYs 2020-2024 TIP*
 - a. Advancing phases of the CR 31 (Exchange St) Preventive Maintenance project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-4 (Wyoming County)
 - b. Splitting the Pavement Markings for 2023 & 2024 project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-5 (NYSDOT)
 - c. Splitting the Pavement Markings for 2025 & 2026 project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-6 (NYSDOT)
 - d. Adding the Pavement Markings for 2024 (Westside) project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-7 (NYSDOT)
 - e. Adding the Pavement Markings for 2026 (Westside) project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-8 (NYSDOT)
 - f. Changing the project limits of the Rt 5/US 20 from RR Bridge to Seneca CL project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-9 (NYSDOT)
 - g. Changing the project limits of the I-390 Overhead Sign Structure Replacement project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-11 (NYSDOT)
 - h. Adding the BRIDGE NY projects / Proposed Council Resolution 22-12 (NYSDOT)
 - i. Adding the I-490 over Genesee River Bridge Rehabilitation / Proposed Council Resolution 22-13 (NYSDOT)

Scott Leathersich noted that the amendments included in proposed Resolutions 22-4 through 22-12 were reviewed by the TIP Development Committee.

Alex Kone reported that updated phase costs for the BRIDGE NY projects (Resolution 22-12) were made available following the agenda distribution and were shown on the presentation slides.

Joel Kleinberg requested Planning Committee consideration of proposed Council Resolution 22-13. He reported that NYSDOT-Region 4 was informed just the day before about the selection of the I-490 over Genesee River Bridge Rehabilitation for National Highway Freight Funds by NYSDOT Main Office. He noted that the project, which was previously submitted for the TIP, was located on the National Highway Freight Network and was eligible for the funds.

Kevin Rooney moved to recommend approval of proposed Resolutions 22-4 through 22-13; Chris Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

c) Long Range Transportation Plan

(No Action Items)

d) Related Activities

(No Action Items)

6. Reports

a) Status of UPWP Projects

GTC - Jim Stack reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law apportionments were released on December 15; we are waiting for NYSDOT Main Office to distribute new TIP funding Planning Targets based on these apportionments for programming the next TIP. Staff are staying informed of the forthcoming rulemaking related to new and existing programs.
- Long Range Transportation Plan Update/Implementation: No activity to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Scenario Tool: Final reports are under development. Project is expected to be presented for closeout in April.
- Travel Time Data Collection Program: No activity to report.
- Rt. 96 over Rt. 14 Strategic Divestment Analysis: Staff is working to finalize the RFP for release this month.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Performance Measurement Monitoring & Evaluation System: A project coordination call was held January 26. Testing has been deferred until March to allow for concurrent database and dashboard development.
- Cross Asset Highway and Bridge Evaluation and Prioritization Tool: Staff is compiling data inventory and other supporting background materials for RFP.

G/FLRPC – Paul Gavin reported:

- Regional Land Use Monitoring (2021): Staff distributed survey forms at the end of December. Currently, they are collecting data and harmonizing data across jurisdictions.

- Implementing Complete Streets in the G-FL Region; A Guidebook: The Guidebook is complete and consultation with the Village of Perry is ongoing.
- Regional Fleet Electrification Study: Staff are developing the final report and executive summary based upon the data collection.

Monroe County – Rochelle Bell and Tom Frys reported:

- Land Use Monitoring: Staff are currently processing the 2021 data from local jurisdictions.
- Monroe County High Accident Location Program: 14 of 36 locations are complete for the 2021 list. 3 are in progress. The City of Rochester will implement recommendations at the North Clinton Avenue and Upper Falls Boulevard intersection.
- Monroe County Comprehensive Active Transportation Plan – A kick-off meeting with the consultant team will be held next week.

NYS DOT – Joel Kleinberg and Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Regional Traffic Operations Center (RTOC) Strategic Plan: Three consultant proposals were received by January 21st.
- Ramp Reconfiguration Study: The final draft report was received from the consultant and discussed at a Technical Advisory Committee meeting on January 28th. The project will close out at the April meeting.

Ontario County – Jody Binnix report:

- Ontario County Freight Rail Corridor Development Plan - Area 2: Ontario County continues to develop the Scope of Work for Planning Committee consideration

City of Rochester – Holly Barrett reported:

- West Main Street Multimodal Transportation and Placemaking Study: The project was recommended for approval by the GTC Board at its February 24 meeting. The City will implement some improvements as part of a State Touring Route-funded project
- City of Rochester Active Transportation Master Plan: A preferred firm, Toole Design Group, was selected.

RGRTA – Eric Farr reported:

- RTS System Redesign: Staff are reviewing ridership data to determine potential route revisions in April.
- Rural Village and City Local Route Study: A preferred vendor has been selected. A contract is expected to be awarded in March by the RGRTA Board.
- On Route Charging Feasibility Study: A list of potential charging locations is being screened based upon multiple weighted criteria.

Other Agencies – GTC staff reported:

- Village of Waterloo Circulation, Accessibility and Parking (CAP) Study: The project was recommended for approval by the GTC Board at its February 24 meeting.
- Village of Perry Transportation Safety and Access Study: The final Project Advisory Committee meeting was held on February 1. Final reports are under development. The project is expected to be presented for closeout in April.
- Victor Street Connectivity and Access Plan: A Needs Assessment memo was distributed on January 31 for steering committee review. The steering committee is scheduled to meet to discuss the Needs Assessment on February 15.
- Beh Industrial Park Traffic Optimization Study: The second public meeting was held January 20. The consultant will work through the steering committee to finalize the project. The project is expected to be presented for closeout in April.
- West Webster Hamlet Revitalization Plan: A preferred consultant was selected. GTC staff worked with the Town arrange for the local match and the consultant to finalize the contract. Contract execution is imminent.

Completed Projects:

- I-490 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Plan
- Wayne County High Accident Locations Program
- Livingston County Downtown Wayfinding Master Plan
- Route 390 Multi-Use Trail Restoration and Safety Improvement Study
- Lake Ontario State Parkway Transportation Alternative Feasibility Study
- State Route 332 & Route 96 Sub-Area Study
- Mt. Morris-Leicester Route 36 Corridor Study
- Monroe County Traffic-Signal/Sign Pole Asset Management
- O'Rorke Bridge Operations and Maintenance Analysis and Strategy
- Canandaigua Waterfront Active Transportation Plan
- Livingston County Mobility Management Strategy
- Ontario Midland Strategic Plan
- Gananda Parkway Pedestrian & Bicycle Active Transportation Plan
- Middle Cheshire Road & Health Care Services Corridor Active Transportation Plan

b) TIP Staff Modifications

Alex Kone reported that since the last Planning Committee meeting that there were three projects modified:

Add non-Federal Funds

- Rt 96 from Ontario CL to Garnsey Rd Preventive Maintenance (NYSDOT)

- Rt 414 over CSX Bridge Rehabilitation (NYSDOT)
- Rt 15A from NYS Thruway to I-390 Preventive Maintenance (NYSDOT)

c) Federal Legislative and Funding Update

James Stack reported that an announcement for the USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program was distributed to jurisdictions and regional partners. He noted that staff are developing an information portal to keep a single list of current funding opportunities.

He reported that Congress passed, and the President signed, a third Continuing Resolution to fund federal government operations through March 11. He noted that a shortcoming of a Continuing Resolution is that it provides funding at the prior year's level and that only existing programs are funded, not the new programs included under the BIL.

d) Other GTC matters

James Stack reported that the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement call for projects deadline is February 16. An extension is expected due to necessary coordination with NYSDOT Main Office and will be confirmed via email to all applicants.

e) Public Engagement Highlights

Lori Maher reported there were two new and ongoing public involvement opportunities in the region in the months of January and February, including the UPWP public comment period.

f) Member Agency and Partner Updates

Lori Maher reported NYSDOT sent mass email campaigns to stakeholders regarding three highway projects slated to begin construction phase this summer.

Paul Gavin reported that G/FLRPC is hosting a Summit on Rural Economic Development in Seneca Falls on March 3.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Public Forum

Lori Maher reported that Dave Nagel, through Public Input, asked, "Are there any plans to build a roundabout at the intersection of Routes 63 and 36 in Greigsville? If not, how might a project like this move forward? Thanks for any info you could provide."

James Stack noted that GTC staff will forward the question onto NYSDOT-Region 4 staff for a reply since they are the facility owner.

9. Next Meeting

Scott Leathersich noted that the next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.