

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Committee Members and Alternates
FROM: James Stack, Executive Director JS
DATE: October 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 23-17 (Modifying the *2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program* to reflect the reprogramming the source of federal funds on Task 6533 – Joseph Avenue ArtWalk Master Plan from FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds to the Complete Streets Planning Set-Aside with the offset provided from the amount allocated to Task 5540 – Complete Streets Program)

GTC staff is requesting a modification to the *FY 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP) for Planning Committee consideration.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), is the current federal surface transportation authorization that was signed into law on November 15, 2021. The IIJA (§ 11206; 23 U.S.C. 134) established a new requirement to dedicate a minimum of 2.5% of the FHWA-PL funds to Complete Streets Planning. These funds are formally referred to as “funding for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options” segregated and managed through Task 5540. In April 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released implementation guidance regarding project eligibility for use of the Complete Streets set-aside.

GTC staff identified Task 6533 – Joseph Avenue ArtWalk Master Plan as a potential eligible project based on the implementation guidance issued by FHWA. Project eligibility has been confirmed by NYSDOT Main Office and the FHWA New York Division office.

The requested modification changes the source of federal funds in the amount of \$65,000 for Task 6533 – Joseph Avenue Artwalk Master Plan. Task 6533 is currently funded with traditional FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds. Task 6533 is proposed to be funded with the set aside for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options. Following approval by the Planning Committee, the \$65,000 in traditional PL funds programed to Task 6533 – Joseph Avenue ArtWalk Master Plan will be made available for the active 2024-2025 UPWP project solicitation.

GTC staff will continue to review future UPWP studies for eligibility regarding the use of the Complete Streets set-aside.

The following items are provided for your consideration:

- 1. Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 23-17** (Modifying the *2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program* to reflect the reprogramming the source of federal funds on Task 6533 – Joseph Avenue ArtWalk Master Plan from FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds to the Complete Streets Planning Set-Aside with the offset provided from the amount allocated to Task 5540 – Complete Streets Program)

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Recommended Action:

Approve proposed Planning Committee Resolution 23-17.

GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-17 Modifying the 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect the reprogramming the source of federal funds on Task 6533 – Joseph Avenue ArtWalk Master Plan from FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds to the Complete Streets Planning Set-Aside with the offset provided from the amount allocated to Task 5540 – Complete Streets Program

WHEREAS,

1. The *FY 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP) includes Task 5540 Complete Streets Program and Task 6533 Joseph Avenue ArtWalk Master Plan;
2. Task 6533 was originally funded with \$65,000 of FHWA PL funds;
3. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established a new requirement to dedicate a minimum of 2.5% of the FHWA-PL funds to Complete Streets Planning (§ 11206; 23 U.S.C. 134);
4. These Set-Aside funds are formally referred to as “funding for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options”;
5. Task 6533 has been approved by FHWA New York Division as an eligible activity under Task 5540 Complete Street Program;
6. Task 5540 currently has sufficient FHWA PL funds to reprogram to Task 6533; and
7. GTC Resolution 78-4 authorizes the Planning Committee to make UPWP modifications of this nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Genesee Transportation Council modifies the *FY 2023-24 UPWP* to reflect the reprogramming the source of federal funds on Task 6533 – Joseph Avenue ArtWalk Master Plan from FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds to the Complete Streets Planning Set-Aside with the offset provided from the amount allocated to Task 5540 – Complete Streets Program, and will update the existing UPWP table accordingly; and
2. That this resolution takes effect ten days after notification to the GTC Chairperson or upon notification that the GTC Chairperson does not plan to present this resolution to the GTC Policy Committee, whichever occurs first.

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 GTC Planning Committee held on October 12, 2023.

Date _____

SCOTT A. LEATHERSICH, Chairman
Genesee Transportation Council
Planning Committee