

MEMORANDUM

TO: Genesee Transportation Council Members & Alternates
FROM: James Stack, Executive Director /s/
DATE: June 5, 2019
SUBJECT: Proposed Council Resolution 19-54 (Adopting the *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program*)

GTC and NYSDOT-Region 4 staffs have worked with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Committee to produce the Draft *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program*. Projects recommended for funding through the TIP are proposed to be advanced in Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2020 through 2024.

This TIP represents a significant achievement given the considerable funding constraints placed on the Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) resulting from limited federal revenues relative to needs and decisions made by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)-Main Office, which have introduced limitations into the capital programming process at the regional level. The NYSDOT-Main Office decisions include:

- Withholding approximately 30 percent of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) revenues for projects to be selected by NYSDOT-Main Office;
- Requiring metropolitan planning organizations and NYSDOT regional offices to develop their project lists using only their respective regional allocations prior to the announcement of which projects will be selected to receive funds from the NYSDOT-Main Office allocation; and
- Setting "Preventive/Corrective Maintenance Targets" for each NYSDOT region based on statewide models that, in the opinion of GTC staff, do not adequately account for actual usage of highways and bridges (i.e., treating infrastructure as the customer rather than the commuters and businesses that use the facilities).

Given these limitations, the TDC has developed a program of projects that balances cost-effective preservation projects (primarily, preventive maintenance treatments and minor rehabilitations) with necessary reconstructions/replacements and major rehabilitations that will improve the function of the transportation system as it relates to safety, efficiency, and reliability. While the TDC recognizes the need for more reconstructions/replacements and major rehabilitations, there simply is not enough revenue to address these needs.

Public Review

The 30-day public review period for the *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update* began on May 10, 2019 and will conclude June 10, 2019. This period is concurrent with the public review for the draft Air Quality Conformity Statement.

In accordance with the GTC *Public Participation Plan*, staff hosted four public meetings to share information and gather feedback:

1. 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 21, 2019: Fairport Public Library, 1 Village Landing, Fairport
2. 6:30 PM, Wednesday, May 29, 2019: Gates Public Library, 902 Elmgrove Road, Gates
3. 2:00 PM, Thursday, May 30, 2019: RGRTA, 1372 East Main Street, Rochester
4. 6:30 PM, Thursday, May 30, 2019: RGRTA, 1372 East Main Street, Rochester

Through the close of business on June 4, 2019, no written comments were received by GTC staff. Comments received by the conclusion of the public review period will be provided to the GTC Board at the meeting on June 13, 2019 for consideration.

After confirming requirements with the Federal Highway Administration, GTC staff developed the TIP to be provided only online. This will allow the document to always remain current without the need to reprint tables after each quarterly amendment cycle. It also allows the projects to be shown on an interactive map to make it easier for the public to identify projects near their areas of interest.

The following items are provided for your consideration:

- 1. Proposed Council Resolution 19-54** (Adopting the *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program*)
- 2. 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program** – This list include all projects recommended to be programmed with federal surface transportation funding in the seven-county GTC TIP area in Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2020 through 2024. (Available on GTC website: <https://www.gtcmpo.org/2020-24tip>)

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed Council Resolution 19-54, adopting the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

Resolution 19-54 Adopting the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

WHEREAS,

1. The Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) has been designated by the Governor of New York State as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for transportation planning for the nine-county Genesee-Finger Lakes Region, including the Rochester Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA);
2. Federal regulations require that the urban transportation planning process include the cooperative development of a transportation improvement program, consisting of a staged multi-year program of projects consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan;
3. The *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2040* is the current metropolitan transportation plan which guides the planning and development of transportation improvements and their selection for inclusion in the transportation improvement program;
4. The proposed *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* is wholly consistent with the *Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2040*;
5. The TIP has been developed in accordance with the adopted *GTC Transportation Improvement Program Procedures Manual* and the *Agreement by and among GTC, New York State Department of Transportation, and Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority*, which identifies and specifies the responsibilities and cooperative procedures for carrying out transportation planning (including without limitation corridor and subarea studies) and programming consistent with Title 23 Section 450 (23 CFR 450) Subpart C of the Code of Federal Regulations;
6. GTC, via the TIP, has proposed to be implemented in the Rochester MPA those projects utilizing eligible federal funding categories included in Title 23 and Title 49 of the United States Code (USC) as amended;
7. The TIP and the projects contained therein can be advanced with funds that are reasonably expected to be available to support their implementation;
8. The members of GTC agree to use the TIP as the project selection document for implementation to satisfy the project selection requirements of Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and any successor federal transportation legislation;

9. Projects in this document remain in effect until revised by further TIP actions;
10. Transportation projects outside of the Rochester MPA but within the GTC nine-county planning region that are eligible for funds from categories included in Title 23 and Title 49 of the USC may be included in the TIP for information purposes in order to give a comprehensive picture of transportation improvements within the region;
11. It is recognized that projects included in the TIP may cost incrementally more or less than the estimates provided and future funding availability and/or changes in investment priorities will require amendments to the adopted TIP; and
12. It is also recognized that the actions shown in the TIP will be included without change in the Statewide TIP to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. That GTC hereby adopts the *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) for the Rochester Metropolitan Planning Area;
2. That GTC fully intends those projects shown in the TIP to progress under the appropriate program categories of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and any successor federal transportation legislation, subject to fund availability, their continuing eligibility under those programs, and maintenance of their priorities when considered against other candidate projects as they may be developed under whatever rules and procedures may then pertain; and
3. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Genesee Transportation Council certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Genesee Transportation Council held on June 13, 2019.

Date _____

KEVIN C. BUSH, Secretary
Genesee Transportation Council