

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
Brighton Town Hall
2300 Elmwood Avenue
Brighton, NY**

December 12, 2019

GTC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Bausch, Genesee County and Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (Vice-Chairman)
David LeFeber, Livingston County
Steve LeRoy, Wayne County
Douglas Paddock, Yates County
William Santos, Monroe County Planning Board
Daniel Hogan, Monroe County – At Large
James McIntosh, City of Rochester At-Large

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Jerry Davis, Wyoming County, representing A. Douglas Berwanger
Tim Frelier, Monroe County, representing Cheryl Dinolfo
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation, representing Eric Gertler
Andrea Guzzetta, Rochester City Council, representing Loretta Scott
Peter Ingalsbe, Ontario County, representing John Marren (Chairman)
Bill Carpenter, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA), representing Donald E. Jeffries
Norman Jones, City of Rochester, representing Lovely Warren
Scott Leathersich, Monroe County At-Large, representing William Napier
Chris Reeve, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), representing Marie Therese Dominguez

GTC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Dr. Joseph Carbone, Monroe County Legislature
Matthew Driscoll, NYS Thruway Authority (NYSTA)
Stephen Goodman, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Lynne Johnson, Orleans County
Richard Marquis, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
David Seeley, Monroe County Supervisors Association
Basil Seggos, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Robert Shipley, Seneca County
Steven Urlass, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
David L. Watson, Rochester City Planning Commission

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Askinazi	Ken Miller, Wayne County
Jody Binnix, GTC staff	Ed Muszynski
Angela Ellis, Livingston County	James Stack, GTC staff
Bonnie Hughes	John Thomas
Jeffrey Jamberdino, NYSDOT	David Zorn, G/FLRPC
Alex Kone, GTC staff	

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Alex Kone, GTC staff, called the roll; a quorum was present.

2. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Bausch noted that draft minutes from the September 5, 2019, GTC Board meeting were included in the meeting package.

William Santos moved to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2019, Quarterly Meeting; Steve LeRoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Vice-Chairman Bausch added that draft minutes from the November 14, 2019 Planning Committee meeting were provided for informational purposes.

4. Communications and Announcements

James Stack made the following announcements:

- By his appointment as Acting Commissioner and President & CEO-designate of Empire State Development, Eric Gertler is a Member of the GTC Board.
- We are nearing the end of the terms of our current Chairman and Vice Chairman. There will be an election of Officers at the next GTC Board meeting. In accordance with GTC By-Laws, Chairman Marren will designate a Nominating Committee in the near future.
- Given the decision of several members not to run for reelection and the results of various election races throughout the region, there will be changes to the Ex Officio Members of this Board after elected officials are sworn in for their terms on or about January 1. GTC staff will coordinate with various offices as appropriate to ensure a smooth transition.
- I want to thank Bob Bausch, Bob Shipley, Steve LeRoy, and Cheryl Dinolfo for their service to GTC.

5. Reports and Action on Old Business

a. Planning Committee Report

Scott Leathersich provided the following report:

The Planning Committee met on November 14th and recommends that the GTC Board:

- Amend the *National Performances Report for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region* and the *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* by revising the Highway Safety Improvement Program and Highway Safety Performance Targets; and
- Amend the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program as requested by the Cities of Batavia and Rochester, the Counties of Monroe and Ontario, and NYSDOT.

Additionally, the Planning Committee took the following actions:

- Approved two administrative modifications to the *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* as requested by Wyoming County and NYSDOT:
 - Modifying phases of the Rt 286 at Five Mile Line Intersection Improvements project; and
 - Increasing the cost of the Schoelkopf Rd over the Cayuga Creek Bridge project.
- Approved the Scopes of Work for one Unified Planning Work Program task:
 - Route 390 Multi-Use Trail Restoration Alternatives and Safety Improvement Study (UPWP Task 6518).

b. GTC Staff Report

James Stack provided the following report:

FY 2020-2021 UPWP

The proposal solicitation for the Unified Planning Work Program, or UPWP, kicked off on September 13. Once again, we emphasized that the UPWP supports planning partnerships between GTC and local communities. The UPWP provides federal funds for transportation planning activities undertaken by GTC, its member agencies, and on behalf of other municipalities throughout the nine-county Genesee-Finger Lakes Region. It conveys the annual work program conducted by and on behalf of GTC. The deadline for applications was October 18.

We received 20 applications requesting about \$1.2 million. We are able to make \$872,000 available for projects. GTC staff has been working with the UPWP Development Committee, consisting of representatives of the member agencies in the Metropolitan Planning Area, to prioritize project proposals. The UDC held two in-person meetings and worked via email. The UDC is expected to finalize a

recommended program of projects by the December 20 for the Planning Committee's consideration and approval for public review at its January 9 meeting. After a 30-day public review, the Planning Committee will make a final recommendation for your consideration at its February 13 meeting. The GTC Board is expected to adopt the UPWP at its next meeting so that it can be transmitted to NYSDOT-Main Office, the FHWA, and the FTA. The UPWP will go into effect on April 1, 2020.

At the last meeting, I mentioned that we had a lot of activity related to initiating UPWP studies. Since then, we have fully executed six contracts and have another four contracts in process. Additionally, there are four RFPs in progress.

c. Old Business

1. Federal Legislative and Funding Update

James Stack reported that on July 30, Congress and the Administration announced a budget agreement which meant the FFY 2020 Appropriations can move forward. Unfortunately, Congress and the Administration failed to adopt the Appropriation covering transportation before the start of the Federal Fiscal Year. Transportation was one of several Appropriations that were included in a Continuing Resolution that provided funding through November 21. Another Continuing Resolution was adopted to fund the Transportation Appropriation through December 20.

Of particular note, the second Continuing Resolution repeals that \$7.6 billion rescission that was part of the FAST Act and scheduled to take effect July 1, 2020 based on fund balances on September 30. Since there was less than \$7.6 billion of unobligated funds across the country, States were faced with having to give back funds that were already obligated. New York State DOT worked with MPOs across the state to minimize the impact of the rescission. Still, the State was facing about a \$200 million hit. It was much worse for Texas, which was facing a nearly \$1 billion hit.

2. TIP Staff Modifications Report

Vice-Chairman Bausch informed the Board that the TIP staff modifications report was included in the meeting package and is being provided for informational purposes. There were no questions.

6. Action Items

- a. Amend the *National Performance Report for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region* and the *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* by revising the Highway Safety Improvement Program and Highway Safety Performance Targets.

James Stack noted that Proposed Resolution 19-75 was reviewed and recommended for GTC Board approval by the Planning Committee at its November 14, 2019 meeting.

Highway Safety Performance Targets and Measures were included with the adoption of the *2020-2024 TIP* on June 13, 2019. Targets were also included in the National Performance Measures Report for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region amended on September 6, 2018.

NYSDOT has conducted its annual analysis of crash data and has coordinated with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, or GTSC, to establish safety targets for 2020. GTSC reported the 2020 safety targets via its Annual Highway Safety Report in July 2019 and NYSDOT reported the 2020 safety targets via its Highway Safety Improvement Program, or HSIP, report on August 30, 2019. Since GTC has agreed to support the State's safety targets, the *National Performance Measures Report for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region* and the *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) need to be updated to reflect the 2020 targets. This must be accomplished within 120 days of NYSDOT filing its HSIP report.

Exhibit 1 of the Resolution shows the revisions to the associated table in the *2020-2024 TIP*. As part of this update, GTC staff will also make editorial changes to the TIP where there are references to Resolutions and/or dates of GTC Board action. Exhibit 2 of the Resolution show the revised narrative and table within the National Performance Measures Report.

Scott Leathersich moved to approve proposed Resolution 19-75; Bill Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- b. Amending the *2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* / Proposed Resolutions 19-76 through 19-84 and 19-86

Vice-Chairman Bausch announced that subsequent to mailing the meeting package, NYSDOT has withdrawn the request to add the I-390 Interchange Improvements at I-490, Stages 3 & 4 project, Proposed Resolution 19-85.

Vice-Chairman Bausch suggested grouping proposed Resolutions 19-76 through 19-84 and 19-86 into a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

James Stack noted that Proposed Resolutions 19-76 through 19-86 were reviewed and recommended for GTC Board approval by the Planning Committee at its November 14 meeting.

James Stack provided the following report:

- (1) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by advancing phases of the Richmond Ave Preventive Maintenance and combining with the Harvester Ave Preventive Maintenance project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-76

This amendment is requested by NYSDOT on behalf of the City of Batavia. The City has requested an acceleration of the schedule for the Richmond Avenue project so that the design and construction phases can be accomplished in conjunction with the Harvester Avenue project. A combined project will be more attractive to the contracting community and may result in more favorable bids. Completing both paving projects in the same construction season will minimize disruption to the community.

- (2) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by deferring phases of the Rt 18 over Northrup and Smith Creeks Bridge Replacement project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-77
- (3) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by advancing phases of the Rt 250, Rt 96 to Rt 31 project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-78

Proposed Resolutions 19-77 and 19-78 are interrelated. These amendments are requested by NYSDOT. You may recall that at the last meeting this Board approved a TIP amendment to add the I-490 over the Erie Canal and Kreag Road bridges project, which was selected for funding through the Statewide Freight Plan. The addition of these two bridges makes it very difficult for the NYSDOT-Region 4 bridge group to manage the workload. This amendment essentially swaps the schedules for the replacement of two bridges on Route 18 with a highway preventive maintenance project managed by the pavement group, which provides a more balanced work load.

- (4) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by changing the Project Limits of the Rt 531, from Harek Rd to I-490 project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-79

This amendment is requested by NYSDOT. During the engineering phases, it was determined that the preferred approach would be to address the western portion of the Route 531 rather than the eastern portion. The change in project limits requires some additional engineering work.

- (5) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by reducing the cost of the Rt 77 at Ledge Rd Intersection Improvements project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-80

This amendment is requested by NYSDOT. Extensive review of this project resulted in a change in preferred alternative, from a roundabout to the installation of a traffic control device. You may recall that at the September meeting, the Board approved a TIP amendment to reprogram the FFY 20 HSIP funds from this project to the NY 96 Intersection Improvements at Lynaugh Road project in FFY 19 in order to utilize statewide safety funds before the end of the Federal Fiscal Year. In recognition of that effort, NYSDOT Main Office has provided new Highway Safety Improvement Program funds for the FFY 20 phases of this project. The offset of NHPP funds is provided to Available Balances for use on other projects.

- (6) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by changing the Project Limits of the Large Culvert Replacement/Rehabilitation project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-81

This amendment is requested by NYSDOT and affects two projects. This change moves a specific culvert from one project to the other so that only Interstate locations are on the first project. Also, this has the effect of grouping the locations by similar work type. One of the locations originally anticipated to be addressed in the second project will require the acquisition of some Right-of-Way and needs additional time for that process. This amendment would substitute another location and allow the project to continue on schedule.

- (7) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by adding the Alexander, Scio, Group 2 project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-82

This amendment is requested by the City of Rochester. The City received a request from NYSDOT to include repaving of the Scio Street Bridge over the Inner Loop as part of this larger road paving project. Doing so as part of the larger project addresses a need in a cost effective manner and minimizes disruption to the community.

- (8) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by adding the Main Street Fishers Bridge over Irondequoit Creek project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-83

This amendment is requested by Ontario County. This project was included in the previous TIP and construction funds were obligated prior to the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2019. Actual bids exceeded the programmed amount. This amendment adds a supplemental Construction phase to bring the project to a full Federal share.

- (9) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by adding the Ridgeway Avenue Safety Improvements project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-84

This amendment is requested by Monroe County. This project was included in the previous TIP and construction funds were obligated prior to the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2019. The project carried a very large non-Federal share, including for eligible activities, in order to keep the project on schedule despite the limited funding available. Bids have been opened and came in considerably lower than the estimate. Applicable project elements have been determined to be HSIP-eligible. The request will bring the Federal Share to the full eligible amount while considerably reducing the overall cost. The supplemental Construction phase in FFY 2020 reconciles the funding amounts between the two TIPs.

- (10) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by adding the I-390 Interchange Improvements at I-490, Stages 3 & 4 project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-85

NYSDOT has withdrawn this amendment request.

- (11) Amending the *2020-2024 TIP* by adding the Erie Canalway Trail West of Rt 414 project / Proposed Council Resolution 19-86

This amendment is requested by NYSDOT on behalf of the Village of Clyde. The Construction phases were not obligated prior to the end of the Federal Fiscal Year. This amendment reinstates the project. The project is funded through the Transportation Enhancements Program and these funds are not available to any other project.

William Santos moved to approve proposed Resolutions 19-76 through 19-84 and 19-86; James McIntosh seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

7. New Business

2020 meeting calendar

James Stack provided the following report:

As I mentioned at the last meeting, I have been working with David Zorn to coordinate the meeting schedule for next year. A 2020 meeting calendar is included in your package. Once again, I want to thank our member agencies for agreeing to host the Planning Committee meetings throughout the region. There are some notable changes for 2020 that I want to highlight.

You may recall that last year we were made aware that NYSDOT Main Office and our Federal partners want an adopted UPWP by March 1 so that there is sufficient time to handle the logistics of starting the new UPWP on April 1. As I mentioned earlier, the Board will be considering the UPWP in February. On the calendar, you will notice that the traditional March meeting has been advanced to the last Thursday in February. Similarly, the traditional September meeting has been advanced to the last Thursday in August to better accommodate TIP changes prior to the financial systems being locked out in early September in preparation for the change of Federal Fiscal Year. The June and December Board meetings are staying the same as those dates are critical to certain activities of the Regional Planning Council.

Another consideration will be ensuring the GTC meetings are accessible via public transportation after the RTS system changes are made in June. Since Brighton Town Hall will not have regular service for the second half of the year, all of our Board meetings will be held at the Henrietta Town Hall. I want to thank Supervisor Moehle for hosting us the last few years.

Statewide Capital Plan

Bill Carpenter noted that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority has requested \$51 from the NYS Legislature in its upcoming 2020 session. This figure greatly exceeds the amount that achieved parity between the MTA and upstate transit systems. He added that there are significant transit, as well as highway and bridge, needs in non-MTA counties as

well. RGRTA is working through the New York Public Transportation Association to pursue funding parity across the state.

James Stack noted that United in Construction (UniCON) is also working with their partners to support of funding parity across the state.

8. Next Meeting

Vice-Chairman Bausch stated that the next GTC Board meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2020 at the Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Calkins Road in Henrietta.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.