

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 11, 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)  
Angela Ellis, Livingston County (Vice-Chairperson)  
Condenessa Brown, Rochester City Council  
Maria Chau, Federal Highway Administration  
Erik Frisch, Rochester – At Large  
Todd Gadd, Wyoming County  
Timothy Hens, Genesee County  
Doraine Kirkmire, Rochester City Planning Commission  
John Papponetti, Orleans County  
Jim Pond, Monroe County Executive  
Craig Prior, Yates County  
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County  
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Eric Farr, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, representing Bill Carpenter  
Patrick Gooch, Monroe County Planning Board, representing Rochelle Bell  
Scott Helser, NYS Thruway Authority  
Joel Kleinberg, NYS Department of Transportation, representing Chris Reeve

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Uzoma Anukwe, Federal Transit Administration  
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation  
Jay Gsell, Genesee / Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council  
George Hebert, Monroe County Legislature  
Norman Jones, City of Rochester Mayor  
Robert Kiley, Monroe County Supervisors' Association  
David Lindsay, Monroe County – At Large  
Evelyn Martinez, Federal Aviation Administration  
William Wright, Ontario County  
Vacant, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jody Binnix, GTC staff  
Joe Bovenzi, GTC staff  
Mike Croce, Bergmann D.P.C.  
Zac Cracknell, Livingston County  
Jon Hartley, Stantec, Inc.  
Tom Harvey, Ontario County  
Dennis Judson, Fisher Associates, Inc.  
Joel Kleinberg, NYSDOT  
Alex Kone, GTC staff

Lori Maher, GTC staff  
Rick Papaj, Ravi Engineering  
Terry Rice, Barton and Loguidice, Inc.  
Chris Sichak, Erdmann Anthony, Inc.  
James Stack, GTC staff  
Chris Tortora, GTC staff  
Bob Williams, GTC staff  
Rory Weilnau, Stantec, Inc.  
Jason Wolfanger, Livingston County

## **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.

## **1. Approval of Minutes**

**Joel Kleinberg moved to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2021 Planning Committee meeting; Jim Pond seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

## **4. Announcements and Old Business**

James Stack noted that every four years, GTC undergoes an FTA/FHWA Joint Certification Review of our Planning Process. The last review was in 2017. GTC staff has been working with the Federal Review Team to provide documents to support a desk review. Traditionally, the Review Team makes a multi-day site visit to the GTC office. Due to COVID, this is not possible for this cycle. We have been working with the Review Team to arrange for a virtual site visit. This event will occur from March 9 through March 11. He asked if any Committee Members or Alternates wishes to participate in any of the sessions, to please reach out to Alex Kone or himself to make arrangements. The Review Team does wish to conduct a separate session with Committee Members or Alternates to discuss your interaction with staff and involvement in the planning process.

## **5. Action Items**

### **a) Unified Planning Work Program**

1. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning adopting the *FY 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program*

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 2021-2022 UPWP will support planning activities for the period beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022. Projects included in the current UPWP that are not complete as of March 31, 2021 will be rolled over into the FY 2021-2022 UPWP. She noted 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.

Jody stated that a full draft was presented for the Committee's consideration and approval for a 30-day public review in January. The public review period was conducted from January 11<sup>th</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup>. The UPWP public review was conducted using the PublicInput.com platform. Public comments received by February 3<sup>rd</sup> were included in the 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.

She noted that an email was sent to Planning Committee members that contained the additional public comments received by the February 9<sup>th</sup> deadline, along with the comments from NYSDOT Main Office, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. She added that GTC staff were not recommending any changes to the draft UPWP based on the public comments received. GTC staff will be following up with its federal partners regarding their comments as needed and will be editing the UPWP for additional clarification regarding our intentions. These edits will not create any substantial changes to the draft UPWP program as presented.

**Dorraine Kirkmire moved to recommend approval of the *FY 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program*; Angela Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

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

a. **NYSDOT Safety Investigations and Analysis** (UPWP Task 6232) / Proposed Council Resolution 21-2

Rory Weillnau presented the Executive Summary of the investigations that were focused upon the Route 15 corridor from south of I-390 to Route 252 (Jefferson Road). He provided an overview of the analysis and primary crash types that occurred over a three-year period along the corridor. There were three key areas of recommendations including enhancing the safety for vulnerable road users, intersection improvements, and corridor countermeasures.

Joel Kleinberg noted that this study is supporting a broader scoping effort for a significant capital project for this corridor.

b. **Vulnerable Users Safety Assessment Program** (UPWP Task 6240) / Proposed Council Resolution 21-3

Alex Kone presented the Executive Summary of the program. The first step was the identification of ten corridors that had a significant number of crashes involving pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or motorcyclists. These candidate locations were investigated through on-site Roadway Safety Audits (RSA) involving a multi-disciplinary team and recommendations provided. Through the process of developing the RSAs, a series of planning program recommendations for GTC were included for future direction.

James Stack noted that GTC and NYSDOT – Region 4 staffs will be incorporating this process via technical assistance as part of a site investigation on Route 63 for the Town of Pavilion.

Dorraine Kirkmire requested that GTC staff provide regular updates of statewide and regional safety initiatives. Alex Kone replied that GTC staff can provide that regularly in the Reports.

c. **Village of Avon Circulation, Accessibility & Parking (CAP) Study** (UPWP 6814)/ Proposed Council Resolution 21-4

Robert Williams presented the executive summary of the plan associated with the study. The plan evaluates prior plans and studies as part of an inventory that seeks to understand current and projected land use and transportation conditions from physical and operational standpoints. The plan identifies key needs through analysis of collected and obtained data, supplemented with public and stakeholder feedback. Recommendations focus on enhancing safety for all users through dedicated pedestrian and bicycle facilities to support non-motorized connectivity, including between residential neighborhoods and the Greenway Trail. The study includes implementation information such as conceptual level cost estimates, potential federal, state, and local funding opportunities, and follow-on activities.

d. **Honeoye Hamlet Active Transportation Study** (UPWP Task 8767) / Proposed Council Resolution 21-5

Tom Harvey presented the executive summary of the final report associated with the study. This plan builds upon previous efforts and develops new physical and regulatory recommendations that increase transportation options for residents and visitors, enabling improved access to destinations, services, and places of education and employment within Honeoye Hamlet. The report recommends specific facility, programmatic, and policy improvements which intend to enhance the livability of the Hamlet and Main Street activity centers, preserve and enhance the Hamlet's character and walkability; identify opportunities for improved connectivity and access for non-motorists; and leverage Honeoye Lake as an asset.

**Joel Kleinberg moved to recommend approval of Resolutions 21-2 through 21-5; Erik Frisch 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 Rt 98 Rehabilitation and Intersection Improvements project** / Planning Committee Resolution 21-2
  - b. **Increasing the Total Cost of the CR 62 (Bronson Hill Rd) Rehabilitation project** / Planning Committee Resolution 21-3
  - c. **Deferring a phase of the Bridge Steel Repairs at 40 Locations project** / Planning Committee Resolution 21-4
  - d. **Deferring a phase of the I-490 at I-590 Preventive Maintenance project** / Planning Committee Resolution 21-5
  - e. **Increasing the Federal Share of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan - Phase III project** / Planning Committee Resolution 21-6
  - f. **Changing a Federal Share of the Dow Road over Bidwell Creek Bridge project** / Planning Committee Resolution 21-7
  - g. **Increasing the Federal Share of the Main Street Streetscape, Phase 2 project** / Planning Committee Resolution 21-8

Jim Stack reported that the Main Street Streetscape, Phase 2 project, proposed Planning Committee Resolution 21-8, was being tabled. The project will be reconsidered by the TIP Development Committee with the actual bid received. He noted that there were insufficient Available Balances of the Surface Transportation Block Grant – Large Urban program but that guidance from NYSDOT Main Office regarding the programming of additional funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act was forthcoming.

Erik Frisch provided an update of the bids received and detailed the scope of the RTS shelter replacements.

**Angela Ellis moved to approve Planning Committee Resolutions 21-2 through 21-7; Jim Pond seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *FFYs 2020-2024 TIP*
  - a) **Increasing the Total Cost of the East Main Street Reconstruction project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-6
  - b) **Combining the Highway Preventive Maintenance – Group 1 and Group 2 projects** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-7
  - c) **Combining the I-390 from Rt 5/20 to Rt 251 and Rt 251 to I-90 projects** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-8

- d) **Increasing the Total Cost of the I-490 Bridges over Erie Canal and Kreag Road project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-9
- e) **Increasing the Total Cost of the Rt 19 and Rt 98 over Erie Canal Rehabilitation project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-10
- f) **Adding the Low Bridge Clearance Project/Wrong Way Driving project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-11
- g) **Reinstating the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Phase II project** / Proposed Council Resolution 21-12

There were no questions about the proposed amendments.

**Erik Frisch moved to recommend approval Resolutions 21-6 through 21-11; Kevin Rooney seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

### **c) Long Range Transportation Plan**

1. Approving the Draft *Long Range Transportation Plan 2045* Recommendations for Public Review

Jody Binnix reported that GTC staff have developed draft recommendations that will be included in *L RTP 2045*. The recommendations were developed based on the work completed to date on the LRTP which includes an analysis of regional demographic and socioeconomic information, an assessment of the current transportation system, a review of past accomplishments since LRTP 2040 was adopted in June 2016, and the identification of emerging issues and opportunities. Additionally, staff looked to recommendations from completed UPWP studies, guidance from the federal transportation legislation, and the feedback received from the public gathered during the summer of 2020. After an initial set of draft recommendations were brainstormed, staff noticed key themes emerging. From these themes, GTC staff divided the draft recommendations into the following five categories:

1. Health and Safety
2. Access and Equity
3. System Management and Maintenance
4. Sustainability and Resilience
5. Economic Development

The five recommendation categories directly tie back to the GTC Goals and Objectives along with the FAST Act's ten planning factors.

In total, there are 78 recommendations that span these five categories. Staff made a concerted effort to standardize the presentation of the recommendations. As in years past, the GTC LRTP is a policy-based plan that will guide investment decisions over the next 20 years. The LRTP does not recommend individual projects.

GTC staff are currently working on finalizing the content for the Project Spotlights. The Spotlights will highlight how the recommendations are practically applied through completed or on-going projects. For example, regarding the draft Economic Development recommendations, the state's Upstate Revitalization Initiative, known as URI, developed through the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council is highlighted, noting transportation's role in the advancement and support of the corresponding priority sector locations that include Eastman Business Park, STAMP, and the Rochester's Downtown Innovation Zone.

The draft recommendation public review period will extend from February 12, 2021 through March 12, 2021. Additionally, staff will be reaching out directly to its Environmental Justice contacts to solicit feedback on the recommendations and invite their participation in our open houses.

During this time two virtual open houses will be conducted on the PublicInput.com platform, as follows:

- Virtual Open House #1 - Tuesday, February 23 - 1 PM
- Virtual Open House #2 - Tuesday, March 2 - 6:30 PM

GTC staff encouraged Planning Committee members to thoroughly review the draft recommendations and pass them along to other interested parties. Comments or feedback regarding the draft recommendations were requested to be sent via email through March 12.

Jody noted that GTC staff will present the full Draft *LRTP 2045* to the Planning Committee in April for consideration to release for a formal 30-day public review period in accordance with the GTC Public Engagement Plan. She added that the next steps in the Plan's development include drafting the financial plan and pulling together the performance measures report.

**Dorraine Kirkmire moved to approve the Draft *Long Range Transportation Plan 2045* Recommendations for Public Review; Angela Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

#### **d) Related Activities**

1. Recommend adoption of the *Public Engagement Plan*

Lori Maher gave a short overview of the purpose of the Plan. It contains the guiding procedures and strategies to ensure a full and open participation process. She also gave a summary of public comments received and how they were incorporated into the final draft.

**Jim Pond moved to recommend adoption of the *Public Engagement Plan*; Pat Gooch seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

2. Approving the submission of the Draft *Title VI/Nondiscrimination Implementation Plan* to the NYSDOT Office of Civil Rights

Lori Maher explained the purpose is to document policies and expectations to ensure continuous compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and additional nondiscrimination authorities and executive orders. It includes:

- A policy statement;
- Role of GTC Staff;
- A summary showing how GTC monitors, reviews, and reports compliance; and
- A summary showing the complaint process and procedures.

GTC is seeking review and approval of the draft Plan prior to submitting to the NYSDOT Office of Civil Rights for formal acceptance. Once NYSDOT is satisfied, the Planning Committee will make a final recommendation to the GTC Board at a future meeting. The Title VI/Nondiscrimination Implementation would then go into effect immediately.

**Dorraine Kirkmire moved to approve submission of the Draft *Title VI/Nondiscrimination Implementation Plan* to the NYSDOT Office of Civil Rights; Erik Frisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

3. Recommend support of the reclassification of the Functional Classification of County Road 31 in Wyoming County

Jim Stack provided an overview of Wyoming County's request for reclassification of County Road 31 in the Town of Attica. He noted that this classification is largely a result of the boundary of the Attica Urban Cluster, rather than a logical terminus for the corridor.

Todd Gadd explained that Meadow Lane is a private road and that Dunbar Lane is the next public road and emphasized the operation of traffic serving both State and County correctional facilities.

**Todd Gadd moved to recommend support of the reclassification of the Functional Classification of County Road 31 in Wyoming County; Tim Hens seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

## 6. Reports

### a) Status of UPWP Projects

*GTC* - Jim Stack reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: No new activity to report.
- Long Range Transportation Plan Update/Implementation: The LRTP was discussed under Item 5.c.

- Genesee-Finger Lakes Scenario Tool: UrbanFootprint training was held on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- I-490 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Plan: The Consultant has held several discussions on Technical Memo 3, which is focused on Operations Strategy and the Needs Assessment, with GTC and RTOC staff with an eye towards finalizing the document.
- Vulnerable Users Safety Assessment Program Phases 1 & 2: This project was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item 5.a.2.b.
- Congestion Management Process (CMP): No activity to report.
- Travel Time Data Collection Program: Staff has developed a Request for Qualifications to identify a future vendor to continue to get this type of data after our current contract ends in late May. The RFQ will be released February 12.
- Lake Ontario State Parkway Lane Transportation Alternatives Feasibility Study: The Consultant provided a draft report to the Steering Committee January 26. The Steering Committee met February 8 to discuss the report. We are working to schedule a remote final public meeting the last week of February or first week of March. The benefit of a remote meeting is that seasonal resident will be able to get information and share their input.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Performance Measurement Monitoring & Evaluation System: A Request for Qualification was released on January 29 with responses due March 12. To date, we have distributed about 50 RFQ packages.
- Cross Asset Highway and Bridge Evaluation and Prioritization Tool: No new activity
- Greater Rochester Transportation Management Association Feasibility Plan: This project is on hold until the impacts of COVID have subsided and travel patterns have stabilized. This includes new transit patterns after the launch of ReimagineRTS.

*G/FLRPC* – James Stack and Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Regional Land Use Monitoring – 2020 survey and data collection began in January.
- Implementing Complete Streets in the G-FL Region; A Guidebook: Coordination with the Villages of Mount Morris and Penn Yan has continued to refine draft pilot policies.
- Regional Fleet Electrification Study: No updates at this time.

*Livingston County* – Angela Ellis reported:

- Livingston County Downtown Wayfinding Master Plan: The Steering Committee met on January 29<sup>th</sup> to review draft signage concepts, customized for each community. A final virtual public meeting will be held in late-February/early-March.

- Livingston County Mobility Management Strategy: The Steering Committee met on February 9<sup>th</sup> to review Existing Conditions analysis. Consultant is continuing stakeholder interviews. The Needs Assessment report is expected in March.

*Monroe County* – Pat Gooch and Jim Pond reported:

- Land Use Monitoring: 2020 survey and data collection will begin in February in conjunction with G/FLRPC.
- Monroe County High Accident Location Program: Three additional locations have been completed, totaling sixteen of the twenty-eight locations for 2020-2021.
- Monroe County Traffic-Signal/Sign Pole Asset Management: Data collection on the assets has begun and will continue through the spring.

*NYS DOT* – Joel Kleinberg reported:

- NYS DOT Safety Investigations and Analysis: This project was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item 5.a.2.a.
- O’Rourke Bridge Operations and Maintenance Analysis and Strategy: The third technical memo summarizing projected maintenance costs and other capital recommendations has been reviewed. The draft final report is under review and is expected for close out in April.
- Ramp Reconfiguration Study: The steering committee held a kickoff meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> where initial feedback was received. The data inventory and collection are underway.

*Ontario County* – Jody Binnix and Robert Williams reported:

- State Route 332 & Route 96 Sub-Area Study: The draft final report was received on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Honeoye Hamlet Active Transportation Study: This project was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item 5.a.2.d.

*City of Rochester* - Erik Frisch reported:

- West Main Street Multimodal Transportation and Placemaking Study: The 4th steering committee is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>. The second survey will be released next week. The Existing Conditions report is expected in March.

*RGRTA* - Eric Farr reported:

- RTS System Redesign: The new launch date for Reimagine RTS has been announced for May 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Wayne County* – Kevin Rooney reported:

- Wayne County High Accident Location Study: Draft site investigation reports are expected later in February.
- Ontario Midland Strategic Plan: The consultant is finalizing the Target Area Plans as part of the draft report.

*Other Agencies – GTC staff reported:*

- Route 390 Multi-Use Trail Restoration and Safety Improvement Study: The second public meeting was held February 10.
- Village of Avon Circulation, Accessibility & Parking: This project was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item 5.a.2.c.
- Village of Waterloo Circulation, Accessibility and Parking (CAP) Study: The consultant is compiling existing conditions information and has developed a Public Participation Plan for the study.
- Village of Perry Transportation Safety and Access Study: The consultant is compiling existing conditions information. The first steering committee is being scheduled for early March.
- Mt. Morris-Leicester Route 36 Corridor Study: GTC staff is supporting the public input efforts with the PublicInput.com platform. The input portal for this study was opened on February 8<sup>th</sup> and will remain open through February 28<sup>th</sup>. A live virtual Open House is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Beh Industrial Park Traffic Optimization Study: Consultant interviews are schedule for the afternoon of February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Canandaigua Waterfront Active Transportation Plan: The steering committee met on January 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the relative importance of issues in various portions of study area. A virtual public meeting is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Gananda Parkway Pedestrian & Bicycle Active Transportation Plan: The steering committee met on January 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the relative importance of issues in various portions of study area. A virtual public meeting is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Middle Cheshire Road & Health Care Services Corridor Active Transportation Plan: The consultant and the Town of Canandaigua hosted a public input session on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. In line with Town requirements, the Town Board will host a Public Hearing on March 15<sup>th</sup> prior to formally accepting the plan.

*Completed Projects:*

- Genesee Finger Lakes Region Local Update of Census Addresses 2020
- Regional Land Use Monitoring (2019)
- Monroe County Land Use Monitoring (2019)
- Phase II - Cayuga-Seneca Trail
- Honeoye Falls CAP Study
- Rochester Comprehensive Access & Mobility Plan
- Geneseo Active Transportation Plan
- Sodus Point Active Transportation Plan
- Maple Ridge Corridor Study
- Ontario County SR 364/CR 11 Active Transportation Corridor Plan

## **b) TIP Staff Modifications**

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

- Add New Non-Federal Funding - Lima Sidewalk Connection Project (Village of Lima)
- Add New Non-Federal Funding - Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Phase III (City of Rochester)
- Reduce phase costs prior to STIP obligation - I-390 over Plaza Drive Bridge Deck Replacement (NYSDOT)
- Expand the limits of a preventive maintenance project - Substructure Repair or Replacement at 9 Locations (NYSDOT)
- Increase the Total Cost less than \$50,000 - Rt 96 from Ontario County Line to Garnsey Rd (NYSDOT)
- Increase the Total Cost less than \$50,000 - NY Thruway Pavement Striping (NY Thruway Authority)
- Modify phases with change in Total Cost or Federal Share - Schoelkopf Rd over Cayuga Creek Bridge Replacement (Wyoming County)

## **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**

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

## **e) Other GTC matters**

There were no other matters to report.

## **f) Public Engagement Highlights**

Lori Maher reported there were 8 new and ongoing public involvement opportunities in the region in the month of February. 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**

There were no updates.

## 7. **New Business**

James Stack reported that during NYSAMPO meeting on February 5th, Ron Epstein, NYSDOT Executive Deputy Commissioner and CFO shared with all the MPOs that NYSOT has proposed two particular legislative initiatives that he felt MPOs would be supportive. James asked if a supporting Resolution from the MPOs would help and he indicated that NYSDOT would appreciate such support.

The first initiative is intended to reduce bridge strikes on State Parkways through various means to discourage commercial vehicles from the Parkways by:

- Increasing penalties for commercial vehicles on parkways;
- Increasing penalties for vehicles exceeding legal height or posted clearance height;
- Requiring commercial motor vehicles to be equipped with commercial GPS and prohibiting the use of non-commercial GPS by commercial motor carriers and drivers;
- Requiring commercial carriers to notify commercial drivers of the prohibition against operating commercial motor vehicles on parkways;
- Prohibiting the use of non-commercial GPS by bus drivers or motor carriers;
- Requiring motor carriers to notify bus drivers of the prohibition against operating commercial motor vehicles on parkways; and
- Requiring all rental vehicle companies to notify all drivers and renters of commercial vehicles about the prohibition against operating commercial motor vehicles on parkways.

The second initiative is intended to enhance the safety of transportation workers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and the traveling public by:

- Imposing tougher criminal penalties for perpetrators of violence against transportation workers;
- Requiring the mandatory revocation of perpetrator's driver's license following a conviction for certain crimes against highway workers;
- Establishing new penalties for intrusion into an active work zone;
- Clarifying a motorist's responsibility to move their vehicle out of the flow of traffic if involved in a minor accident and allow for a broader range of responders to remove vehicles and debris from roadways; and
- Increasing fines on drivers found to cause injury to pedestrians and bicyclists while failing to exercise due care.

Jim Pond noted that this legislation would have the potential to reduce bridge strikes for other agencies that do not own parkways but otherwise have low clearance bridges.

Todd Gadd offered two suggestions that could be incorporated into the Board's resolution of support. First, he suggested that there should be a better definition of

parkway, noting that there are other roadways that have that term in their names. Second, he suggested that additional clarification regarding municipal-owned commercial grade vehicles.

James Stack requested that Committee members submit any comments for inclusion in the letter for the Board's consideration.

**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 April 8, 2021 and will be held online.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.