

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CityPlace
50 West Main Street, Rochester
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**February 9, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning Board
Devin Blue, Wyoming County
Angela Ellis, Livingston County
Dominic Fekete, City of Rochester – At Large
Tom Frys, Monroe County Executive
Tim Hens, Genesee County
Kevin Kelley, City of Rochester – Planning Commission
Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At-Large (Chairperson)
John Papponetti, Orleans County
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County
James Smith, Rochester City Council
Miguel Velázquez, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Joel Kleinberg, NYS Department of Transportation, representing Chris Reeve
Tim McElligott, Ontario County, representing William Wright

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Uzoma Anukwe, Federal Transit Administration
John Boser, NYS Thruway Authority
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation
George Hebert, Monroe County Legislature
David Lindsay, Monroe County – At-Large
Gautam Mani, Federal Highway Administration
Evelyn Martinez, Federal Aviation Administration
Richard Perrin, City of Rochester – Mayor
Douglas Rapalee, Yates County
Richard Sutherland, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
Vacant, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Vacant, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jody Binnix, GTC staff
Joe Bovenzi, GTC staff
Eric Farr, RGRTA
Yixuan Lin, Monroe County
Jenny Lowenstein, G/FLRPC

Alex Kone, GTC staff
Lori Maher, GTC staff
James Stack, GTC staff
Laura Wadhams, Genesee County
Jason Wolfanger, Livingston County

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Scott Leathersich, Planning Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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

Tom Frys moved to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2023 Planning Committee meeting; Joel Kleinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Announcements and Old Business

GTC Office

James Stack reported that GTC staff has finished moving into new office space on the fifth floor. Jim expressed appreciation to Monroe County for identifying and renovating space within the building to use until a more permanent space can be identified. Jim noted the space is small, but staff is making the best of the situation. He thanked the staff for their hard work getting ready for and making the move. Jim noted that there is still a strong desire to co-locate with G/FLRPC at some point in the future. The two Councils will need to discuss this later in the year.

5. Action Items

a) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

1. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning adopting the FY 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program for Public Review / Proposed Council Resolution 23-1

Jody Binnix reported, the Unified Planning Work Program, or 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 2023-2024 UPWP will support planning activities for the period beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024. Projects included in the current UPWP that are not complete as of March 31, 2023 will be rolled over into the FY 2023-2024 UPWP. Jody expressed my 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 noted that a full draft was presented to the Planning Committee in January for consideration and approval for a 30-day public review. The public review period was conducted from January 9 through February 8. The UPWP public

review was conducted using the PublicInput.com platform. Public comments received by February 2 were included in the mailing of the Planning Committee's meeting package.

Jody added that an email was sent to Planning Committee members that morning that contained the additional public comments received. The New York State Department of Transportation Planning Bureau provided editorial comments. At this time, GTC staff are not recommending any changes to the draft UPWP based on the public comments received. GTC staff will be making editorial corrections to the UPWP. These edits will not create any technical changes to the draft UPWP program as presented.

Jody noted that an applicant debrief was held during the public review. Typically, GTC staff holds applicant debriefs *after* the public review has ended. The City of Batavia submitted a UPWP application for the Ellicott Street Corridor Complete Street. This proposal was not recommended for funding by the UDC. The City requested additional clarification regarding this funding decision. GTC staff and NYSDOT-Region 4 staff, including Matt Oravec from the Traffic and Safety Division, met with the City of Batavia regarding their application. Through this conversation, GTC staff and NYSDOT were better able to discern what the City of Batavia wanted to achieve, which was not conveyed in the application as it was submitted. NYSDOT and GTC both agreed to work with the City to develop a stronger application for the next UPWP cycle.

Angela Ellis moved to recommend approval of Resolution 23-1; Joel Kleinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

2. Action concerning consideration of UPWP Project Scopes of Work
 - a. Task 5752 –Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Resiliency Plan

Joe Bovenzi presented the Scope of Work for this project. This project will develop a Resilience Improvement Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region that fulfills the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) program requirements under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

This project will advance federal policy to study and better understand the risks of climate change and severe weather events on current and planned transportation infrastructure. It will advance several Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) recommendations that focus on minimizing the disruptive impacts of hazard events. It will also build upon previous regional resiliency planning efforts, including the Regional Critical Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment (2016) and the Local Bridge Vulnerability Assessment (2019). This project will expand those earlier studies with new data sources, such as consideration of disadvantaged communities per the federal Justice40 Initiative.

Preparation of this plan will follow a traditional planning process. A steering committee of regional stakeholders will be organized to oversee the technical work. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be developed, and a consultant will be selected to handle the technical work.

The first task will be to develop a critical assets inventory, which will be based on the inventory for the previous Regional Vulnerability Assessment and will include roads, bridges, culverts, railroads, and support facilities. The second task will be to develop an inventory of hazard impacts and geographical extents. The third task will be to rank assets according to criticality, sensitivity, exposure, history of previous impacts, and location in a disadvantaged community. The fourth task will be to identify hazard prevention and mitigation strategies. There will be two "tiers" of strategies: general strategies as overarching policy to minimize risk, and project-specific strategies to make assets more resilient. The fifth task will be to identify a list of priority projects, including projects for state agencies, each county, including municipal-owned facilities within each county, and transit. Finally, a draft report will be produced for review by the steering committee, and a final report with associated technical appendices, maps, and executive summary will be prepared.

Tom Frys moved to approve the UPWP Scope of Work for Tasks 5752; Dominic Fekete seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

b) Transportation Improvement Program

1. Action concerning modifying the *FFYs 2023-2027 TIP* / Planning Committee Resolutions 23-2 through 23-6

Scott Leathersich proposed grouping Items 5.b.1.a through 5.b.1.e under a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

- a. Deferring phases of the Rt 18 over Northrup and Smith Creeks Bridge Replacements project
- b. Deferring phases of the Rt 33A over Erie Canal Bridge Replacement project
- c. Increasing the Total Cost of the Monroe County Highway Preventive Maintenance (No. 12) project
- d. Increasing the Total Cost of the RTOC Staffing (FFYs 2023-2027) projects
- e. Changing the fund source of the I-490 from Garnsey Rd to I-90 Preventive Maintenance project

Kevin Rooney moved to approve the Planning Committee Resolutions 23-2 through 23-6; Tom Frys seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *FFYs 2023-2027 TIP / Proposed Council Resolutions 23-3 through 23-5*

Scott Leathersich proposed grouping Items 5.b.2.a through 5.b.2.c under a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

- a. Deferring phases of the Rt 31 from City Line to I-590 Preventive Maintenance project
- b. Deferring phases of the Rt 15 Corridor Operation Enhancements - Phase I project
- c. Adding the Operations Building Improvements project

Kevin Rooney moved to recommend approval of Resolutions 23-3 through 23-5; Dominic Fekete seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

c) Long Range Transportation Plan

(No Action Items)

d) Related Activities

1. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *National Performance Measures Report for the GFL Region* and the *FFYs 2023-2027 TIP* by revising the HSIP and Highway Safety Performance Targets / Proposed Council Resolution 23-6

Alex Kone reported that the Highway Safety Improvement Program Report and the Highway Safety Strategic Plan are updated annually by NYSDOT and the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Council, respectively. They collaborate on setting statewide targets. GTC has previously agreed to support the State's targets and include them in the *National Performance Measures Report* and the *FFYs 23-27 TIP*. He noted that though some of the targets for 2023 are higher than those previously approved for 2022, but they are still a reduction below the updated baseline of 2020.

Alex provided an update of the actual performance measured against the targets for the calendar year of 2021. Only the Number of Fatalities met the targeted reduction and the other measures failed to make significant progress. He noted that there have been changes to data standardization and collection relating to serious injuries since the targets were initially set. An HSIP Implementation Plan will be submitted by NYSDOT Main Office that will document strategies to meet its targets and renewing its commitment to priority *Strategic Highway Safety Plan* Emphasis Areas.

Tim McElligott moved to recommend approval of Resolution 23-6; Tom Fryse seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

6. Reports

a) Status of UPWP Projects

GTC - Jim Stack reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: Jim Stack is working on a 3-5 year Strategy for the organization for concurrence by GTC leadership.
- IJJA/BIL Implementation: Staff continues to stay apprised of funding opportunities. Several upcoming opportunities will be highlighted later in the meeting.
- Long Range Transportation Plan Update/Implementation: No activity to report.
- Staff Technical Assistance: Program complete for this fiscal year. Staff will be working with the Town of Lyons, looking at pedestrian facilities, in the next fiscal year.
- Household Travel Data Collection: No activity to report.
- Active Transportation Program: No activity to report.
- Complete Streets Program: Staff has started working on Reconnect Rochester's Complete Streets Makeover program 2023 project at the intersection of Arnett Blvd and Warwick Ave.
- Safety Planning: No activity to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Resiliency Plan: A Scope of Work was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Congestion Management Process: No activity to report.
- Travel Time Data Collection Program: No activity to report.
- Rt. 96 over Rt. 14 Strategic Divestment Analysis: The Evaluation Team identified a preferred consultant and GTC staff is negotiating the contract.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Performance Measurement Monitoring & Evaluation System: Recommended for close out at the January 5 meeting.
- Transportation Performance Management Enhancement Project: RFP is finalized and will be released on February 17.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Freight Plan Update: A Scope of Work was approved at the January 5 the meeting.

G/FLRPC – Jenny Lowenstein reported:

- Regional Land Use Monitoring (2022): The annual survey was sent out in the middle of January. G/FLRPC staff have received 32 responses from six of the nine counties.
- The Last Mile (or less): Site Plan Review for Multimodal Transportation: The site plan review survey was sent out at the end of January and, as of February 8, there have been 62 individual jurisdiction responses.

Livingston County – Angela Ellis reported:

- Lakeville Corridor Strategic Plan: A Steering Committee meeting was held February 2 to review site inventory. The development of the needs assessment and vision statement are underway. The Conesus Lake Watershed Plan will align with this plan.

Monroe County – Yixuan Lin and Tom Frys reported:

- Land Use Monitoring (2022): The 2022 permit survey will be sent to jurisdictions in February/March.
- Monroe County High Accident Location Program: There are no new completed site evaluations.
- Monroe County Comprehensive Active Transportation Plan: The Implementation Strategies are being developed. The next Project Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 28.

NYS DOT – Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Regional Traffic Operations Center (RTOC) Strategic Plan: The Steering Committee will review the draft recommendations on February 10.
- City of Rochester Downtown Sign Assessment: The inventory and assessment of current sign locations and conditions are underway.

Ontario County – Jody Binnix reported:

- Ontario County Freight Rail Corridor Development Plan - Area 2: The RFP was released on January 20. Responses are due March 3.

City of Rochester – Dominic Fekete reported:

- City of Rochester Active Transportation Master Plan: The Project Advisory Committee met on February 7 to review the prioritization framework and performance measures. The next meeting is planned for the end of March.

RGRTA – Eric Farr reported:

- RTS System Performance Monitoring and Refinement: Staff are evaluating ridership for the next quarterly fixed-route adjustments in April.
- Rural Village and City Local Route Study: The draft report is expected by the end of the month.
- Rural On Demand Transit Study: A preferred consultant was selected.
- On Route Charging Feasibility Study: The draft report is being reviewed internally by staff.

Wyoming County – Alex Kone reported:

- Wyoming County High Accident Locations Program: The RFP is finalized and will be released on February 17.

Other Agencies – GTC staff reported:

- Arcade Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study: The consultant provided a draft Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment to GTC and Village for comment ahead of distribution to the Project Advisory Committee (PAC). A PAC meeting is scheduled for February 15.
- Canal Ponds Business Park Connectivity Study: The Consultant is compiling data for the project area.
- West Webster Hamlet Revitalization Plan: Steering Committee meeting was held on January 18. A Citizen's Committee meeting was held on February 1.
- Village of Warsaw Active Transportation Plan: A Project Advisory Committee kickoff meeting was held on January 17.

b) TIP Staff Modifications

Alex Kone reported that since the last Planning Committee meeting there were eight projects modified. A report was included in the meeting package.

c) Federal Legislative and Funding Update

James Stack provided an overview of upcoming discretionary funding opportunities through USDOT. He noted a number of resources for potential project sponsors:

- [transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity](https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity)
- [transportation.gov/dot-navigator](https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator)
- [transportation.gov/grants/dot-navigator/fy-2023-discretionary-grant-preparation-checklist](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dot-navigator/fy-2023-discretionary-grant-preparation-checklist)
- [transportation.gov/rural](https://www.transportation.gov/rural)

Joel Kleinberg requested that any project sponsors that are considering pursuing a grant opportunity reach out to him. He noted that Region 4 and Main Office may be able to provide some technical assistance with the process.

d) Other GTC matters

James Stack reported that the recommended culvert and bridge projects for BRIDGE NY funding are due to NYSDOT Main Office on March 1 and April 1, respectively. He recognized NYSDOT-Region 4's commitment to including GTC staff and members in the culvert selection process this year even though they are not using federal funds.

Jim noted that, since these deadlines are before the next Planning Committee meeting, either a Special Meeting of the Planning Committee can be held or the recommendation can be delegated to the TIP Development Committee. He noted that the final recommendation regarding bridges to be added to the TIP is anticipated to be considered by the Planning Committee in May, after awards are made by NYSDOT Main Office.

The Planning Committee concurred with delegating to the TIP Development Committee the recommendation to be provided to NYSDOT Main Office.

e) Public Engagement Highlights

Lori Maher reported the public review period for the FY 2023-2024 UPWP was held between January 6 and February 8. She also noted that NYSDEC will hold a virtual public meeting about Progress of Statewide Air Monitoring Initiative in Rochester on February 8.

f) Member Agency and Partner Updates

Lori Maher provided an update of several upcoming sponsors' project and planning public involvement opportunities. She reiterated the offer to amplify awareness of upcoming outreach efforts.

7. New Business

There was no New Business.

8. Public Forum

Lori Maher reported that there were no public comments received from observers online.

9. Next Meeting

Scott Leathersich noted that the next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2023.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.