

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CityPlace
50 West Main Street, Rochester
and via PublicInput.com**

**August 8, 2024
9:30 a.m.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Devin Blue, representing Wyoming County
John Boser, representing the NYS Thruway Authority
Megan Crowe, representing Livingston County
Thomas Frys, representing the Monroe County Executive
Kevin Kelley, representing the Rochester City Planning Commission
Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At-Large
Yixuan Lin, representing the Monroe County Planning Board
Saúl Maneiro, representing the Monroe County Legislature
John Papponetti, representing Orleans County
Richard Perrin, representing the City of Rochester Mayor
David Riley, City of Rochester – At Large
Kevin Rooney, representing Wayne County

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Eric Farr, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, representing Miguel Velázquez
Joel Kleinberg, NYS Department of Transportation, representing Christopher Reeve

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Ben Fischer, Federal Highway Administration
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation
Jill Henry, Seneca County
Tim Hens, Genesee County
David Lindsay, Monroe County – At-Large
Evelyn Martinez, Federal Aviation Administration
Douglas Rapalee, Yates County
James Smith, Rochester City Council
Richard Sutherland, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
Jennifer Terry, Federal Transit Administration
Bill Wright, Ontario County
Vacant, Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Vacant, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Al Bartolotta, GTC staff
Jody Binnix, GTC staff
James Bragg, Wyoming County
Chris Brown, RGRTA
Ken Boasi, RGRTA
Joe Bovenzi, GTC staff
Mike Croce, Colliers Engineering
Cody Donohue, Reconnect Rochester
Henry Litsky, Reconnect Rochester

Lori Maher, GTC staff
Jesse Peers, Reconnect Rochester
Kurt Rappazzo, Town of Gates
Lorenzo Rotoli, LaBella Associates
Chris Sichak, Erdman Anthony
Chris Snyder, GTC staff
James Stack, GTC staff
Chris Tortora, GTC staff
Jason Wolfanger, Livingston County

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Scott Leathersich, Planning Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Joe Bovenzi conducted a roll call of Committee members and alternates. The names of other attendees were captured from meeting login information.

2. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

3. Approval of Minutes

Richard Perrin moved to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2024 Planning Committee meeting; Saúl Maneiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Announcements and Old Business

Jim Stack reported:

- On August 7, an employment agreement was reached with a strong candidate for the Active Transportation Program Manager position. This person needs to relocate from eastern New York State and is coordinating with a realtor before finalizing a start date in September.
- The renovations of the new office space are underway. The timeline is still in flux, but we anticipate moving into the space in the first half of September.

5. Action Items

a) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

1. Action concerning consideration of UPWP Project Scopes of Work
 - a. Task 8754 – Town of Gates Active Transportation Plan

Kurt Rappazzo, Director of Public Works with the Town of Gates, presented the project scope of work. The Active Transportation Plan is fully supported by the Town's 2022 Comprehensive Plan, based on feedback from residents. The Town of Gates is the only inner-rung suburb of Rochester without an Active Transportation Plan. An emphasis of the plan will be on connecting with neighboring community's Active Transportation Plans, such as the City of Rochester.

Rich Perrin noted that he appreciated that the plan will identify potential connections with neighboring communities, such as the City of Rochester.

b. Task 8756 – Monroe County Active Transportation Implementation Plan

Tom Frys and Yixuan Lin presented the project scope of work. The Monroe County Active Transportation Implementation Plan is a follow up activity to the County's recently completed Active Transportation Plan. The project will be conducted in two phases. The first phase will review internal MCDOT policies and update them to take into account relevant active transportation considerations. The next phase will focus on capital improvements. Another consideration will be the priority corridors that the original Active Transportation Plan identified. This study will only apply to County owned facilities.

c. Task 8757 – City of Rochester Alleyway Reactivation and Conversion Program

David Riley presented the project scope of work. The Rochester Alleyway Reactivation and Conversion Program will engage residents in re-envisioning how these spaces function and will identify strategies to reduce undesirable activities while improving access and connection for non-motorized users. The project will include alleyway maintenance and safety considerations as well. Once the scope is approved, the RFP process will be initiated.

Yixuan Lin noted that she is happy to see that alleyway maintenance will be considered as part of the Scope of Work.

Thomas Frys moved to approve the UPWP Scopes of Work for Tasks 8754, 8756, and 8757; Richard Perrin seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

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

a. Task 8544 – Regional Rural On-Demand Service Study

Chris Brown presented the project closeout. The study examined service frameworks for larger municipalities in rural counties, regional areas spanning several municipalities, and entire rural counties. Multiple community and stakeholder engagement activities were conducted to learn more about community needs and service priorities. This work resulted in recommendations for three service delivery frameworks including, 1) local on-demand microtransit services, 2) regional on-demand services for municipal clusters, and 3) pre-booked microtransit.

Ken Boasi stated that RTS is the recipient of a \$3.5 million CMAQ award, that will be presented later in this meeting, to launch on-demand pilots in Le Roy, Dansville, Avon, Newark/Lyons, and Palmyra. RTS Genesee will also be expanding routes in the City of Batavia using the City Center building as a transfer hub. The new service will begin on August 12.

Saúl Maneiro moved to accept the report as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 8544, Thomas Frys seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

3. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *FY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program* to reprogram the FY 2023-2024 rollover amounts / Proposed Council Resolution 24-26

Jody Binnix noted that, during FY 23-24 GTC realized savings of approximately \$470,000. Both the Planning Committee and the Board agreed that staff should work with the UPWP Development Committee (UDC) to reprogram these funds off-cycle. The UDC met virtually on July 11 and deliberated via email, resulting in recommendations to program the excess funding. The UDC developed three main categories of recommendations.

The first set of recommendations is to add funding to projects that are not yet under contract. These are projects that have already been funded, but the UDC recommended increasing the budgets. Due to inflation, project costs have risen and UPWP budgets have not been keeping pace. This was going to be a point of emphasis for the upcoming UPWP call this fall. Staff believe that budgets for planning studies need to be increased compared to where they've been historically. The meeting materials show which projects were selected for increased funding, as not all existing tasks were, and provide a brief justification. For example, the Wyoming County Route 20A Truck Freight Corridor Study budget was increased due to the need for public involvement as this would take up a significant portion of the existing budget.

The next recommendation is to provide additional funds to a project under contract. The Rt. 96 over Rt. 14 Strategic Divestment Analysis Project is currently under contract and over budget. The project was first scoped in 2020, and costs have increased significantly since that time. This is also the first study of this kind, strategic divestment of an interchange, that GTC has undertaken. The level of traffic analysis was more extensive than originally anticipated. Although it is not typical to give projects under contract extra funding to cover overruns, this is a significant cost overrun and it's not typical that GTC has such a significant savings and availability of unprogrammed funding. This is the type of change that would normally be considered for Program Reserve. A detailed explanation of the cost overrun has been provided by the consultant and was included in the transmittal memo as part of the mailing.

The final set of recommendations involve adding new projects. There are three new projects recommended for funding:

1. Transportation Listening Sessions – This project was first proposed by the GFLRPC last fall, but in a different format. The UDC took the basic idea and tied it to the LRTP process. The listening sessions offer a unique partnership opportunity for GTC and the Regional Planning Council to work collaboratively

and it will serve as the first round of public engagement for the upcoming 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

2. City of Batavia Active Transportation Plan – The City of Batavia previously applied for UPWP funding to study bicycle and pedestrian improvements on a specific road segment, which was not funded in two consecutive cycles. GTC staff worked with the City to consider a more holistic approach that will consider all roads instead of a single segment along a specific corridor.
3. Wyoming County Active Transportation Plan – The County is home to many small communities that cannot justify a standalone UPWP study. This countywide plan will focus on the existing and proposed trail network, developing active transportation friendly policies and practices that smaller communities can implement, and develop a list of capital projects that the County and smaller communities can partner on to seek implementation funding.

The funding for the budget increase and new tasks, if approved by the Board, will become available after the Board deliberates at their August 22 meeting.

Rich Perrin inquired about the Transportation Listening Sessions. He asked how much of the project would be focused on transportation [LRTP outreach] and how much of the project would be focused on the NYS Scoping Plan/climate change.

Jody responded that the Listening Sessions would focus on transportation concerns. G/FLRPC has many existing contacts given the NYS Clean Communities and climate work that they've undertaken, and we would tap into those contacts as a starting point. It's likely that both transportation and climate change concerns will be raised. The Transportation Listening Sessions were proposed last fall, but they did not tie back to a product. GTC thought tying the feedback back to the LRTP would be a great way to increase engagement during that process. The project has not been fully scoped due to the timeline [off-cycle] and this concern can be addressed in the Scope of Work.

Joe Bovenzi noted that the NYS Scoping Plan is the state's greenhouse gas reduction and renewable energy plan.

Joel Kleinberg moved to approve Planning Committee Resolution 24-26; Yixuan Lin seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

b) Transportation Improvement Program

1. Action concerning modifying the *FFYs 2023-2027 TIP* / Planning Committee Resolutions 24-06 through 24-08
 - a. Advancing funding for phases of the Co Rd 4 at Freshour Rd Intersection Improvements project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 24-06

Joel Kleinberg reported that even though the project sponsor is Ontario County, this project was being changed at the request of NYSDOT. The project is funded by the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), but this is a program with additional criteria to use. In the current FFY, some HSIP funds were available for programming on eligible projects. The county was willing to advance the engineering phases to use these funds.

- b. Adding a supplemental phase to the E Lake Rd (CR 2) Preventive Maintenance (Rt 19A to Rt 39) project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 24-07

Jim Stack reported that Wyoming County encountered higher than anticipated costs due to the need to coordinate with the Norfolk Southern railroad flagging operations. This change will add a supplemental Preliminary Engineering phase to cover the costs of coordinating with the railroad.

- c. Increasing the federal share of the Bull's Head Revitalization project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 24-08

Jim Stack reported that several months ago, a staff modification was made to add a Non-Participating Share (NPS) to this project. This was due to increased costs for right-of-way phases. However, with the year-end TIP budget adjustments to planning target funds, there is capacity to convert the NPS to federal aid to the maximum share.

Richard Perrin moved to approve Planning Committee Resolutions 24-06 through 24-08; Thomas Frys seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Jim Stack reported that the TIP Amendments are being presented in four different groups:

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ);
 - BRIDGENY awards;
 - Large Culvert projects; and
 - Planning Target funded.
2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *FFYs 2023-2027 TIP* / Proposed Council Resolution 24-27
 - a. Adding the 2024 TAP/CMAQ projects / Proposed Council Resolution 24-27

Jim Stack reported that this resolution is for adding nine new projects to the TIP. These projects are funded through the TAP and CMAQ programs. Project sponsor completed applications for regional and State review. Project award decisions were made by NYSDOT Main Office. These are new funds to the region and are not available to any other project.

Megan Crowe moved to recommend approval of Resolution 24-27; Saúl Maneiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

3. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *FFYs 2023-2027 TIP* / Proposed Council Resolution 24-28
 - a. Adding the 2024 BRIDGE NY projects / Proposed Council Resolution 24-28

Jim Stack reported that this resolution is for adding eleven new bridge projects to the TIP. These projects are funded through the BRIDGENY program. Local bridge owners completed applications for regional and State review. Project award decisions were made by NYSDOT Main Office. These are new funds to the region and are not available to any other project. A certain amount of federal aid funding was allocated for use in each county. Some projects do not meet the maximum 80% federal share and have a local share that is greater than 20%. This is due to insufficient federal funds available for those projects. Project sponsors agreed to receive partial federal funding and will use local funds for the balance.

Thomas Frys moved to recommend approval of Resolution 24-28; David Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *FFYs 2023-2027 TIP* / Proposed Council Resolutions 24-29 through 24-37
 - a. Increasing the total cost of, decreasing STBG-Flex funds, and adding new PROTECT funds to the Culvert Replacement at Various Locations in Livingston and Wyoming Counties project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-29
 - b. Increasing the total cost of the Culvert Replacement at Various Locations in Monroe and Wayne Counties project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-30
 - c. Increasing the cost of the Replacement/Rehabilitation of Various Culverts in Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, and Wayne Counties project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-31
 - d. Increasing the cost of the Large Culvert Replacement/Rehabilitation project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-32
 - e. Increasing the cost of, deferring phases of, and reducing the scope for the Rehabilitation/ Replacement of Culverts at Various Locations project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-33
 - f. Deferring the Culvert Replacement in Genesee and Orleans Counties project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-34
 - g. Decreasing the cost and reducing the scope of the Replacement of Various Culverts in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, and Orleans Counties project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-35
 - h. Increasing the cost and reducing the federal share of the Large Culvert Replacement/Rehabilitation project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-36

- i. Adding the Replacement of Various Culverts in Livingston and Ontario Counties project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-37

Jim Stack reported that these culvert projects are being presented together because, while they are not part of a specific funding program like BRIDGENY, they are interrelated and many are complex projects. NYSDOT-Main Office has identified Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) program funding to add to these projects, which is new funding to the region. Some projects are being realigned, with specific culverts moving from one project to another.

Saúl Maneiro moved to recommend approval of Resolutions 24-29 through 24-37; Joel Kleinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- 5. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *FFYs 2023-2027 TIP* / Proposed Council Resolutions 24-38 through 24-55
 - a. Decreasing the cost of the Gananda Pkwy (CR 205a) Preventative Maintenance (Rt 441 to Eddy Rd) project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-38

Kevin Rooney reported that the County had previously added a large Non-Participating Share to this project. However, due to favorable bid results, the project costs have decreased, and he would like to make the project whole and replace the Non-Participating Share with federal funds.

Jim Stack explained that the purpose of this, and many of the following, changes is to maximize 2024 programming to use up available resources and to set up next year's program of projects.

- b. Increasing the cost and federal share of the Rt 204 (Brooks Ave) from Rt 33A to Rochester City Line project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-39

Joel Kleinberg reported that, in general, NYSDOT is looking to consolidate federal aid on certain projects, and add Non-Participating Shares to other projects, as a means of simplifying accounting practices. This project is at Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) milestone. The construction cost is being adjusted to reflect the current estimate. The change to this project is to add funds to cover increased right-of-way and construction costs. Some of the federal aid is grant funding through the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

- c. Increasing the cost of the Rt 14 over CSX Bridge Deck Replacement project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-40

Joel Kleinberg reported that the increased cost of this project is due to an expansion of the scope to include improvements to a stairway that connects the sidewalk on the bridge to a nearby residential neighborhood. Addressing this need will increase the project cost. In addition, NYS Route 14 is a

designated bicycle route, and the increased costs reflect a need for special work zone control for bicyclists.

- d. Deferring phases and reducing the federal share of the Rt 33A Over Erie Canal Bridge (BIN 4443340) project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-41

Joel Kleinberg reported that this project is providing the offset for many other projects, including both state and local projects. Certain project phases are being deferred due to additional environmental approvals before the design approval document can be signed. This is creating an opportunity to use FFY 2024 funds on other projects. There is also a scope change for this project; this project was originally a superstructure replacement, but the substructure cannot support the new superstructure, so the entire bridge must be replaced.

Jim Stack noted that he and Joel Kleinberg discussed the desire to keep Federal funds on the Construction of this project to follow the Federal-Aid process that had been used to date. This will simplify implementation of the project.

Richard Perrin stated that the condition of this bridge has been a concern for many years. About a decade ago, the bridge had an emergency closure. This bridge provides a critical transportation link between the city and the Town of Gates, and the city is supportive of this project if it keeps the bridge in service.

- e. Increasing the cost of the Rt 33A/Rt 259 Intersection Safety Enhancements project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-42

Joel Kleinberg reported that this project is using the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Due to roadway modifications, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is requiring an oil/water separator be installed at a gas station. The gas station will install the separator and be reimbursed by NYSDOT. Other cost increases are due to addressing a road grading need.

- f. Increasing the cost of the I-490 from Rt 204 (Exit 6 – Airport) to Howard Road Preventative Maintenance project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-43

Joel Kleinberg reported that project costs have increased largely because of required culvert work that was not originally anticipated.

- g. Increasing the cost of the Pavement Markings for 2026 (Westside) project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-44

Joel Kleinberg reported that this project is funded in part with NYSDOT-Main Office funds. The cost increase is primarily for newly required grooved-in pavement marking work.

- h. Increasing the cost and changing the federal fund source of the Rt 18 over Northrup Creek and Smith Creek Bridge Replacement project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-45

Joel Kleinberg reported that this project includes two bridges at the edge of the urbanized area. NYSDOT is working with the community to better understand active transportation needs. The state is looking to widen the Smith Creek bridge to provide space for active transportation elements and realign the creek under the bridge to minimize scour and erosion. The Northrup Creek bridge will be elevated as well. These changes are driving up project costs.

- i. Increasing the cost and deferring phases of the Rt 31 from the City of Rochester I-590 project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-46

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT will be working on six projects on the east side of Monroe County in upcoming construction seasons. Due to delays with one project, there was a domino effect on other projects giving detour routes needs. NYSDOT is looking to defer phases on this project to address this need.

Yixuan Lin asked if this project would include a road diet. Joel explained that a road diet was a possible approach.

- j. Adding the RGRTA Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric uses and Associated Facility Upgrades project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-47

Eric Farr reported that RGRTA was successful in a grant application for this new project. This project will allow RGRTA to retrofit existing facilities to bring them up to code for storing hydrogen fuel buses, as well as purchase three new buses.

- k. Adding the EV Charging Infrastructure Improvements on Main St (Churchville) project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-48

Joel Kleinberg reported that the state received Nation Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program funds for alternative fuel infrastructure along designated regional corridors. Region 4 advocated to bring those funds to the region to address a gap in the charging station network.

- l. Amending the FFYs 2023-2027 TIP by increasing the cost and federal share of the Monroe County Highway Preventive Maintenance [No. 10] project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-49

Thomas Frys reported that this roadway maintenance project will include addressing a gap in the sidewalk network. The cost increases will cover increased materials costs. In addition, this change is replacing a Non-Participating Share with federal aid.

- m. Amending the FFYs 2023-2027 TIP by increasing the federal share of the Monroe County RTOC Operations [FFY 2024] project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-50

Thomas Frys reported that this increase will address increased costs in staffing and utilities costs.

- n. Amending the FFYs 2023-2027 TIP by increasing the cost and federal share of the Monroe County RTOC operations [FFY 2025] project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-51

Thomas Frys reported that the background for this change is the same as for the previous project. Jim Stack added that the fund source is being changed to the Carbon Reduction Program, freeing up funds for other projects.

- o. Amending the FFYs 2023-2027 TIP by increasing the cost of and adding supplemental phases to the Tileyard Rd over Flint Creek Bridge Replacement project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-52

Jim Stack reported that Ontario County had previously added a Non-Participating Share to keep the project moving forward. However, federal aid is available and can be added to this project to offset local funds.

- p. Amending the FFYs 2023-2027 TIP by increasing the federal share of the I-590 Bridges over Rt 31 Allens Creek Rd project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-53

Joel Kleinberg reported that this change addresses the latest cost estimates and uses available National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds.

- q. Amending the FFYs 2023-2027 TIP by increasing the federal share of the State/Exchange/Ford St Preventive Maintenance project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-54

Joel Kleinberg reported that the City of Rochester previously added a Non-Participating Share to this project. NHPP balances are available, and this project is eligible for those funds. This change will replace the city's Non-Participating Share with federal aid funds.

Thomas Frys moved to recommend approval of Resolutions 24-38 through 24-54; Saúl Maneiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

c) Long Range Transportation Plan

1. (No Action Items)

d) Related Activities

1. (No Action Items)

6. Reports

a) Status of UPWP Projects

GTC - Jim Stack reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: No activity to report.
- Long Range Transportation Plan Update/ Implementation: No activity to report.

- Genesee-Finger Lakes Scenario Tool: No activity to report.
- Staff Technical Assistance: The sidewalk assessment in the former Village of Lyons has been on hold until a new Active Transportation PM comes aboard. Need to determine how the Town wants to receive the data.
- Household Travel Data Collection: No activity to report.
- Active Transportation Program: No activity to report.
- Complete Streets Program: No activity to report.
- Safety Planning: No activity to report.
- Security & Resiliency Planning: No activity to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Resiliency Plan: RGRTA authorized entering into a contract on June 27. The draft contract was reviewed, and execution is expected this month.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Thruway Detour Route Management Plan: A draft RFP is nearly complete and will be shared with stakeholders for review and comment soon.
- Congestion Management Process (CMP): No activity to report.
- Travel Time Data Collection Program: No activity to report.
- Rt 96 over Rt 14 Strategic Divestment Analysis: The Steering Committee met on June 14. The second round of public engagement is scheduled for August 21.
- Greater Rochester Transportation Management Association Feasibility Study: The Project Advisory Committee met on July 17.

Jody Binnix reported:

- Regional Freight Plan Update: Staff held "Office Hours" to get initial input and had about 20 participants. The consultant has been working to identify focus group participants and is scheduling them this month. The consultant provided a SWOT analysis in mid-June that was discussed with the Steering Committee on July 15. The consultant provided draft strategies for staff review and comment.

Jim Stack reported:

- Regional Trails Initiative Update: Project has been on hold until a new Active Transportation PM comes aboard.

G/FLRPC – No one present to give an update.

- *G/FLRPC* Regional Land Use Monitoring (CY 2023): No update provided.
- Regional Land Use Monitoring Report Dashboard: No update provided.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Region Population Forecast 2060: No update provided.

Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Regional Alternative Fuel Vehicle Infrastructure Tools: *G/FLRPC* has hired a new planner to manage this project. He will be meeting with *G/FLRPC* staff to discuss restarting this project.

Monroe County – Yixuan Lin, Tom Frys, and Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Land Use Monitoring (CY 2023): The county has received 28 out of 30 surveys. Work is starting on compiling data for the final report.
- Traffic Signal Preemption Study: The Consultant distributed the draft transition process and business practices memos for steering committee review. The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for August 14.
- High Accident Location Program: No locations have been completed since the previous meeting. Thirteen locations are currently in the process of being analyzed. Seven locations were driven yesterday and the other six have not yet started.
- Monroe County Comprehensive Active Transportation Implementation Plan: The Scope of Work was presented under Agenda Item 5.a.1.b.

NYS DOT – James Stack and Joe Bovenzi reported:

- TIP Best Practices Study: The contract was executed on June 6. The consultant has been compiling information for the project.
- Wyoming County Route 20A Truck Freight Corridor Study: The RFP is on hold until the Mount Road Boulevard Corridor Study Update contracting process progresses.
- Mount Read Boulevard Corridor Study Update: The scope of work was approved at the previous meeting. The RFP has been developed but has not been released pending budget updated recommended by the UDC.

Ontario County – Jody Binnix reported:

- Ontario County Freight Rail Corridor Development Plan: The first public meeting was held on July 8. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19. A railroad tour for local elected officials and other stakeholders is scheduled for August 21.
- Ontario County Access Management, Complete Street, and Resiliency Project: This project has not started yet. GTC staff will coordinate with Ontario County staff to prepare the Scope of Work.

City of Rochester – David Riley and Jody Binnix reported:

- ADA Right-of-Way Transition Plan: The first steering committee meeting was held on July 25.
- Joseph Avenue ArtWalk Master Plan: A kick-off meeting with the PAC was held on July 16. A walking tour of the corridor was also held.
- Genesee Riverway Trail Completion Study: A PAC meeting was held on July 22. The project team is working on organizing a pop-up event.
- Inner Loop North Mobility and Development Strategy: Project coordination meetings have been held with the consultant team and city staff. The consultant will attend the Inner Loop North Transformation project public meeting on August 21 to gain insights. A Community Advisory Committee will be organized.

A site tour is scheduled for August 29.

- City of Rochester Alleyway Reactivation and Conversion Program: The Scope of Work was presented under Agenda Item 5.a.1.c.

RGRTA – Eric Farr reported:

- Origin-Destination Study: The project is nearing closeout. RTS staff will work with GTC staff to present the project closeout at an upcoming meeting.
- Service Performance Monitoring and Refinement: This process is ongoing. Staff is finalizing minor service changes that will take effect in September.
- Rural On Demand Transit Study: The project was presented for closeout under Agenda Item 5.a.2.a.

Wyoming County – Jim Stack reported:

- Wyoming County Priority Investigation Locations Program: A project kick-off meeting was held on July 15. The consultant provided a project work plan and schedule for July 26. The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) members have been confirmed. The first PAC meeting is being scheduled.

Other Agencies –

Jim Stack reported:

- Canal Ponds Business Park Connectivity Study: This project is complete and was presented for Close Out at the previous Planning Committee meeting.
- Town of Gates Active Transportation Plan – The Scope of Work was presented under Agenda Item 5.a.1.a.
- Hamlet of Ontario Center Active Transportation Plan – This project has not yet started.

Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Village of Fairport Zoning Code Update: The Steering Committee met on June 6. Staff is assisting in the compilation and summary of the public comments submitted through GTC's PublicInput.com platform. The tool has new AI capabilities that are very useful in identifying themes and tagging comments.

Jim Stack reported:

- Town of Rush Comprehensive Active Transportation Plan: A Project Advisory Committee meeting was held on June 12. A public workshop was held on June 25. The consultant prepared an existing conditions report for review and comment.

b) Status of SS4A Program

Jim Stack reported that the SS4A program is progressing. The final draft of the federal grant agreement was submitted to FHWA Headquarters on May 16. FHWA Headquarters returned the draft agreement to FHWA New York with some

comments, and a follow-up meeting to discuss those comments is scheduled for later today.

GTC staff have prepared a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) document to be ready for release when the FHWA agreement is implemented. A Request for Information (RFI) was released in July to pre-identify firms interested in submitting RFPs and to facilitate the possible partnering of firms given the amount of work to be done under the SS4A contracts. The optimal consultant team will blend national expertise with local knowledge. Fifteen firms responded to the RFI, and the RFP will be sent to them when it is released. The plan is to release the RFP later in August, which will allow executing a contract shortly after the grant agreement is signed.

c) TIP Staff Modifications

Jim Stack reported that since the last Planning Committee meeting, the TIP Development Committee has concurred with ten staff modification requests. A report was included in the meeting package.

d) Federal Legislative and Funding Update

USDOT Discretionary Programs

Jim Stack provided an overview discretionary funding opportunities through USDOT. Jim noted several open USDOT grant opportunities as well as several anticipated to be released this summer.

e) Other GTC Matters

No report provided.

f) Public Engagement Highlights

Jim Stack reported on the various public engagement events that took place over the past few months.

g) Member Agency and Partner Updates

No report provided.

7. New Business

- a. Action concerning identifying prioritized Critical Urban Freight Corridors for consideration for inclusion in National Highway Freight Network.

Jody Binnix reported that New York State recently updated the State Freight Plan. As part of this process, new Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFC) across the state were identified. If a facility is designated as a CUFC it becomes part of the National Highway Freight Network and it becomes eligible for National Highway Freight Program funding. Per the federal regulations, New York State is limited to 150 centerline miles of CUFCs statewide. Therefore, NYSDOT-MO is requesting designation of the CUFC on small segments of a facility in order to access the NHFP

funding. In our region, they would like GTC to request designation of a segment of Route 31 so that the National Highway Freight Program funding can be used to replace the Route 31 bridge over I-490 in the Town of Perinton.

Jody called attention to the CUFC table noting that, since the mailing, NYSDOT-MO has slightly altered the mileage. The meeting package identified 0.09 miles, and the segment has been updated to 0.4 miles to account for the complete length of the bridge and more logical endpoints. GTC must send a letter to FHWA New York Division office requesting the CUFC designation for it to be official. This item does not require any formal action. No committee members or alternates raised any objections.

- b. Increasing the federal share of the E. Lake Rd (CR 2) Preventive Maintenance (Rt 19A to Rt 39) project / Proposed Council Resolution 24-55

Jim Stack reported that following distribution of the meeting package, a request was received from Wyoming County to change the East Lake Road Preventive Maintenance project by increasing the federal share and adding a supplemental FFY 2025 Construction phase.

[NOTE: subsequent to this meeting, Wyoming County confirmed that the currently programmed funds are sufficient, and this change is no longer needed.]

Kevin Rooney moved to recommend approval of Resolution 24-24; Yixuan Lin seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- c. Advancing phases of the Monroe County Traffic Signal Replacements Group 1 project

Joel Kleinberg reported that preceding the meeting this morning, NYSDOT Main Office reached out to see if there are project phases that can be accelerated. Joel is requesting consideration for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases of this project to be advanced from FFY 2026 to FFY 2025. He noted that Monroe County has worked through the engineering phases and can implement the project sooner than anticipated. Jim Stack noted that, given the timing of this request, staff did not have time to prepare a draft resolution but will do so for the board meeting. If the Committee is supportive of this change, this would be a "conditional approval" that is recommended to the board for action pending confirmation with NYSDOT Main Office.

Thomas Frys moved to recommend this conditional action; Richard Perrin seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

8. Public Forum

Cody Donohue from Reconnect Rochester addressed the Committee. He expressed his appreciation for the work that the Committee does and noted that Reconnect hopes to stay engaged with all the projects discussed at the meeting. Reconnect will issue a call for projects for the Complete Streets Makeover program that is being supported by GTC's SS4A grant and will expand eligibility to all of Monroe County instead of limiting project locations to the City of Rochester as before. He reminded the attendees that

Brooks Avenue is also a New York State Bicycle Route (Route 5) and is an important active transportation link to the Wegmans facility in Gates and other employment centers in that area. He is happy to hear about the next steps for developing the Monroe County Active Transportation Implementation Plan because that plan will provide needed clarity to advocates on active transportation investments; Reconnect is available to provide input on this project. He is supportive of prioritizing county roads that were identified in the active transportation plan given the limited resources available for improvements. It has been helpful to have a priority list for the city, the spine network, that advocates have used to guide their work. He reported that later in the day Reconnect will announce the outcome of the third year of the "Mind the Gap" campaign. The first year's winner was Elmwood Avenue, and some active transportation improvements have been made to this road. The second year's winner was Empire Boulevard between Winton Road and Bay Road. This year's winner is Culver Road, from Norton Street to Brower Road. This will help address the active transportation gap between East Irondequoit and the City of Rochester and includes information on a trail concept to route a trail around NYS Route 590. Reconnect is looking forward to continuing to partner to advance projects.

9. Next Meeting

Scott Leathersich reported that the next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2024. All materials for items to be considered at this meeting should be submitted to GTC staff no later than Friday, September 27, 2024.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.