

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
CityPlace
50 West Main St., Rochester
and via PublicInput.com
April 24, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Devin Blue, representing Wyoming County
John Boser, representing NYS Thruway Authority
Megan Crowe, representing Livingston County
Tom Frys, representing Monroe County – Executive
Tim Hens, representing Genesee County
Kevin Kelley, representing City of Rochester – Planning Commission
Craig Lane, representing Orleans County
Scott Leathersich, representing Monroe County – At Large (1)
Yixuan Lin, representing Monroe County – Planning Board
Kabutey Ocansey, representing City of Rochester – Mayor’s Office
David Riley, representing City of Rochester – At Large
Kevin Rooney, representing Wayne County
Richard Sutherland, representing Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Eric Farr, representing Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority
Joel Kleinberg, representing NYS Department of Transportation
Jason Rearick, representing Seneca County

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Ben Fischer, Federal Highway Administration
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation
David Lindsay, representing Monroe County – At Large (2)
Evelyn Martinez, Federal Aviation Administration
Douglas Rapalee, Yates County
Yversha Roman, representing Monroe County Legislature
James Smith, representing City of Rochester – Council
Jennifer Terry, representing Federal Transit Administration
William Wright, representing Ontario County
Vacant, representing Monroe County Supervisors’ Association
Vacant, representing NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Al Bartolotta, GTC Staff	Lori Maher, GTC Staff
Joe Bovenzi, GTC Staff	Corinda Reaves, RTS
Tyler Carey, G/FLRPC	Chris Sichak, Erdman Anthony
Mike Croce, Colliers	Chris Snyder, GTC Staff
Cody Donahue, Reconnect Rochester	David Staas, GTC Staff
Zac Cracknell, Livingston County	Jim Stack, GTC Staff
Eric Farr, RGRTA	Chris Tortora, GTC Staff
Lora Leon, NYSDOT Region 4	Jason Wolfanger, Livingston County
Henry Litsky, Reconnect Rochester	Other anonymous viewers online

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 the meeting login information.

2. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

3. Approval of Minutes

Thomas Frys moved to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2025 Planning Committee meeting; Eric Farr seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Announcements and Old Business

James Stack reported:

- **FHWA/FTA Joint Certification Review:** As reported at the previous meeting, every four years GTC goes through a joint FHWA/FTA Certification Review. This year, federal staff had travel restrictions, so the review was conducted via video. The initial feedback was positive, and staff anticipates having only one corrective action to address. This corrective action will be to formally document our Tribal Consultation process. All indications are that we have passed our Certification Review.
- **Federal Executive Orders:** Since the previous meeting, conditions have settled with regards to President Trump's Executive Orders and Transportation Secretary Duffy's directives on transportation programs. Because Metropolitan Planning funds are distributed via formula, we have been given guidance that MPOs should continue in a "business as usual" manner. There may be future changes, but they will follow applicable procedures. All previously paused activities have been restarted.
- **Staff Changes:** In March, Jody Binnix accepted a position with NYSDOT-Region 4. Her last day at GTC was on April 22. In her more than 17 years at GTC, Jody was a valued member of the team and made significant contributions to GTC's success. She has developed an excellent reputation among her colleagues and NYSDOT is lucky to have her on their staff.

Joel Kleinberg stated that NYSDOT was excited to have Jody join their staff and were looking forward to working with her. He reported that Lora Leon has been promoted from the Region 4 planning staff to work with Main Office on transit planning. She will continue to work out of the Region 4 office but will no longer be involved with the UPWP Development Committee and the various UPWP projects that she's worked on in the past.

5. Action Items

a) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

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

a. Task 8554 – Regional Alternative Fuel Vehicle Infrastructure Study

Tyler Carey reported that the purpose of the project was to provide guidance on the planning, design, and implementation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the Genesee-Finger Lakes region. The project aims to support New York State's clean energy and electrification goals by integrating strategic site planning with user-centered amenity design. The intended audience includes fleet managers, contractors, municipal leaders, and the general public. The resulting guidebook is focused on making electric vehicle charging stations both functional and inviting to accelerate adoption and broader community benefits.

The report is organized into sections covering charging station types, regulatory requirements, amenity design by location, funding opportunities, and future trends. Each section offers targeted insights to support electric vehicle infrastructure deployments in a range of environments, including main streets, rest stops, workplaces, and various housing types. The guidebook includes information on zoning, utility, building code, and Americans with Disability Act requirements; amenity design guidance by location; federal, state, and local funding programs; anticipated future technology innovations including wireless charging; and numerous web links to laws, training opportunities, and tools for easy access.

**Yixuan Lin moved to recommend approval of Resolution 25-07;
Thomas Frys seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

b) Transportation Improvement Program

1. Action concerning approving the Draft FFYs 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project List for public review

Chris Snyder reported that the FFY 2026-2030 TIP project list is now complete and ready for public review. The Planning Committee is being asked to approve this list for a 30-day public review starting on April 25, 2025.

Over 140 applications for new projects were received by the January 20, 2025, deadline. The applications represented a total request of over \$1.2 billion in total funding for transportation improvement projects under the 2026-2030 TIP. Applications were reviewed for completeness and then scored by GTC and NYSDOT Region-4, which resulted in tiered lists for review by the TIP Development Committee (TDC). In March and early April, the TDC reviewed the tiered lists in a series of three TIP Development Workshops. On April 11, the TDC completed their selection process which resulted in the draft project list for the FFY 2026-2030 TIP. Included in the program are 127 existing and new projects

that represent approximately \$600 million in federal funding, and approximately \$280 million in State and local matching funds, for a total program valued at \$870 million of funding for public works projects to improve, maintain, rehabilitate, and reconstruct transportation infrastructure throughout the region.

Included as part of the public review process are two public information sessions on May 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held virtually and will be recorded and uploaded to the Public Input site for review by the general public. Additionally, members of the public can set up a time to meet with GTC staff and discuss the proposed TIP by appointment during the public review period.

Following the end of the public review period, the Planning Committee will be provided any public comments received, the final list of projects, and the fiscal constraint of programmed funding at their May 29, 2025 meeting. At this meeting, the Planning Committee will provide a recommendation to the GTC Board regarding approval of the FFY 2026-2030 TIP at their June 12, 2025, meeting.

Yixuan Lin asked if this information will be advertised to the public. Lori Maher replied that legal and public notices would be published on April 25. She welcomed any assistance in raising awareness.

James Stack noted that he appreciated the TDC's efforts in developing the new TIP. Looking ahead, there is still some work to do to ensure that the proposed projects conform to fiscal constraint limitations, but the majority of the work is complete.

David Riley moved to approve the Draft FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Project List for 30-day public review. Kabutey Ocansey seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

2. Action concerning approving the Draft Transportation Conformity Statement for the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2045 and the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for public review.

James Stack reported that Transportation Conformity is the process by which metropolitan planning organizations ensure transportation investments included in the region's TIP conform to the Federal Clean Air Act and demonstrate that a proposed plan of projects will not negatively affect a region's ability to meet or maintain federal air quality standards. Documenting air quality conformity must be done as an element of the overall TIP development process. The draft Conformity Statement would be published and available for public review and comment concurrently with the TIP Public Review period through May 27.

Thomas Frys moved to approve the Draft Air Conformity Statement for 30-day public review. Eric Farr 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: Staff is monitoring transportation policy changes being implemented under the Trump Administration
- Long Range Transportation Plan Update/ Implementation: Staff have been collaborating with G/FLRPC on organizing the Transportation Listening Sessions to support LRTP outreach. Staff have had internal conversations on transitioning the lead given Jody's departure. Staff have identified the need for a Graphic Designer to support the document development. There is funding in the Community Relation task that can cover this expense.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Scenario Tool: No activity to report.
- Staff Technical Assistance: No activity to report.
- Household Travel Data Collection: The purchase of data has been on pause, but can now move forward. Staff are doing a deeper dive into platforms that NYSDOT has made available to MPOs so we can save expenses and focus on data gaps.
- Active Transportation Program: Staff is gearing up for field counts and coordinating with stakeholders on count needs across the region.
- Complete Streets Program: Funding has been designated to specific UPWP tasks.
- Safety Planning: No activity to report.
- Security & Resiliency Planning: No activity to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Resiliency Plan: A draft Asset and Hazard Data Inventory Technical Memorandum has been developed by the consultant. Staff are reviewing materials and will coordinate with the consultant on any required update before distributing the Technical Memo to the steering committee.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Thruway Detour Route Management Plan: An RFP has been prepared, but the release was paused. The RFP release will be coordinated with other projects to ensure that the market is not "flooded" with RFPs in a short time.
- 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: Staff are working with the consultant to get final deliverables. Project closeout anticipated in May.
- Regional Trails Initiative Update: An RFP has been prepared, but the release was paused. The RFP release will be coordinated with other projects to ensure that

the market is not “flooded” with RFPs in a short time.

Joel Kleinberg asked about how RFP releases will be prioritized. James Stack responded that GTC staff will coordinate with project sponsors and consider staffing needs and the ability to advance projects when looking at RFP releases.

G/FLRPC – Richard Sutherland reported:

- G/FLRPC Regional Land Use Monitoring (CY 2024): Staff have a 59% response rate to survey requests and are working on tracking down outstanding requests. Staff are working with counties, who are supporting the data collection process, to track down outstanding requests
- Regional Land Use Monitoring Report Dashboard: Ten years of data has been standardized and cleaned up for inclusion in the dashboard. Data has been added to ArcGIS to populate the dashboard.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Region Population Forecast 2060: Data collection is mostly complete thanks to support from Cornell University staff. G/FL staff are looking at what additional information can be provided through this deliverable. The project is designed to be continually updated with American Community Survey (ACS) data.
- Just Transition Workforce Development Plan: This is a new project; a scope of work will be discussed at a future Planning Committee meeting.
- Regional Alternative Fuel Vehicle Infrastructure Tools: This project was presented for closeout earlier in the meeting.

Livingston County – Megan Crowe reported:

- Nunda Active Transportation Plan: This is a new project; a scope of work will be discussed at a future Planning Committee meeting.

Monroe County – Thomas Frys and Yixuan Lin reported:

- Land Use Monitoring (CY 2024): The new report for the previous year has been distributed. Seven out of 30 survey responses have been received, and staff will follow up on the outstanding responses.
- Safe Routes Child Walk and Bike Safety Education Program: This is a new project; a scope of work will be discussed at a future Planning Committee meeting.
- High Accident Location Program: Five PILs in the Lyell Avenue corridor have been completed. Another 17 locations are under review.
- Genesee Valley Park Olmsted Arched Bridges Restoration Plan: This is a new project; a scope of work will be discussed at a future Planning Committee meeting.
- Monroe County Comprehensive Active Transportation Implementation Plan: The RFP was released on March 14, and 30 RFP packages have been distributed. The proposals are due on Friday, April 25.

NYSDOT – Joel Kleinberg and Joe Bovenzi reported:

- TIP Best Practices Study: A draft survey for TDC members is under development by the consultant with GTC and NYSDOT staff input; the consultant has compiled a best practices review.
- Wyoming County Route 20A Truck Freight Corridor Study: A draft RFP has been developed for NYSDOT review and comment.
- I-490 Center City Interchange Ops Mobility Study: This is a new project; a scope of work will be discussed at a future Planning Committee meeting.
- Mount Read Boulevard Corridor Study Update: GTC staff are working with the consultant to finalize the contract; execution is imminent.

Ontario County – Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Ontario County Access Management, Complete Street, and Resiliency Project: GTC and Ontario County Planning staff are working on developing an RFP.
- Ontario County Freight Rail Corridor Development Plan: The consultant has provided a draft Final Report for review and comment. Project closeout is possible in May.

City of Rochester – David Riley reported:

- ADA Right-of-Way Transition Plan: The Building Blocks Plan and Right-of-Way Self-Assessment has been completed. Work is underway on a draft of the final plan. A community survey was reopened last month, and 50 responses were received.
- Joseph Avenue ArtWalk Master Plan: The final public meeting was held on April 1. The draft plan was received from the consultant, and city staff and the consultant are working through addressing stakeholder comments. Project close out is possible in May.
- Genesee Riverway Trail Completion Study: The first round of public engagement is finished. Staff are working with the consultant to develop concepts for different sections of filling in gaps in the trail.
- Inner Loop North Mobility and Development Strategy: The next PAC meeting and public meeting are anticipated for June.
- City of Rochester Alleyway Reactivation and Conversion Program: A preferred consultant has been identified. City staff will go to City Council for a letter of agreement and matching funds in May.

RGRTA – Eric Farr reported:

- Service Performance Monitoring and Refinement: This is an ongoing process. In April, some tweaks were made to route timing. Staff are working on potential changes to implement in July.

Wyoming County – Devin Blue and Chris Tortora reported:

- Wyoming County Priority Investigation Locations Program: A PAC meeting is anticipated soon.
- Wyoming County Active Transportation Plan: This is a new project; a scope of work will be discussed at a future Planning Committee meeting.

Yates County – James Stack reported:

- Yates County Guiderail and Horizontal Curve Study: This is a new project; a scope of work will be discussed at a future Planning Committee meeting.

Other Agencies –

Jim Stack and Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Village of Fairport Zoning Code Update: The consultant has developed an updated draft code. The next round of public engagement is anticipated to start in spring 2025.
- Town of Rush Comprehensive Active Transportation Plan: Staff are working with the consultant to obtain the final deliverables. Project closeout possible in May.
- Town of Gates Active Transportation Plan: The RFP has been finalized and will be released on April 25.
- Hamlet of Ontario Center Active Transportation Plan: No activity to report.
- City of Batavia Active Transportation Plan: The RFP is nearly complete but has not been advertised. The RFP release will be coordinated with other projects to ensure that the market is not “flooded” with RFPs in a short time.
- Ovid Active Transportation Plan: This is a new project; a scope of work will be discussed at a future Planning Committee meeting.

b) Status of SS4A Program

James Stack reported that GTC’s SS4A program has been restarted following assurances that funding would not be disrupted. Contracts have been executed with early April commencement dates. Two of the three kickoff meetings with the lead consultants have been held, and the third one will be held this afternoon. GTC staff will work with each county and the City of Rochester to identify participants for a project advisory group for each jurisdiction; there will be ten advisory groups in total.

c) TIP Staff Modifications

James Stack reported that no staff modifications were processed since the last meeting. Therefore, there are none to report.

d) Federal Legislative and Funding Update

Federal Budget

James Stack reported that Congress passed, and the president signed a Continuing Resolution (CR) funding the federal government through the end of September 2025. Accordingly, we will not see typical Appropriations Bills from Congress this year. The CR strips earmarked projects that have not already been obligated. However, we have not seen an impact on any transportation projects in our region yet. The House, the Senate, and the Administration have begun work on the FFY 2026 budget, but no information is available this early in the budget process.

USDOT Discretionary Programs

James Stack reported that the only discretionary funding opportunity currently available through FHWA is the fifth round of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released on March 28 and applications are due on June 26, 2025. This is anticipated to be the last round of SS4A funding.

e) Other GTC Matters

No report provided.

f) Public Engagement Highlights

Lori Maher reported on the various public engagement events that took place over the past few months. She reminded the attendees about the upcoming Transportation Listening Sessions with G/FLRPC.

g) Member Agency and Partner Updates

Richard Sutherland reported that G/FLRPC will be hosting the spring 2025 Local Government Workshop on Friday, May 30, at Genesee Community College (GCC) in Batavia. Information on registration and sessions is available on the G/FLRPC website at: www.gflrpc.org

Joel Kleinberg reported that funding for road safety improvement projects is available for projects that are consistent with the Statewide Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan. These funds are from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and are only available to local sponsors; NYSDOT cannot apply for these funds. On March 11, GTC distributed an email to regional stakeholders with information about this opportunity, and a recorded training session is also available to interested stakeholders. County highway superintendents should consider working with their towns to develop and submit funding applications. Stakeholders are welcome to reach out to him if they have questions about the program. Project applications are due on June 11.

James Stack noted that Tim Hens, the Genesee County Public Works Commissioner, is retiring at the end of May. He thanked Tim for his work with GTC over the years.

7. New Business

No report provided.

8. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

9. Next Meeting

Scott Leathersich reported that the next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2025.

All materials for items to be considered at this meeting should be submitted to GTC staff no later than Friday, May 16, 2025.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.