

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING**

**Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority
1372 East Main Street, Rochester, New York, 14609
and via PublicInput.com**

February 26, 2026

GTC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

James Brick, Wyoming County
John Fitzak, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
Erik Frisch, City of Rochester – At Large
David LeFeber, Livingston County
Christian Yunker, Genesee County
David Watson, Rochester City Planning Commission

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Christopher Bollin, Monroe County – At Large, representing Dan Hogan
Miguel Velázquez, Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, representing Donald Jefferies
James Brady, Wayne County, representing Kim Leonard (Vice Chairperson)
Rose Bonnick, Monroe County Legislature, representing Yversha Roman
Thomas Frys, Monroe County Executive’s Office, representing Adam Bello
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation, representing Hope Knight
Peter Ingalsbe, Ontario County, representing William Wellman (Chairperson)
Thomas Polech, Monroe County – At Large, representing Amy Grower
Yixuan Lin, Monroe County Planning Board, representing William Santos
Kabutey Ocansey, City of Rochester – Mayor, representing Malik Evans
Bradley Walike, NYS Department of Transportation, representing Marie Therese Dominguez
Timothy Walsh, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, representing Amanda Lefton
Craig Lane, Orleans County, representing Lynne Johnson

GTC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Leslie Church, Yates County
Michael Culotta, Federal Transit Administration
Michael Enslow, Seneca County
Evelyn Martinez, Federal Aviation Administration
Richard Marquis, Federal Highway Administration
Miguel Melendez, Rochester City Council
James Kirch, Monroe County Supervisors’ Association
Frank Hoare, New York State Thruway Authority

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Al Bartolotta, GTC staff
Joe Bovenzi, GTC staff
Megan Crowe, Livingston County Alternate
Joel Kleinberg, NYSDOT Alternate
Chad Klotzbach, Genesee County Alternate
Chris Snyder, GTC staff
Lori Maher, GTC staff
June McIlquham, GTC staff

Scott Leathersich, GTC staff
Cheryl Nieskes, GTC staff
David Staas, GTC staff
James Stack, GTC staff
Omar Suri, GTC staff
Richard Sutherland, G/FLRPC Alternate
Other anonymous viewers via Engagement Hub

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Ingalsbe called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Joe Bovenzi, GTC staff, called the roll; a quorum was present.

2. Public Forum

There were no comments during the public forum.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Ingalsbe reported that draft minutes from the December 11, 2025, GTC Board meeting were included in the meeting package.

Tom Polech moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2025, Quarterly Meeting; Tim Walsh seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Chairperson Ingalsbe noted that the approved minutes from the January 8 and February 12, 2026 Planning Committee meetings were provided for informational purposes.

4. Communications and Announcements

a. GTC Board Roster changes

Scott Leathersich reported that the following individuals have been designated as Board members or alternate members:

- Christian Yunker (Member), Chad Klotzbach (Alternate) – Genesee County
- William Wellman (Member) – Ontario County
- Edward Morgan (Alternate) – Orleans County
- Melissa Taylor (Alternate) – Seneca County
- James Brick (Member) – Wyoming County
- James Kirch (Member) – Monroe County Supervisors' Association
- Amy Grower (Member), Thomas Polech (Alternate) – Monroe County
- John Fitzak (Member) – G/FLRPC

b. Executive Director hiring process

Peter Ingalsbe reported that interviews will be held starting the first week of March to fill the Executive Director position.

5. Reports and Action on Old Business

a. Planning Committee Report

Megan Crowe reported that the Planning Committee met on January 8 and February 12 and recommended that the GTC Board:

- Adopt the FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Accept one report as evidence of completion of a Unified Planning Work Program task:

- Task 7707 – Inner Loop North Mobility and Development Strategy
- Amend the National Performance Measures Report and the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program by revising the HSIP and Highway Safety Performance Targets and the Transit Safety Performance Measures set forth in the RGRTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.
- Amend the FFYs 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program as requested by NYSDOT, Monroe County, Ontario County, the City of Rochester, and the Town/Village of East Rochester.

Additionally, the Planning Committee took the following actions:

- Approved the draft *FY 2026-2027* Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public review
- Approved a Scope of Work for one UPWP Task:
 - Task 8430 – Rochester Public Market Access, Mobility, and Development Study
- Approved nine Administrative Modifications to the *FFYs 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program* as requested by NYSDOT and Ontario County.

b. GTC Staff Report

Joe Bovenzi provided the following reports:

1. Status of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program

Work on the Local Road Safety Plans (LRSP) is underway. LRSP steering committees have been established for individual counties. Data collection for both individual counties and the region is ongoing. Public engagement activities include development of public engagement plans for the central and western sub-regions and development of a LRSP Website is underway. As part of this process, staff are coordinating with other regional safety planning initiatives, including the City of Rochester on their Vision Zero planning program and the Village of Newark on their recently awarded SS4A grant award.

2. LRTP 2050 Update Process

GTC staff are working to complete the draft plan document by March 31. Public outreach on the draft recommendations conducted in February. The draft plan will be presented to the Planning Committee at its April 9th meeting, and the upcoming Public Review Period for the draft plan will run from April 9 until May 14. The Planning Committee is anticipated to recommend the new LRTP for Board adoption at its May 14th meeting, and Board adoption of the plan is anticipated at its June 11, 2026 meeting.

c. Old Business

1. Federal Legislative and Funding Update

Joe Bovenzi reported that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) expires on September 30, 2026. In Congress, work is underway on developing the transportation reauthorization bill. House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I)

Committee staff are working on base legislative text with other key House committees such as Ways & Means and Appropriation. The House T&I Chairman Sam Graves (R – MO) is in his final term as Chairman and has set a goal of passing the bill out of the House this spring. On the Senate side, Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee Chairperson Senator Capito (R-WV) plans to release the highways draft text for markup by May.

The bipartisan Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act was introduced on February 9 by Rob Bresnahan (R – PA-08) and Kristen McDonald Rivet (D – MI-08). It is designed to increase the availability of federal aid transportation funding to counties, cities, and towns. It is a “marker bill”, which enables members of Congress to signal their legislative interests and goals, but which may or may not be included in the final legislation.

2. Chairperson Ingalsbe informed the Board that the TIP Staff Modifications report was included in the meeting package and is being provided for informational purposes. There were no questions.

6. Action Items

a. Adopt the *FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program* / Proposed Resolution 26-01

Joe Bovenzi reported that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is GTC’s annual work program that identifies the transportation planning projects to be advanced with federal transportation planning funds. The UPWP is developed each year by the UPWP Development Committee (UDC). For this cycle, GTC received 21 applications requesting a total of \$2.5 million in funding, but only \$1.1 million was available for new projects.

The new projects include both routine projects like the Monroe County and Regional Land Use Monitoring Repots and the Monroe County High Accident Location Program, as well as unique projects including the Transportation Improvement Program Best Practices Phase II study, the Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties Multi-County Guiderail Assessment project, the Irondequoit Bay Bridge Project Scoping Study, and the Manchester Active Transportation Plan.

A 30-day public review period was held from January 12 to February 11, and one comment was received. No changes were made to the draft UPWP based on this input.

Tom Frys moved to approve proposed Resolutions 26-01 to adopt *FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program*; Brad Walike seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

b. Accepting reports as evidence of completion of UPWP Tasks / Proposed Resolution 26-02.

Scott Leathersich reported that proposed Resolution 26-02 was reviewed and recommended for GTC Board approval by the Planning Committee at its February 12, 2026 meeting.

1. Accepting the *Inner Loop North Mobility and Development Strategy* as evidence of completion of UPWP Task 7707 / Proposed Resolution 26-02

Scott Leathersich reported that the objective of this project was to develop a strategy for mobility enhancements, land use, and potential development along the former expressway to align with the upcoming transformation of the Inner Loop North corridor's transportation infrastructure. The study examined future development opportunities in the more than 20 acres of new land created by the transformation of the Inner Loop North, and identified the mobility improvements needed to support those opportunities. The project produced an integrated land use, open space, and mobility strategy, along with implementation tools. The planning process included extensive public engagement with corridor stakeholders. Coordination with the Inner Loop North infrastructure design team resulted in developing alternative designs and identification of a preferred scenario. The final strategy outlined development concepts for three corridor sub-areas, including the East (East Main Street to North Street), Central (North Street to the Genesee River), and West (Genesee River to I-490). Mobility recommendations emphasizes connectively, safety, and multi-modal access, and are aligned with the 2022 Inner Loop North planning study. This study will inform a future NEPA process and preliminary engineering and design work.

Tom Frys moved to approve proposed Resolution 26-02; Brad Walike seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

c. FFY 2026-2030 TIP Fiscal Constraint Table

Scott Leathersich and Joe Bovenzi provided an overview of the TIP fiscal constraint status. They explained that the fiscal constraint table shown on the slides displays the impacts of requested project changes on Planning Target funds. The current focus is on balancing FFY 2026 funds to ensure that the region is maximizing the use of those funds in the current FFY year, and looking ahead to FFY 2027 to ensure that projects are scheduled to maximize the region's allocations in that year. The Statewide funding sources track projects with funding allocated from NYSDOT Main Office, so those sources should always have a balance of \$0 because funds are linked to specific projects. Going forward, a fiscal constraint table will be provided at each board meeting to show the board members the impacts of their decisions on fiscal constraint.

d. Amending the *FFYs 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program* / Proposed Resolutions 26-04 through 26-13.

Scott Leathersich reported that proposed Resolutions 26-04 through 26-13 were reviewed and recommended for GTC Board approval by the Planning Committee at its February 12, 2026, meeting. Therefore, the board will act on Resolutions 26-04 through 26-13. He noted that Joe Bovenzi would provide a brief explanation of each amendment.

Chairperson Ingalsbe suggested grouping proposed Resolutions 26-04 through 26-13 into a single action; no Member or Alternate objected.

1. CR 36 over Honeoye Creek Inlet Bridge Replacement / Proposed Resolution 26-04

Joe explained that this project was on the previous TIP, but is being added to the current TIP due to schedule delays.

2. Bluff Drive Roadway Safety Enhancements Projects / Proposed Resolution 26-05

Joe explained that this is a new project being added to the TIP. East Rochester received funding through the Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan for safety improvements to Bluff Drive.

3. Curve Warning Sign Upgrades, Region 4/ Proposed Resolution 26-06

Joe explained that this is a new project that NYSDOT is adding to the TIP.

4. Routes 5, 33, 63, & 98 in the City of Batavia Preventative Maintenance / Proposed Resolution 26-07

Joe explained that this is a new project that NYSDOT is adding to the TIP.

5. Regional Traffic Operations Center Operations Staffing 2025-2029/ Proposed Resolution 26-08

Joe explained that this change is to reduce the cost of the operations phases to match the negotiated contract for RTOC services.

6. Rt 31, 31A, and Redman Rd Intersection Improvements/ Proposed Resolution 26-09

Joe explained that NYSDOT requested this change to address an increase in construction costs.

7. Rt 31 from City Line to I-590 Preventive Maintenance Proposed Resolution 26-10

Joe explained that NYSDOT requested this change to address an increase in construction costs.

8. Hamlin Parma Townline Road Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3317790 and Parma Center Road Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3317200 / Proposed Resolution 26-11

Joe explained that Monroe County was combining multiple bridge projects into one project for administrative efficiencies; there are no changes to the scope or budget of any individual bridge project.

9. North Main Street Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3317290, Crittenden Road Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3361580 and Woolston Road Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3317850 / Proposed Resolution 26-12

Joe explained that Monroe County was combining multiple bridge projects into one project for administrative efficiencies; there are no changes to the scope or budget of any individual bridge project.

10. Rochester Running Track Bridge Conversion/ Proposed Resolution 26-13

Joe explained that this project was being removed from the TIP because the City of Rochester was no longer advancing it.

Tom Frys moved to approve proposed Resolutions 26-04 through 26-13; Brad Walike seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

e. Amending the National Performance Measures Report

Amending the *National Performance Measures Report for the Genesee Finger Lakes Region and the FFYs 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program* by revising the HSIP and Highway Safety Performance Targets and the Transit Safety Performance Measures set forth in the RGRTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans / Proposed Council Resolution 26-03

Scott Leathersich reported that the Highway Safety Improvement Program Report and the Highway Safety Strategic Plan are updated annually by New York State Department of Transportation 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 2026-2030 TIP.

The Highway Safety Targets for 2026 were shown on a slide. These are based upon a five-year history of crashes through 2023. These are updated annually by NYSDOT-Main Office and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

The Transit Safety targets were provided by RGRTA and are included in the Public Transit Agency Safety Plan, a product required of all urban service providers. In December 2025, the RGRTA Board of Commissioners approved the 2025-2026 Public Transit Agency Safety Plan. GTC has previously agreed to support the RGRTA's targets and include them in the National Performance Measures Report and the FFYs 2026-2030 TIP.

Brad Walike moved to approve amending the Nation Performance Measures Report; Tom Frys seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

7. Election of Officers

GTC Chairperson Peter Ingalsbe turned the meeting over to Megan Crowe, Planning Committee Vice Chairperson, to conduct the Election of Officers. Pursuant to the GTC By-laws, officers (the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson) must be elected from among the voting Board members to serve two-year terms. The elections are to occur at the Annual Meeting, defined

as the first quarterly meeting of the calendar year. The last election of officers was held on February 29, 2024.

In accordance with the GTC By-laws, GTC Chairperson Peter Ingalsbe appointed a Nominating Committee in January 2026 to nominate candidates for the offices of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Committee included Kevin Rooney (Wayne County and Planning Committee Chairperson), Megan Crowe (Livingston County and Planning Committee Vice Chairperson), and Thomas Frys (Monroe County).

The Nominating Committee offers the following candidates for the board's consideration at today's meeting:

- Honorable Peter Ingalsbe for Chairperson
- Honorable James Brady for Vice Chairperson

Megan asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she asked for a motion and a second.

David LeFeber moved to elect Peter Ingalsbe as the chair and James Brady as the vice chair; Miguel Velazquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

8. New Business

Joel Kleinberg announced that additional Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds may be available for safety improvement projects related to Roadway Departure Safety Action Plans. He would provide more information when available.

9. Next Meeting

Chairperson Ingalsbe stated that the next GTC Board meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2026, at RGRTA, 1372 East Main Street, Rochester, New York 14609.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.