

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
CityPlace
50 West Main St., Rochester
and via PublicInput.com
February 12, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Devin Blue, representing Wyoming County
Megan Crowe, representing Livingston County (Vice-Chairperson)
Chris Day, representing Ontario County
Yixuan Lin, representing Monroe County – Planning Board
David Lindsay, representing Monroe County – At Large
Kabutey Ocansey, representing City of Rochester – Mayor
Nicholas Przybylski, representing NYS Thruway
David Riley, representing City of Rochester – At Large
Kevin Rooney, representing Wayne County (Chairperson)
Richard Sutherland, representing Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
Bradley Walike, representing NYSDOT

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Scott Adair, representing RGRTA
Rose Bonnick, representing Monroe County Legislature
Wayne Krull, representing Orleans County
David Kubiak, representing Monroe County At Large 1
Thomas Polech, representing Monroe County – Executive
Jason Rearick, representing Seneca County

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Benjamin Fischer, Federal Highway Administration
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation
Kevin Kelley, representing City of Rochester – Planning Commission
Evelyn Martinez, Federal Aviation Administration
James Smith, representing City of Rochester – Council
Laura Wadhams, representing Genesee County
Vacant, representing Federal Transit Administration
Vacant, representing Monroe County Supervisors' Association
Vacant, representing NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

* Attendee observing via the GTC Engagement Hub

Al Bartolotta, GTC Staff
Jody Binnix, NYSDOT
Joe Bovenzi, GTC Staff
Nicole Cleary*
Christine Corrado, Brighton*
Mike Croce, Colliers*
Joel Kleinberg, NYSDOT
Alex Kone, RGRTA

Scott Leathersich, GTC Staff
Henry Litsky, Reconnect Rochester*
Lori Maher, GTC Staff
June McIlquham, GTC Staff
Cheryl Nieskes, GTC Staff
Kyle Rosenthal*
Chris Sichak, Erdman Anthony*
Chris Snyder, GTC Staff

David Staas, GTC Staff
James Stack, GTC Staff
Omar Suri, GTC Staff
Chris Tortora, GTC Staff
Jason Wolfanger, Livingston Co.

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Kevin Rooney, 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 are noted above.

2. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

3. Approval of Minutes

Megan Crowe moved to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2026, Planning Committee meeting; Richard Sutherland seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Announcements and Old Business

Scott Leathersich reported:

- Nicholas Przybylski has joined the Planning Committee as the representative of the NYS Thruway Authority.
- Several new alternate members have been appointed to the Planning Committee, including:
 - Justin Gerace, representing Genesee County
 - Wayne Krull, representing Orleans County
 - Dave Fantuzzo, representing Wayne County
 - Greg Albert, representing Empire State Development Corporation
 - Matthew Reed, representing Yates County
 - Matthew Durawa, representing the NYS Thruway Authority

5. Action Items

a) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

1. Approval of the classification of the FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program tasks and the Draft FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program for Public Review / Proposed Council Resolution 26-01

Christopher Snyder provided an overview of the draft 2026-2027 UPWP 30-day public review period. Only one comment, pertaining to the use of terminology (Accident vs Crash) in the report, was received. Christopher noted that in the future, GTC staff can do a more thorough review of this language and make systematic changes to the report as needed.

There were no changes recommended to the UPWP report based on these comments.

Brad Walike moved to recommend approval of the FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program; David Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

b) Transportation Improvement Program

1. Actions concerning modifying the FFYs 2026-2030 TIP / Planning Committee Resolutions 26-01 through 26-09.

Kevin Rooney proposed grouping Proposed Planning Committee Resolutions 26-01 through 26-09 under a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

- a. Advancing the Detailed Design Phase of the Richmond Ave from Park Rd to Route 98 Preventive Maintenance project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 26-01.

Joel Kleinberg reported that this change aligns the scheduling of the Detailed Design phase with the Preliminary Engineering phase. This sets up the project for "Combo" funding whereby all the engineering phases are in the same federal fiscal year. There is no change to the project scope or budget.

- b. Modifying Phases of the Corridor Safety Enhancement Project, Rt 15 from Jefferson Rd to I-390 Culvert Rehabilitation and Replacement at Various Locations / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 26-02.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT requested this change to cover the costs of a more in-depth NEPA analysis than originally planned. Changes to the project's federal aid are limited to HSIP funds managed by NYSDOT Main Office, and there are no impacts to Planning Target funds.

- c. Decreasing the Federal Aid share of the Construction Phase of the Culvert Replacement/Rehab at Various Locations in Livingston, Monroe, and Wayne Counties project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 26-03.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT requested a decrease in federal funds on this project to provide an offset for PIN 4LC204. There are no impacts to Planning Targets.

- d. Increasing the Total Cost of the Culvert Rehabilitation and Replacement at Various Locations project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 26-04.

Joel Kleinberg reported that the offset for the increase in federal aid on this project is provided by PIN 4LC105. There are no impacts to Planning Targets.

- e. Increasing the Total Cost of the Route 64 at County Road 53 (Boughton Hill Road) Intersection Safety Enhancements project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 26-05.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT requested this change to advance and increase the Scoping Phase costs to allow for survey and initial engineering activities to begin earlier than anticipated. This change will allow the Construction Phase to be maintained in FFY 2030. There are no impacts to Planning Targets.

- f. Increasing the Total Cost of the Rt 286 from City Line to Qualtrough Rd Preventive Maintenance project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 26-06.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT requested this change to cover increased construction costs. There are no impacts to Planning Targets.

- g. Deferring the Right of Way Incidentals Phase of the I-490 from the Genesee River to Winton Road Preventive Maintenance project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 26-07.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT requested a deferral of the project's ROWI phase from FFY 2026 to FFY 2027 because right-of-way activities are not expected to begin until FFY 2027. This change will align the project schedule programmed in the TIP with the anticipated work schedule. An offset is requested from available NHPP balances.

- h. Reprogramming the Federal Fund Source of the Rt 31 (Lyell Ave) over the Erie Canal Bridge project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 26-08.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT requested a change in the source of Federal Aid to align the ROWA phase with the federal funding source for the ROWI phase. There is no change to the project scope, schedule, or budget.

- i. Advancing Phases of the Atlantic Ave/Browncroft Blvd/E Main St/Monroe Ave/N Winton Rd project / Proposed Planning Committee Resolution 26-09.

David Riley reported that this change will advance the Scoping, Preliminary Engineering, and Detailed Design phase costs by one year. This action helps balance STBG-Flex fund programming between FFYs 2026 and 2027.

Thomas Polech moved to recommend approval of Planning Committee Resolutions 26-01 through 26-09; Bradley Walike seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- 2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the FFYs 2026-2030 TIP / Proposed Council Resolutions 26-04 through 26-13.

Kevin Rooney proposed grouping Proposed Council Resolutions 26-04 through 26-13 under a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

- a. Reinstating the CR 36 over Honeoye Creek Inlet Bridge Replacement project / Proposed Council Resolution 26-04.

Joe Bovenzi reported that Ontario County requested the addition of an eligible Non-Participating Share to cover increased project construction costs. This project was not carried over to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP when that TIP was adopted because it did not have any phases programmed in FFYs 2026-2030; therefore, this action will add the project to the current TIP, and also add a supplemental construction phase. This means that additional federal funds can be added to the project in the future if they become available. There are no impacts to any other projects, and no impacts to Planning Target funds.

- b. Adding the Bluff Drive Roadway Safety Enhancements project / Proposed Council Resolution 26-05.

Joel Kleinberg reported that the Town/Village of East Rochester requested the addition of this project to the TIP. East Rochester received funding through the Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan for safety improvements to Bluff Drive. There are no impacts to any other projects, and no impacts to Planning Target funds.

- c. Adding the Curve Warning Sign Upgrades, Region 4 project / Proposed Council Resolution 26-06.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT requested the addition of this project to the TIP. This project is focused on safety improvements. Funds are managed by Main Office, and there is no impact to any other projects or Planning Target funds.

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

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT requested the addition of this project to the TIP. The project was submitted as part of the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Call for Projects, but due to limited federal funding, was not added to the TIP at that time.

- e. Decreasing the Total Cost of the Regional Traffic Operations Center Operations Staffing 2025-2029 project / Proposed Council Resolution 26-08.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT requested a reduction in the project cost to match the final negotiated contract amount for RTOC staffing services.

- f. Increasing the Total Cost of the Rt 31, 31A, and Redman Rd Intersection Improvements project / Proposed Council Resolution 26-09.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT is requesting this change to cover increased construction costs, including costs related to soil stabilization, concrete, and utilities.

- g. Increasing the Federal Aid share of the Rt 31 from City Line to I-590 Preventive Maintenance project / Proposed Council Resolution 26-10.

Joel Kleinberg reported that NYSDOT is requesting this change to draw down a large Non-Participating Share on the Construction Phase. There is no change to the overall project cost, or the Construction phase cost. Additional funds are provided by the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program – Large Urban, managed by Main Office.

- h. Combining the Hamlin Parma Townline Road Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3317790 and Parma Center Road Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3317200 projects / Proposed Council Resolution 26-11.

David Kubiak reported that Monroe County requested this change to combine PINs 4MN020 and 4MN021 under one project (PIN 4MN020). There is no change to the scope, cost, or schedule of either project. As part of this change, PIN 4MN021 will be deleted from the TIP. Monroe County has requested combining these projects under one PIN to facilitate more efficient project management and delivery. There is no impact to planning target funds, and this change does not impact any other projects.

- i. Combining the North Main Street Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3317290, Crittenden Road Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3361580, and Woolston Road Bridge Preventive Maintenance – BIN 3317850 projects / Proposed Council Resolution 26-12.

David Kubiak reported that Monroe County requested this change to combine PINs 4MN019, 4MN022 and 4MN023 under one project (PIN 4MN019). There is no change to the scope, cost, or schedule of either project. As part of this change, PINs 4MN022 and 4MN023 will be deleted from the TIP. Monroe County has requested combining these projects under one PIN to facilitate more efficient project management and delivery. There is no impact to planning target funds, and this change does not impact any other projects.

- j. Deleting the Rochester Running Track Bridge Conversion project / Proposed Council Resolution 26-13.

David Riley reported that the City of Rochester requested this project be removed from the TIP. The grant funds awarded to this project are insufficient to cover the construction costs, which have risen significantly since the project was first proposed. Given these cost increases and the lack of additional outside funding, the city can no longer afford the project.

Brad Walike moved to recommend approval of Proposed Council Resolutions 26-04 through 26-13; Yixuan Lin seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

3. Fiscal Constraint Table

Joe Bovenzi provided an overview of the updated TIP Fiscal Constraint Table, which reflected the impacts of the approved TIP Administrative Modifications and proposed TIP amendments. No action from the committee was required; the table was provided as an informational item so that the committee members could understand the impacts of the TIP actions discussed at this meeting on fiscal constraint. The tables are largely unchanged from the version previously reviewed by the TDC, with one adjustment to the STBG Flex planning target. Monroe County was unable to return approximately \$200,000 in 2026 Flex funds because those funds were already obligated, resulting in a slightly lower Flex planning target balance than on an earlier version of the table previously shown to the TDC.

Joe explained that statewide funding source accounts are project-specific and therefore show zero balances, which is expected, and are tracked for fiscal constraint monitoring purposes. Going forward, an updated fiscal constraint table will be included in the Planning Committee meeting materials whenever there are changes to the TIP that impact fiscal constraint. Including an updated fiscal constraint table will clearly document the impacts of those changes.

c) Long Range Transportation Plan

1. No Action Items

d) Related Activities

1. No Action Items

6. Reports

a) Status of UPWP Projects

GTC – Joe Bovenzi reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: No activity to report.
- Long Range Transportation Plan: Work on the draft LRTP 2050 is ongoing. Public outreach on the draft recommendations was held in February. A draft is expected for Planning Committee review in April.
- Staff Technical Assistance: No activity to report.
- Household Travel Data Collection: GTC has purchased various data products via The Eastern Transportation Coalition (TETC). Staff is also accessing various data sets available through NYSDOT.
- Active Transportation Program: Staff is coordinating with stakeholders across the region to conduct field counts.
- Complete Streets Program: Funding has been designated to specific UPWP tasks.

- Safety Planning: Staff has conducted various analyses of CLEAR data in support of the LRTP and various Local Road Safety Plans.
- Security & Resiliency Planning: No activity to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Resilience Improvement Plan: Outreach to member agencies is complete and initial responses and data reviews are in progress, with a focus on natural hazard impacts to highways.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Thruway Detour Route Management Plan: Consultant selection phase.
- 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 project closeout was accepted by the GTC Board at its August 28 meeting.
- Regional Trails Initiative Update: No activity to report.

G/FLRPC – Richard Sutherland reported:

- G/FLRPC Regional Land Use Monitoring (CY 2025): The Land Use Monitoring survey was distributed to municipal code officers in early January with a follow up reminder email sent earlier this week. Staff is working on getting a solid response from the region's municipalities. Once all the data is collected, this will be the first data set to update the LUMR Dashboard.
- Regional Land Use Monitoring Report (LUMR) Database: The LUMR Dashboard has been publicly launched with the caveat that the project is nearing completion. Any feedback or comments can be sent to Emily Royce. Looking to close out the project in April.
- Transportation Listening Sessions: Nothing to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Region Population Forecast 2060: All of the data has been compiled, and now the last step is to create the end deliverable. A draft for GTC staff is anticipated by the end of next week.
- Just Transition Workforce Development Plan: RTS was given the draft product. The project is on schedule. The next steps will be refining the draft within the next three to four months.
- Regional Alternative Fuel Vehicle Infrastructure Tools: The project closeout was accepted by the GTC Board at its August 28 meeting.

Livingston County – David Staas reported:

- Nunda Active Transportation Plan: The project is in the consultant selection phase.

Monroe County – Yixuan Lin and Tom Polech reported:

- Land Use Monitoring (CY 2025): The county will distribute a survey to municipalities in early March and will coordinate with G/FLRPC.

- Safe Routes Child Walk and Bike Safety Education Program: The RFP is open; it was released on February 11.
- High Accident Location Program: One PIL study was completed this week. There are two more locations to complete. Staff will develop a new list for the year. MCDOT is in the process of hiring additional staff to advance this project.
- Genesee Valley Park Olmsted Arched Bridges Restoration Plan: The project is in the consultant selection phase.
- Monroe County Comprehensive Active Transportation Implementation Plan: An internal kickoff meeting was held. The consultant is working on gathering data. Planning the first advisory committee meeting in early March.

NYSDOT – Jody Binnix and Joe Bovenzi reported:

- Wyoming County Route 20A Truck Freight Corridor Study: The RFP is open.
- I-490 Center City Interchange Ops Mobility Study: The RFP is under development.
- Mount Read Boulevard Corridor Study Update: The Existing Conditions Technical Memo was sent to the Steering Committee for review. The second Steering Committee meeting was held on February 11. Colliers, GTC, and NYSDOT staff are meeting on Tuesday, February 24 to discuss the draft recommendations.

Ontario County – Chris Day reported:

- Ontario County Access Management, Complete Street, and Resiliency Project: The project kickoff meeting was held on January 30. LaBella is the project consultant. Inventory analysis is underway.

City of Rochester – David Riley and Chris Snyder reported:

- ADA Right-of-Way Transition Plan: Draft of the final report is available on the project webpage. The final public meeting will be held on February 19. The plan to close out the project in March.
- Genesee Riverway Trail Completion Study: The last PAC meeting was held in January. The intention is to complete the final report in March and close out the project at the April Planning Committee meeting.
- Inner Loop North Mobility and Development Strategy: The project is complete.
- City of Rochester Alleyway Reactivation and Conversion Program: The consultant shared the first couple of draft chapters with the PAC for input and is working on revisions based on PAC input. The next PAC meeting will be held later in February and the second public information meeting will be held in March.

RGRTA – Chris Snyder reported:

- Public Market Access, Mobility, and Dev. Study: GTC, RTS and the City of Rochester are developing the RFP.
- Service Performance Monitoring and Refinement: No report.

Wyoming County – Devin Blue and Chris Snyder reported:

- Wyoming County Priority Investigation Locations Program: The final report is under review.
- Wyoming County Active Transportation Plan: The RFP is under development with a goal to release it in April.

Yates County – Al Bartolotta reported:

- Yates County Guiderail and Horizontal Curve Study: The contract with the consultant, Barton & Loguidice, was finalized.

Other Agencies – Staff reported:

- Village of Fairport Zoning Code Update: Anticipate project close out in April.
- Town of Gates Active Transportation Plan: The contract is being finalized.
- Hamlet of Ontario Center Active Transportation Plan: No activity to report. Kevin Rooney offered to facilitate a connection to advance this project.
- City of Batavia Active Transportation Plan: Consultant selection is underway.
- Ovid Active Transportation Plan: The RFP is under development.

b) Status of SS4A Program

Al Bartolotta provided a status update on the SS4A program. Steering committees have been established for all counties to guide development of Local Road Safety Plans; most have met, with Monroe County and the City of Rochester meetings to be scheduled shortly. The region is organized into western, eastern, and central sub-regions, each supported by an assigned consultant team. Consultants are actively conducting data collection and analysis and have drafted public engagement plans focused on gathering county-level safety concerns through surveys and other outreach tools.

GTC is developing a regional SS4A website that will link to county project pages, with template sites prepared for several counties and expansion planned. Reconnect Rochester is advancing SS4A-funded complete streets projects, with Genesee Park Boulevard and Pioneer Street identified for improvements and additional sites under review. GTC's role includes technical and planning support, traffic data collection at project locations, and coordination with the City of Rochester's Vision Zero program and the Village of Newark's SS4A efforts to ensure alignment and avoid duplication.

c) TIP Staff Modifications

Joe Bovenzi reported that since the last Planning Committee meeting, the TIP Development Committee has concurred with several staff modifications requests. A report was included in the meeting package.

d) Federal Legislative and Funding Update

Federal Budget (October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026)

Joe Bovenzi provided a federal update noting recent budget and reauthorization activity. The President signed a budget package to fund certain operations through the end of the fiscal year, including about \$77.3 billion for transportation programs. No major policy changes were included, but the law signals a pullback in certain discretionary programs and rescinds some unobligated balances, with limited expected impact on regional projects at this time.

Some unobligated funds are being redirected to Highway Infrastructure Programs, increasing availability for priority categories such as bridges, truck parking, Reconnecting Communities construction, and a shift in SS4A funding emphasis from planning toward implementation. Federal surface transportation reauthorization is in progress, with draft legislation under development and further updates expected.

He highlighted the proposed BASICS Act, which would make federal transportation funds more directly accessible to local governments by shifting and increasing flexible funding sources and MPO funding; this remains a proposal only. It was noted that New York already implements many of these approaches through existing suballocation and funding flexibility practices, so major changes at the state level are not anticipated.

USDOT Discretionary Programs

One discretionary grant opportunity (BUILD) remains open, with applications due February 24.

e) Other GTC Matters

Scott Leathersich reported that GTC held two public information sessions earlier in February seeking feedback on the draft LRTP 2050 recommendations. The full document will be presented to the Planning Committee at its next meeting in April and is expected to be released for public review at that time.

f) Member Agency and Partner Updates

Nothing to report.

7. New Business

Nothing to report.

8. Public Forum

No one from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

9. Next Meeting

Kevin Rooney announced that the next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2026.

All materials for items to be considered at this meeting should be submitted to GTC staff no later than Friday, March 27, 2026.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Link to video recording: <https://publicinput.com/FP5824>