

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CityPlace, 50 West Main Street, Rochester, New York 14614
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April 9, 2026; 9:30 a.m.

Jurisdiction	Member	Alternate		
Counties				
Genesee County	Laura Wadhams	✓	Justin Gerace	
Livingston County	Megan Crowe		Jason Wolfanger	✓
Monroe County	Yversha Roman		Rose Bonnicks	✓
Ontario County	Christopher Day		Timothy McElligott	
Orleans County	Craig Lane		Wayne Krull	
Seneca County	Jill Henry		Jason Rearick	✓
Wayne County	Kevin Rooney	✓	David Fantuzzo	
Wyoming County	Devin Blue		Matt Verrelli	
Yates County	Douglas Rapalee		Matthew Reed	
Other Local Members				
Monroe County – Executive	Thomas Fry	✓	Thomas Polech	✓
Monroe County – Planning Board	Yixuan Lin	✓	Patrick Gooch	
Monroe County – Supervisors’ Assn.	<i>Vacant</i>		David Dunning	
Monroe County – At Large (1)	Henry Herdzik	✓	David Kubiak	✓
Monroe County – At Large (2)	David Lindsay		Jason Kennedy	
City of Rochester – Mayor	Kabutey Ocansey	✓	<i>Vacant</i>	
City of Rochester – Council	James Smith		<i>Vacant</i>	
City of Rochester – Planning Commission	Kevin Kelley	✓	<i>Vacant</i>	
City of Rochester – At Large	David Riley	✓	Dominic Fekete	
Regional Agencies				
Genesee / Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council	Richard Sutherland		Emily Royce	✓
Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority	Miguel Velázquez		Scott Adair	✓
State Agencies				
Empire State Development Corporation	Stephen Golding		Greg Albert	
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Vacant</i>	
NYS Department of Transportation	Bradley Walike		Joel Kleinberg	✓
NYS Thruway Authority	Nicholas Przybylski		Matthew Durawa	✓

Federal Agencies			
Federal Aviation Administration	Evelyn Martinez		
Federal Highway Administration	Ben Fischer		
Federal Transit Administration	Vacant		
GTC Staff			
Joe Bovenzi	Al Bartolotta	Lori Maher	
June McIlquham	Cheryl Nieskes	Chris Snyder	
Dave Staas	Omar Suri	Chris Tortora	
Other Attendees			
Christine Bianchi, TY Lin	Jody Binnix, NYSDOT	Nicole Cleary, Barton & Loguidice	
Mike Croce, Colliers	Cody Donahue, Reconnect Rochester	Alex Kone, RGRTA	
Henry Litsky, Reconnect Rochester	Chris Sichak, Erdman Anthony	Jill Wiedrick, Village of Fairport	

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Kevin Rooney, Planning Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chris Snyder called the role of Committee members and alternates. The names of other attendees are noted above.

2. Public Forum

Cody Donahue, Reconnect Rochester, congratulated Joe Bovenzi on his new role and emphasized the positive partnership between the two agencies.

3. Approval of Minutes

Emily Royce moved to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2026, Planning Committee meeting; David Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Announcements and Old Business

Kevin Rooney reported:

- Joseph Bovenzi has been appointed Executive Director, effective March 23, 2026.
- Special thanks to Scott Leathersich for serving as the Interim Executive Director between January and the end of March.

5. Action Items

a) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

1. Action Concerning Consideration of UPWP Project Scope(s) of Work

a. Task 6111 – Transportation Improvement Program Best Practices Study, Phase 2

Cheryl Nieskes gave an overview of the scope. The objective is to expand on the findings of the TIP Best Practices Study, Phase 1, by identifying enhancements to the TIP project evaluation and selection process. The process will establish a steering committee, prepare a request for proposals, and identify changes. The results will include a final report and summary with TIP development process improvements, revised TIP project scoring guide and TIP application updates.

Tom Frys asked if the cost benefits of traffic signal projects could be considered as factor in future reviewing of TIP applications. Joel Kleinberg and Joe Bovenzi noted that not all infrastructure improvements are currently reflected in the review criteria and that this study will address this.

Tom Frys moved to approve the Scope of Work; Yixuan Lin seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

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

- a. *Regional Land Use Monitoring Report (LUMR) Data Dashboard* (UPWP Task 4221) / Proposed Council Resolution 26-14

Emily Royce, with the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, provided a summary of the Regional Land Use Monitoring Dashboard. The objective is to compile current and historical data from the Regional and Monroe County Land Use Monitoring Reports into an interactive dashboard for purposes of analysis and increased accessibility. She highlighted key features of the dashboard and explained its value to many people. This dashboard currently uses 2014 - 2024 Land Use Monitoring data in the G-FL Region. It will be updated with the newest data when that becomes available annually.

The dashboard can be found:

https://gflrpc.org/program_areas/regional_land_use_dashboard.php

- b. *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Right-of-Way Transition Plan* (UPWP Task 5531) / Proposed Council Resolution 26-15

David Riley, with the City of Rochester, provided a summary of the project. The purpose of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan is to ensure residents and visitors have full access to the City of Rochester's programs, services, and activities. The Plan provides a roadmap for creating a right-of-way that meets ADA standards. He discussed the process followed to complete the project, including the ADA compliance evaluation performed on 220 miles of city right-of-way, community engagement activities, and findings and recommendations.

Kevin Rooney asked if the study also looked at entrances to buildings as well as roadways. David replied that this study only looked at roadways and there is another ADA Plan for buildings and structures.

- c. *Wyoming County Priority Investigation Locations (PILs) Study* (UPWP Task 6234) / Proposed Council Resolution 26-16

On behalf of Wyoming County, Christine Bianchi, with TY Lin, provided a summary of the project. The objective was to identify locations that could benefit from safety enhancements by analyzing crash data and traffic counts on Wyoming County jurisdiction roads/intersections and develop countermeasure recommendations to enhance safety and connectivity for all road users. She described the data collection sources and methods, and recommended countermeasures. She noted this information will also feed into the ongoing SS4A Local Road Safety Plan for Wyoming County.

Joel Kleinberg noted that there are state and federal programs to fund construction projects specifically related to safety improvements, including the

Roadway Departure Action Plan. Sponsors are encouraged to coordinate applications with NYSDOT.

- d. *Genesee Riverway Trail Completion Study* (UPWP Task 6535) / Proposed Council Resolution 26-17

Kevin Kelley, with the City of Rochester, provided a summary of the project. The objective was to develop a plan to complete a seamless Genesee Riverway Trail (GRT) along the approximately 8.5-mile-long corridor north of downtown Rochester. Priorities included closing existing gaps in the trail, enhancing neighborhood connections, coordination with Inner Loop North and High Falls State Park projects, and to compile and refresh existing and proposed trail segment studies with cost updated figures. He discussed the project development process, including existing conditions and needs, community engagement activities, and recommendations.

- e. *Village of Fairport Zoning Code Update* (UPWP Task 7801) / Proposed Council Resolution 26-18

Jill Wiedrick, with the Village of Fairport, provided a summary of the project. The objective of the project is to update the Village of Fairport's zoning code with an emphasis on multi-modal transportation. The update will provide more choice and expand the opportunities for not only travel, but economic development and housing. She discussed the code development process, community engagement activities, and highlighted transportation components, including Off-Street Parking Requirements, Parking Design and Dimensional Standards, Driveway and Access Management, Bicycle Parking and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, and Use and Design (Requirements, Gas Station Design, Parking Garage, Site Plan Review.)

Yixuan Lin commented on the value of the zoning code connection to transportation and land use concepts.

Tom Frys asked about how the code addresses the challenge of balancing development and community interests. Jill Wiedrick replied that having clear expectations at the beginning of the development review process is key.

Joel Kleinberg moved to recommend the approval of Proposed Council Resolutions 26-14 through 26-18; Emily Royce seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

b) Transportation Improvement Program

1. No Action Items.

c) Long Range Transportation Plan

1. Action concerning approving the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2050 for Public Review

June McIlquham provided a summary of the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan 2050 citing major changes since the last Plan adopted in 2021, the financial plan and performance measures.

The Public Review period will run from April 13 to May 12. The final draft will be presented at the next Planning Committee meeting on May 14 for recommended board action. The board is anticipated to approve the plan at the board's June 11 meeting.

Emily Royce moved to recommend the approval of the *Draft Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2050 for Public Review*; David Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

d) Related Activities

1. Action concerning approving the Draft Transportation Conformity Determination for the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2050 and 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for Public Review

June McIlquham summarized the purpose and intent of the Conformity Statement.

Tom Fry moved to approve the *Draft Transportation Conformity Determination for the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region 2050 and 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for Public Review*; Emily Royce seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

6. Reports

a) Status of UPWP Projects

Staff proposed streamlining how UPWP project updates are reported moving forward. Rather than reviewing each project individually during meetings, project sponsors would be asked to submit written updates in advance. This would allow meeting time to focus on projects with notable updates or those that prompt questions from committee members. The suggestion was greeted with support.

Overall, project statuses remain routine, with many efforts focused on developing contracts, advancing work already underway, or preparing projects that have not yet started.

New UPWP projects were mentioned briefly and will be brought forward to the committee with scopes of work at future meetings. These projects include the and the

Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Multi-county Guiderail Assessment, the Irondequoit Bay Bridge Scoping Report, and the Manchester Active Transportation Plan.

Staff opened the floor for sponsor agencies to share any pertinent updates and none were offered.

Staff confirmed that in the future, Planning Committee members will continue to have the opportunity to raise specific questions about projects or discuss their projects on an as-needed basis.

b) Status of SS4A Program

Al Bartolotta provided a status update on the SS4A program. The Steering Committees for the City of Rochester and Monroe County convened on March 2 and March 9. The data collection and analysis phase is nearing completion. GTC staff is working with each consultant team to develop project websites and planning for outreach activities in each county.

Al also provided an update on Reconnect Rochester's Complete Streets Makeover program. The intersection of Genesee Park Boulevard and Pioneer Street in Rochester's 19th Ward was selected as the winner of the 2026 Complete Streets Makeover program. A community workshop was held to gather input on potential safety and efficiency improvements at this intersection.

c) TIP Staff Modifications

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

d) Federal Legislative and Funding Update

Federal Budget

Joe Bovenzi reported that the President's FY 2027 Budget Proposal was released on April 3. The budget proposal is available at:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-resources/budget/>

Topics related to the Department of Transportation include rebuilding and modernizing core transportation infrastructure (highways, tunnels, bridges, airports), emphasis on aligning transportation projects with economic development initiatives and freight improvements, and investments in aviation and maritime sectors.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) will expire on September 30, 2026. Committees in the House and Senate are working on draft text which is expected to be released in early Summer. If the new bill is not enacted by September 30, one or more continuing resolutions are expected to fund federal transportation programs until the new bill takes effect.

USDOT Discretionary Programs

Joe Bovenzi reported that the FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) was released and is available at:

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/fy26-nofo>. There are two grant types: Planning and Demonstration Grants (\$305,678,320 available) and Implementation Grants (\$687,809,874 available). The application deadline is May 26, 2026.

Joel Kleinberg noted that if any member agencies are applying, please coordinate with NYSDOT Region 4 Planning Office.

e) Other GTC Matters

Joe Bovenzi reported that GTC will present its draft Public Participation Plan at the May Planning Committee meeting. Staff will seek approval to release the draft Participation Plan for a 45-day public review period. The final Participation Plan will be presented at the August Planning Committee meeting and is anticipated to go to the GTC Board for approval at the August meeting.

Joe Bovenzi reported that GTC staff are working on an update to the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan. This plan is updated on a five-year cycle, and having an updated plan is important because it is a prerequisite for the use of Section 5310 funding. The draft Coordinated Plan will go through the review and approval process at the August Planning Committee and Board meetings.

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 May 14, 2026. All materials for items to be considered at this meeting should be submitted to GTC staff no later than Friday, May 1, 2026.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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