

<p style="text-align: center;">TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY</p>

Wednesday, November 21, 2007
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: P. Zakrzewski, J. Buffamonte, J. Bidell, M. Golen, N. Peters, K. O'Brien, C. Sickler, T. Trabold, H. Morse, R. Curtis, T. DeSantis and K. Stilwell. *Stakeholders:* J. Mecca.

1. Approval of October 17, 2007 TPS Meeting Summary – Members welcomed Nancy Peters as NFTA's new Grants Specialist. *Motion for approval: Curtis / Zakrzewski. Approved.*
2. 2008-2012 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5822.27 – Rail Car Rebuild 06/07: Project Rollover – M. Golen noted the request would roll-over approximately \$3.47M of unexpended FTA §5309 rail modernization funding from FFY 2006 & 2007 in FFY 2008. It was noted that this project was originally an element of the 2006-2010 TIP. *Motion for approval. Buffamonte / O'Brien. Approved.*
 - b. PIN 5754.61 – Lockport Street / CSX: Cost Increase – R. Curtis explained the cost increase requested would adjust the project funding to match the low bid on the project. The increase of CI cost reflected new requirements for environmental monitoring of lead paint abatement. *Motion to approve increasing the project cost by \$0.466M with HBRR funding. Curtis / O'Brien. Approved.*
 - c. PIN 5755.42 – Niagara Falls Signals: Funding Shift – R. Curtis requested a reallocation of existing funds to cover cost increases in Design and CI. He noted the net change would be zero due to a decrease in construction phase costs. *Motion for approval. Buffamonte / Zakrzewski. Approved.*
3. 2008-2012 TIP
 - a. Project Tracking / Fiscal Constraint – T. Trabold distributed a handout showing a cumulative listing of anticipated project letting dates for the first six months of the new TIP along with current costs. C. Sickler indicated a standoff between the Control Board and the EC Legislature over a bond sale to finance several upcoming projects might delay them, most notably the Wehrle Dr. project.
 - b. FHWA Financial Activities – J. Buffamonte discussed an FHWA email on fund management. Issues raised included local project administration, de-obligation of funds from projects with no expenditures for 12-months, and requiring reimbursement of federal funds on projects not advancing to construction more than 10-years after PE completion. He noted there were several such projects in the region but many could be traced to improper closeouts. Relevant examples would be identified for discussion at the next meeting.
4. New Business

J. Bidell requested advice on expenditure of federal funds outside of the ROW line. A discussion ensued on how to handle that situation. T. Trabold noted in January the outgoing chair of the PCC would assume the chair of this subcommittee.
5. Next Meeting – Next TPS meeting confirmed for Wednesday, December 19, 2007, 9 a.m. in the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Curtis / Zakrzewski. Approved.*