

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

Wednesday, December 16, 2009
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: K. O'Brien, T. Trabold, P. Zakrzewski, C. Sickler, K. Stilwell, R. O'Connor, S. Ghasemi, P. Merlo, G. Gottlieb, N. Peters, and J. Buffamonte. *Stakeholders:* J. Mecca and M. Leydecker.

1. Approval of November 18, 2009 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Zakrzewski/Sickler. Approved.*
2. 2008-2012 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5756.86 Colvin Blvd Intersections – C. Sickler explained the current situation and indicated Erie County needed to meet with NYSDOT to clarify the project scope. A new IPP would be submitted once that was completed. *Motion to table item: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved.*
 - b. PIN 5759.24 – Townline Rd; Beach Ridge Rd–Bull Creek – K. O'Brien explained the project funding shortfall. J. Buffamonte suggested voting to approve the increase using ARRA funds and then check to confirm the funds were still available. *Motion to approve funding increase: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved as Administrative Modification #34.*
 - c. PIN 5759.28 – Tonawanda Creek Rd Drop Inlets – K. O'Brien stated the low bid was above the engineering estimate. The percentage increase needed seemed high, but the actual amount was \$0.034M. *Motion to approve funding increase: Buffamonte/O'Brien. Approved as Administrative Modification #35.*
 - d. PIN 5034.98 – Rts 5 & 20 Bridge/Cattaraugus Creek – G. Gottlieb explained a need developed to investigate alternative designs that would minimize ROW impacts to the Seneca Nation of Indians. The preliminary design phase of the project needs \$0.240M and it will be moved from the construction phase of the project as the offset. *Motion to approve funding switch: Sickler/Merlo. Approved as Administrative Modification #36.*
3. TPS Discussion Topics
 - a. 2011-2015 TIP Development – T. Trabold discussed a handout that showed the project carry-overs for each member agency by adjusted cost and desired delivery date. There was discussion about what the next steps in the process would be and it was agreed that local project meetings would be scheduled for the first of January. Members were asked to review this handout for accuracy. Staff agreed to distribute an electronic version of the handout further adjusted to separate out any projects being funded from non-regular federal allocations such as earmarks, TEP and SRT.
4. Status 2009 ARRA/Stimulus Program – G. Gottlieb noted that 100% of the ARRA funds had been obligated for the region and the bids had to open by January 7, 2010.
5. Old Business – No old business was discussed.
6. New Business
 - a. PIN 5528.30: Buffalo Corridor Study – J. Buffamonte presented a new funding request for member consideration. A revised project scope had been agreed upon by NYSDOT and NYSTA and necessitated an increase of \$0.265M matched. NYSDOT will confirm if \$0.220M of Interstate funding is available to cover this request and a formal request form will be prepared for action at the January PCC meeting. *Motion to recommend to PCC: Zakrzewski/O'Brien. Approved.*
 - b. K. O'Brien opened a discussion on FHWA's review of Niagara County and Niagara Falls' ARRA-funded projects. B. O'Connor added details on what was identified and lessons learned.
7. Next Meeting – Due to a conference conflict with the regular January TPS meeting date it was decided to reschedule a week earlier to Tuesday January 12, 2010 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Sickler. Approved.*