

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, February 20, 2008
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: P. Zakrzewski, S. Ghasemi, K. O'Brien, C. Sickler, T. Trabold, H. Morse, T. DeSantis, J. Buffamonte, M. DeSantis, M. Golen, B. Gower, and K. Stilwell. *Stakeholders:* J. Mecca, T. George.

1. Approval of January 16, 2008 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Zakrzewski / Sickler. Approved.*
2. 2008-2012 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5821.95 – Bflo. Inner Harbor Redevelopment: Funding Transfer – T. Trabold reviewed the proposal to temporarily transfer these project funds to the NFTA for an accelerated bus purchase in 2008. These funds would then be repaid to Empire State Development on an agreed to schedule. A suggestion was made that the resolution should have a 'Whereas' clause noting that this was all contingent upon approval by the Secretary of Transportation. *Motion to recommend to PCC approval of this resolution as amended with the additional Whereas; Buffamonte / Sickler. Approved.*
 - b. PIN 5757.65 – Orangeport Rd; Rt 31 – Slayton Settlement Rd – Item withdrawn from agenda by K. O'Brien.
 - c. PIN 5757.63 – Michigan Ave Corridor: Cost Increase – S. Ghasemi noted (handout) earmarked funding was \$225,000 short of covering projected project costs. Members expressed concern with the number of SAFETEA-LU earmarks on the TIP that Congress was not fully appropriating funding for. As these were not regionally selected, suggested options ranged from reducing the project scope, investigating other funding (CHIPS, etc.) and/or changing the phasing of another project to free funds for reprogramming. *Motion to table; DeSantis / Buffamonte. Approved.*
 - d. PIN 5804.86 – NITTEC TOC Annual Staffing: Cost Increase – T. George presented the proposed NITTEC budget (handout) for 2008/09 and answered questions about the cost increase requested. He noted the NITTEC board would be voting on the proposed budget on March 27th. Some members were concerned with the appropriateness of using regional STP Flex funds when the operation was viewed as having localized impacts. Other issues raised concerned additional personnel, pay raises, marketing and fixed costs. *Motion to recommend to PCC approval of requested increase for 2008/09 with Interstate Maintenance funds; Buffamonte / Gower. 4 Ayes, 3 Nays. Approved. Motion to recommend to PCC the adjustment of future NITTEC estimated funding in TIP with Interstate Maintenance funds to reflect new baseline (2008/09) budget level; Buffamonte / Gower. 5 Ayes, 2 Nays. Approved.*
3. 2008-2012 TIP
 - a. Project Tracking/2008 Construction Season – T. Trabold noted 2008 construction season was robust. A subset of those construction projects was reviewed for Policy Committee presentation.
 - b. Bridge Maintenance Requests – J. Buffamonte reported that NYSDOT had met with a few agencies to help identify more bridge maintenance projects consistent with the approved Bridge Preventive Maintenance Strategy. Funding would be available for State Fiscal Year 2008/2009.
 - c. High Risk Rural Roads Program – J. Buffamonte reported that NYSDOT had also met with a few agencies to assist in identifying potential projects. This is a new funding program.
4. New Business – Members discussed public participation protocol at meetings.
5. Next Meeting – Subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 9 a.m. in the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Sickler / Zakrzewski. Approved.*