

# TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE

## MEETING SUMMARY

**Wednesday, May 23, 2007**  
**9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room**

**Attendees:** C. Sickler, J. Mecca, J. Bidell, T. Trabold, H. Morse, J. Buffamonte,  
P. Zakrzewski, K. O'Brien, R. Hayes, F. Cirillo. *Stakeholders:* M. Leydecker

1. Approval of April 30, 2007 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Mecca / Zakrzewski. Approved.*
2. 2006-2010 TIP Amendment Requests
  - a. FFY 2007 §5307 Program of Projects – J. Mecca explained that a budget realignment was necessary because recent congressional appropriations were not at the funding levels expected and the program originally anticipated. A handout showed proposed changes project-by-project. A request was made for more project information in the future so members could better understand the local program and transit strategies. It was noted that NYSDOT's Transit Division and FTA had concurred with the changes proposed. *Motion for TPS approval of the program budget realignment as proposed: Buffamonte / Mecca. Approved as TPS Action #6.*
  - b. SDF to Federal Aid Proposal: New Projects – Previously tabled item now included IPPs for eight NYSDOT projects requested to be incorporated into the current TIP with federal funds due to a shortfall in State Dedicated Funds. Projects include 5 pavement rehabs, 2 culvert replacements and 1 left turn bay extension. NYSDOT Region assured that advanced federal funding would be made available in order to accommodate this request, as a plan to advance fund an additional six months is being instituted statewide in response to the State Fiscal Plan. NYSDOT agreed that if the Fiscal Plan caused potential stoppage of local projects in the coming year, they would support the MPO in requesting Albany expeditiously resolve the conflict and advance the projects. In addition, NYSDOT agreed to provide documentation showing the additional \$35 million in federal aid being advanced to the region this fiscal year. *Motion to recommend to PCC a Major TIP Amendment be initiated to accommodate the eight (8) projects; Sickler / Buffamonte. Approved. Motion to initiate the public outreach effort required for a Major Amendment as soon as possible; Buffamonte / Sickler. Approved.*
  - c. PIN 5134.03 Main St; Rt 198 to Hertel Ave – J. Bidell reviewed the cost increase requested and stated it was based on current construction bid pricing. Inflation and fuel cost were mainly responsible for the increases. NYSDOT wished to see CMAQ funding fully utilized on the project and would work with city officials to ensure that happened. *Motion to recommend to PCC a Minor TIP Amendment to incorporate a cost increase of \$2.612M; Buffamonte / Sickler. Approved.*
3. 2008-2012 TIP Development
  - a. Public Meetings: Summaries/Feedback – T. Trabold distributed a handout documenting all public comments received to date on the draft TIP and LRP, along with the responses provided. The significant events from each of the four public meetings were also discussed. Since the public comment period was open until June 4<sup>th</sup> and any additional comments received would be reported at the June 6<sup>th</sup> PCC meeting.
  - b. Revenue Alignment Adjustments/Fiscal Constraint – Efforts continued to balance anticipated allocations with project schedules.
  - c. Schedule for Completion – Staff reviewed final milestones needed to complete the TIP.
  - d. Approval Recommendation to PCC – *Motion to recommend to PCC approval of the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program; O'Brein / Bidell. Approved.*
4. New Business – F. Cirillo introduced as a resource for resolving ROW issues. K. O'Brien noted bridge washing project not bondable so cash reserves needed. H. Morse to check status of statewide Thruway tolling study. C. Sickler distributed a TIP Amendment Request for a cost increase to PIN 5755.83 Como Park Blvd. The cost increase was described as the result of better design estimates, as well as asphalt and fuel price increases. *Motion to recommend to PCC a Minor TIP Amendment to incorporate a cost increase of \$0.85M; Buffamonte / Bidell. Approved.*
5. Next Meeting – The next subcommittee meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, June 20, 2007, 9 a.m. in the GBNRTC offices.