

# TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE

## MEETING SUMMARY

**Wednesday, August 19, 2009**  
**9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room**

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

1. Approval of July 22, 2009 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Zakrzewski/Merlo. Approved.*
2. 2008-2012 TIP – TPS Action Requests
  - a. PIN 5821.95: Buffalo Inner Harbor Redevelopment Project – T. Trabold distributed a handout of the draft payback schedule and S. Piccirillo noted the NFTA was working with ECHDC to finalize an agreement. Although no formal action was required a motion was made supporting NFTA's efforts to finish the agreement: *Merlo/Sickler. Approved.*
  - b. PINs 5757.59 & 5822.12: New TCPS Funding – T. Trabold distributed Amendment Request Forms for each project that included new federal funding from the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) grant program. The action would add this new funding to these two existing PINs. *Motion to recommend approval to PCC: Merlo/Buffamonte. Approved.*
  - c. Recreational Trail Program – T. Trabold distributed IPP's for two new projects that had been selected by the NYS Parks Department for federal Recreational Trail Program funding. J. Buffamonte also gave a brief explanation of the program's processes. *Motion to recommend approval to PCC: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved.*
  - d. TEP Projects: PINs 5759.42, 5759.43, & 5759.44 Schedule Change – J. Buffamonte explained that the revised schedules for these three projects now put their projected lettings into FFY 2010. *Motion to approve schedule change: Merlo/Sickler. Approved as Administrative Modification #21.*
3. TPS Discussion Topics
  - a. 2011-2015 TIP Development – T. Trabold explained the process needed to update the TIP & LRP. A review of all projects classified as non-exempt was underway to determine which could be modeled for air quality conformity.
  - b. Final Revised TPS Operational Plan & Guideline – T. Trabold reviewed the final version of the TIP change controls that brought the procedures in conformance with SAFETEA-LU directives.
4. Status 2009 ARRA/Stimulus Program (*items a-g*) – A handout was distributed on the status of all local ARRA projects as of August 18, 2009. J. Buffamonte noted all ARRA projects must be obligated by March 2010. Members agreed to review their illustrative and existing TIP project lists for potential candidates should additional ARRA funds become available. Local projects identified for supplemental stimulus funding consideration were to be forwarded to T. Trabold on or before August 28<sup>th</sup>.
5. Old Business
  - a. ARRA Discretionary Grant Program – H. Morse reviewed a list of potential submissions the staff was aware and noted the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for applications.
  - b. Williamsville Toll Booth Relocation/AQ Impacts – T. Trabold noted FHWA has requested the preferred tollbooth relocation site be modeled to reaffirm regional air quality conformity. The proposed methodology would be discussed with the ICG during an August 19<sup>th</sup> conference call.
  - c. 2009 Pending Rescissions – H. Morse reminded members that a rescission was still pending. Unless Congress deals with it when they returned from their August recess, the impacts could be significant both locally and statewide.
6. New Business
  - a. Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program Funds – J. Buffamonte explained that CBI funding was being made available for use in place of other project funding. Details would be provided at the next TPS meeting.
  - b. PIN 5756.81 Elmwood/Chippewa Signals & PIN 5756.87 Elmwood Av Corridor Signal Project Scheduling Changes – C. Sickler explained that Erie County's project PIN 5756.87 is ready to be let but isn't scheduled for letting until 2011, while Buffalo's project PIN 5756.81 is scheduled for a let date in 2010 but it is not ready. Both parties have agreed to switch their project let dates so that Erie County's project can advance first. *Motion to approve switching the scheduled letting dates for these two projects: Buffamonte/Zakrzewski. Approved as Administrative Modification #22.*
7. Next Meeting – Subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday September 16, 2009, 9 a.m. at GBNRTC. *Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Sickler. Approved.*