

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

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

Attendees: R. Eakin, T. Trabold, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, N. Peters, S. Piccirillo, P. Merlo, T. DeSantis, C. Sickler, S. Ghasemi, M. DeSantis, K. Stilwell, G. Witulski, G. Gottlieb, and J. Buffamonte.
Stakeholders: M. Leydecker.

1. Approval of August 19, 2009 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Zakrzewski/Sickler. Approved.*
2. 2008-2012 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. TEP Projects: PINs 5759.42, 5759.43, & 5759.44 Schedule Change – T. Trabold explained the handout for this item which shifted funding between TEP projects and moved let dates to FFY 2010. *Motion to approve funding reallocation and schedule change: Sickler/Buffamonte. Approved as Administrative Modification #24.*
 - b. Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) Program – G. Gottlieb explained that this new funding being made available to the region would simply replace existing funding since it did not come with additional funding authority. The group decided more information would be needed before an action could take place. *Motion to table item: Zakrzewski/DeSantis. Approved to table.*
 - c. PIN 5460.28 Buffalo Av – J. Buffamonte noted that there was no information on the revised project limits yet, but he did discuss the fact that the money would be added back to this project from bid savings on the Rt 104 project. He requested an email be sent to all detailing all scope changes when available. *Motion to table item: Buffamonte/DeSantis. Approved to table.*
3. TPS Discussion Topics
 - a. 2011-2015 TIP Development – T. Trabold handed out a list of all the current TIP projects, with those suggested to be carried over to the new TIP appropriately annotated. A set of maps was also distributed showing possible problem areas and locations for potential new TIP projects. The group was asked review the materials be prepared to start making decisions on current and future projects for the next TIP.
 - b. Program Funding Targets – It was reported that funding allocation planning targets had still not been released but work was progressing to the extent possible (see item 3a above).
 - c. TIP Amendment #12: New TCPS & Rec Trail Projects – T. Trabold reported this proposed amendment is in a public comment period and will be ready for action at the Oct 7th PCC meeting.
4. Status 2009 ARRA/Stimulus Program (*items a-g*) – J. Buffamonte distributed a handout on the status of ARRA projects. There was discussion about how to distribute any extra funds. The final stimulus program adjustments included adding three new Niagara Falls resurfacing projects and moving eight projects from either the TIP or ARRA illustrative list. It was noted the three new projects would require a separate TIP amendment. J. Buffamonte to clean up the handout of immediate changes to the stimulus program and redistribute via email. G. Gottlieb noted that the Governor's office would like all ARRA projects obligated by 12/31/2009; therefore PS&E packages are due by the end of 11/2009. *Motion to initiate adding three new Niagara Falls projects to the ARRA stimulus program as Amendment #13 and approve agreed-to changes to the ARRA stimulus program as TIP Amendment #14: Buffamonte/Merlo. Approved.*
5. Old Business
 - a. ARRA Discretionary Grant Program – H. Morse updated members on current submissions and the desire to endorse an illustrative listing of all TIGER applications in the coming months.
 - b. 2009 Pending Rescissions – H. Morse discussed FHWA's intentions for enacting the Congressional rescissions, which included state-by-state cut backs.
6. New Business
 - a. Local Project Meetings – The group was informed that the next round of local project meetings would be taking place soon and they would be contacted shortly for their available meeting times.
7. Next Meeting – It was apparent that there would be several conflicts with the normal 3rd Wednesday of the month meeting date so the Subcommittee moved the next TPS meeting to **Wednesday October 14, 2009**, 9 a.m. at GBNRTC; one week earlier than normal. *Motion to adjourn: DeSantis/Buffamonte. Approved.*