

# GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday January 8, 2020 9:30AM Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority 181 Ellicott Street – Buffalo N.Y.

# DRAFT AGENDA

# I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

# II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) PIN 5760.67 Buffalo SRTS (Buffalo) Approve minor scope change and cost increase as AdMod #14
- B) Resolution 2020-1 PIN 582483 Escalator Replacement & Rebuild and PIN 582484 Rehabilitation of Bus Support Facilities (NFTA) – Approve New Projects as Amendment #6
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- D) Resolution 2020-3 PIN 5813.61 NY 78 Transit Rd; French Rd to Ellicott Creek (NYSDOT) Initiate
   20-day Public Review of Revised Air Quality Conformity Document
- E) Resolution 2020-4 PIN 504527 Rt 104 and Rt 93 Intersection Improvements (NYSDOT) Approve New Project as Amendment #9
- F) PIN TWSW20 NYSTA Striping Project Initiate 20-day Public Review Period for New Project
- G) Recommendation of new UPWP Workscopes

# III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) TPS Action Item Approvals
- B) Freight Study Update
- C) Regional Bike Plan Public Outreach events
- D) Light Rail Expansion EIS Status and Public Hearings
- E) Current Year Federal Budget Agreement Transportation Projects Funding
- F) Pending MPO Certification Review
- IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
  - A) Member Agency Reports
  - B) Director's Report

# MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)

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2. Nolan Skipper	City of Buffalo
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4. Darren Kempner	NFTA
5. Norm Allen	Niagara County
6. Darlene Svilokos	Erie County
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# Others present were:

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2. Athena Hutchins	NITTEC
3. Hal Morse	GBNRTC
4. Rich Guarino	GBNRTC
5. JohnMichael Mulderig	GBNRTC
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7. Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
8. Kirk Wilson	Lu Engineers
9. Jeff Amplement	NFTA
10. Bob Belton	NFTA CAC
11. Jim Gordon	CRTC
12. Joe Buffamonte	NYSDOT
13. Tom Bender	GPI
14. Dan Castle	Erie County DEP
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Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A) Pledge of AllegianceB) Roll CallC) Public Participation

Doug Funke spoke about Citizen for Region Transit's annual meeting Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7pm at which GBNRTC's Kelly Dixon will be a speaker. All are invited to attend the meeting he said. CRT also verbalized support for the TIP projects.

Fr. Jud Weiksnar OFM spoke about keeping the Bike Plan as a continual discussion item at future meetings and to make biking (especially in winter and snow/slow role) in purview.

D) Approval of Meeting Agenda

All were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/NC) to approve the meeting agenda.

E) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

All were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (NYSDOT/NC)

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- G) Recommendation of new UPWP Workscopes. All were in favor of a motion (CNF/EC) to approve.

# III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) TPS Action Item approvals from 12/18/19 meeting. Guarino noted:

- PIN 576238 Rt 5, Kensington Ave & Humbolt Parkway and Rt 62 @ Delevan
  - This was a NYSDOT request to delay the letting of this project from 4/15/20 to 4/15/21 due to P. Design not being completed - Approved as AdMod #15
- PIN 576269 Cheektowaga PSAP
  - This was a NYSDOT request to delay the letting of this project from 9/15/20 to 9/15/21 due to P. Design not being completed - Approved as AdMod #16
- PIN 576248 Bridge Bearings, NC
  - This was a NC request is to add \$99K of matched funds to the construction phase of this exiting project to match low bid amount -Approved as AdMod #17
- B) Freight Study Update. Guarino noted Freight Stakeholder Roundtable was held on 12/11/19. A draft report summarizing notable practices in metropolitan area freight planning for peer freight markets to Western New York (WNY) was received from the consultant on 12/26 and distributed to the Steering Committee for review and comments. The information presented will allow for comparisons across different criteria and fosters an understanding of innovative and comprehensive freight operations practices across markets that can be applied to and implemented in the WNY region. The overall study is about 50% complete.

- C) Regional Bike Plan Public Outreach events. Weymouth spoke about current work to date, upcoming public outreach meetings in February, and future plan goals and timeline.
- D) Light Rail Expansion EIS Maloney spoke about current and future status of EIS, NFTA January Board meeting and Public Hearings upcoming in February.
- F) Current Year Federal Budget Agreement Transportation Projects Funding levels were reviewed and are in lune to support TIP projects. As previously noted, FAST Act expires this year, various proposals have been introduced, staff will monitor and brief the committee.
- G) Pending MPO Certification Review. Morse noted that this will take place May 12<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and there will be an associated public meeting. The Review occurs every four years and is conducted by FHWA and FTA staff, includes discussions with GBNRTC committee members. Successful review is required to continue funding.

## IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A) Member Agency Reports. Kemper noted that starting January 11<sup>th</sup>, a catenary project will begin and require single tracking for a period of time. NFTA Police Exam is upcoming for anybody interested.

B) Director's Report. Morse noted status of Hamburg mobility HUB, TOD phase II is starting soon, and referenced Jan. 8 Governor's State of the State.



# GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday February 5, 2020 9:30AM Buffalo City Hall – Room 901

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- C) PIN TWSW20 NYSTA Pavement Striping FFY 2020-2022 New Project (Approve as Amendment #10)
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- PIN 581361 NY 78 (Transit Rd); French Rd To Ellicott Creek Significant Scope Change (Approve as Amendment #8)
- F) PIN 576176 Maple Rd from Hopkins Rd to Transit Rd Cost Increase (Approve as AdMod # 20)
- G) PIN 576204 Bridge Deck Overlays, Joint Repairs And Bearing Replacements Cost Increase (Approve as AdMod # 21)
- H) Resolution 2020-5 Recommend Approval of 2020-2022 UPWP
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
- A) Freight Study Update
- B) BUILD Grant Announcement
- C) Autonomous Vehicles Upcoming Events
- D) Major Corridors Initiatives
- E) City of North Tonawanda Traffic Discussions
- F) 2020 Advocacy Agenda Transportation Items
- G) Some Issues in Federal Legislation and Funding
- IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: March 4, 2020 Erie County Public Works Dept

# MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)

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The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

1. Ramsey Kahi	NYSDOT
2. Michael Finn	City of Buffalo
3. Sean Carrington	NYSTA
4. Garret Meal	Niagara County
5. Darren Kempner	NFTA
6. Darlene Svilokos	Erie County
7. Tom DeSantis	City of Niagara Falls

Others present were:

1. Athena Hutchins	NITTEC
2. Hal Morse	GBNRTC
3. Rich Guarino	GBNRTC
4. JohnMichael Mulderig	GBNRTC
5. Matt Grabau	GBNRTC
6. Lisa Kenney	GBNRTC
7. Kelly Thompson	Bergman Assoc.
8. Kirk Wilson	Lu Engineers
9. Norm Allen	Niagara County
10. Bob Belton	NFTA CAC
11. Jim Gordon	CRTC
12. Elizabeth Giles	CRTC
13. Doug Funke	CRTC
14. Tom Heinz	HDR
15. Ron Hayes	NYSDOT

Mr. Meal called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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Doug Funke spoke about Citizen for Region Transit's concern for the environment, noting the large percentage of greenhouse gas emissions that come from vehicles. With this in mind, the emphasized the need to invest in public transportation.

Jim Gordon from CRT said the NFTA has published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Metro Rail Expansion and initiated a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period for the Draft EIS will be open until March 24, 2020. He asked for all to visit the website and provide feedback: <u>https://www.nftametrorailexpansion.com/</u>

D) Approval of Meeting Agenda

All were in favor of a motion (NFTA/EC) to approve the meeting agenda.

E) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

All were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (NFTA/EC)

## II. ACTION ITEMS

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## **III.**DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Freight Study Update.

Guarino noted an online Freight Stakeholders survey was developed and distributed. It includes 10 questions developed jointly by WSP and GBNRTC staff to supplement the hard data, help guide the gap analysis and recommendations and provide FHWA with input on final National Freight Strategic Plan. A summary for NFSP comments will be completed and sent to FHWA by February 10 deadline. The document summarizes notable practices in metropolitan area freight planning for four peer freight markets:

- a. Kansas City, Missouri
- b. Toledo, Ohio
- c. Grand Rapids, Michigan
- d. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (Lehigh Valley)

These metropolitan areas were identified by the WNY Regional Freight Steering Committee as metropolitan areas with similar freight markets to WNY. Conclusions of the Peer city Review include MPOs are critical to communication and coordination between the public and private sectors; A Freight Advisory Committee can help to improve the efficiency and reliability of the regional freight network; We must understand the existing market, trends, and needs of the freight and logistics community; Locational advantages should be taken advantage of; A definitive and focused freight identity must be developed and promoted by the marketing and delivery of a consistent, focused message of regional strengths; Many of the "notable practices" discussed are already taking place in WNY. However current practices may need to be tweaked or modified in order to get desired results.

#### B) BUILD Grant Announcement.

Guarino noted that BUILD provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives; grants awarded on a competitive basis to projects with a significant impact in their local or regional communities; in 10 years, congress has allocated \$7.1B to the program and its predecessor (TIGER) for 554 projects; and \$2.4B of the \$7.1B has gone to 233 rural projects. Sponsors in New York State have received 19 Grants awards for \$309.4M (Avg \$30.9M/yr). Four (4) projects awarded a total of \$56M in WNY. Full details for 2009-2019 awards are available from staff. History of all TIGER/BUILD applications also available from staff. Debrief for unsuccessful applications available from USDOT. Review of strong/weak parts of applications. Niagara County debrief scheduled for Feb. 7

#### 2020 BUILD (dates are estimates)

- a. NOFA published in April
- b. Applications due in July
- c. Awards announced in January 2021
- d. Never too soon to start working on an application
- C) Autonomous Vehicles Upcoming Events.

Kenney noted the following: City of Buffalo's *The Future of Mobility: Remaking Buffalo for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* charrette workshops, February 26 and 29. Federal Highway Administration Data Business Plan for Buffalo Niagara workshop, April 22. FHWA Preparing for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles in Buffalo Niagara workshop, March-April. FHWA webinar: Connected and Autonomous Vehicles: Local Implementation, Feb. 6 @1pm. GBNRTC's *Smart Mobility Newsletter*: <u>bit.ly/36wFBJi</u> or email <u>LKenney@gbnrtc.org</u>. Automated Vehicles Symposium, July 17-30, San Diego <u>automatedvehiclessymposium.org</u>

D) Major Corridors Initiatives.

Morse spoke about the Skyway/Route 5 Environmental Impact Statement, specifically the scoping meeting for Participating Agencies held on January 23, questions/comments addressed; the public Scoping meetings held January 28 – 29 (Substantial attendance, display boards reviewed scope and breadth of options); purpose to realign existing network to support waterfront development and address transportation needs; and two year timeframe for EIS using One Federal Decision process.

Morse also spoke about Scajaquada Corridor, specifically noting that it is not a redesign of the Route 198 project, a regional planning issue. He mentioned the MPO is tasked to address wider range of interests and stakeholders and will develop a comprehensive vision, identify transportation and access options, and engage a wide range of stakeholders. Steering Committee established, in house data collection underway, numerous outreach meetings held or scheduled. Consultant assistance being sought to synthesize information into vision, create transportation options, and support communications.

E) City of North Tonawanda Traffic Discussions.

Grabau spoke about ongoing traffic studies involving River Road and Twin Cities Highway.

F) 2020 Advocacy Agenda – Transportation Items.

Morse noted the significance of Buffalo Niagara Partnership 2020 Advocacy Agenda, emphasizing key transportation and infrastructure positions including transportation funding; border efficiency; and regional priority projects such as Agriculture Industrial Park with Complete Streets & Intermodal Connectivity, Cars Sharing Main Street Completion, Metro Rail Extension, Niagara County Rural Bridges Initiative, and Niagara Scenic Parkway – Riverway Phase 2 & Hyde Park Roundabout.

G) Some Issues in Federal Legislation and Funding.

Morse mentioned that the FAST Act expires Sept 30, 2020. Senate EPW last summer agreed on new terms. First time in nearly 15 years would significantly increase investment in traditional core highway accounts and create several new initiatives and pilot programs. No action at this time. Morse also spoke about AASHTO Fast Act Reauthorization Core Policy Principals; Moving Forward Framework for the People; other significant investments; and Governor Cuomo Announces \$151 Million in Funding to Renew Roads Statewide Impacted by Extreme Weather Events.

# IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A) Member Agency Reports

Kahi noted that NYSDOT has a lot of projects moving forward.

Huthcins mentioned NITTEC is moving forward with the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) with WSP as a consultant. There will be an upcoming stakeholder meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Finn emphasized to slow down in school zones with new school zone cameras and accompanying \$50 fine for speeding in school zones in the City of Buffalo.

Kemper noted that the NFTA received federal funding portions and they are flat. Kemper also mentioned that Governor Cuomo issued a \$3 million dollar grant to the NFTA for Customer Service. Finally, Kemper said the NFTA Metro Rail Expansion public meetings are coming up Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

B) Director's Report. Morse noted that the Bike Plan Draft is available with accompanying draft maps. Bike Buffalo Niagara Meeting held last night (2/4) in Lockport and tonight (2/5) in Orchard Park. Dona St. to Woodlawn TAP Grant application; and Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Grant Opportunity solicitation.

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: March 4, 2020 Erie County Public Works Dept



GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday March 4, 2020 9:30AM Erie County Public Works Rath Building – Buffalo, New York

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- A) PIN 576239 Niagara Street Sustainable Corridor Phase 4A Administrative Modification
- B) NFTA Program Realignment for FFY 2020
- C) PIN 576159 Walden Ave; Genesee St to Sycamore St
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
- A) TPS Action Item Summary
- B) Freight Study Progress and Outlook
- C) 2020 BUILD Grant Program Announced
- D) New Technology Deployments and Regional Integration
- E) ATCMTD Planning Phase
- F) Regional Bike Plan Network Development
- G) CNU Future of Mobility sessions Results
- H) Seasonal Traffic Count Program
- I) Potential Funding Opportunities Upcoming
- J) New Work Program Startup

## IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
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Thomas Frank spoke about the transportation vortex plan.

D) Approval of Meeting Agenda

All were in favor of a motion (NF/NYSDOT) to approve the meeting agenda.

E) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

All were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (NYSDOT/EC)

## II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) PIN 5762.39 Niagara Street Sustainable Corridor Phase 4A Move Funds between PINs (Approve as AdMod #23). All were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/COB) to approve.
- B) NFTA FTA Section 5307, 5337, & 5339 FFY 20 Program Realignment (Approve as AdMod #25). All were in favor of a motion (NF/NFTA) to approve.

- C) PIN 5761.59 Walden Av: Genesee St to Sycamore St Addition of Local Funds (Approve as AdMod #26). All were in favor of a motion (COB/NF) to approve.
- D) Resolution 2020-? PEF Contract All were in favor of a motion (NFTA/NF) to approve.

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   Guarino noted there was one approval at TPS in February. He also stated that LP meetings would be coming up next month.
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- D) New Technology Deployments and Regional Integration

Davis spoke about the Miovision signals in Amherst and Tonawanda

E) ATCMTD Planning Phase.

Hutchins discussed what has already taken place in the planning phase. They expect Phase 2 implementation by the end of the year. With more systems available, more data is available. Workshops will be held to discuss the future of the system.

F) Regional Bike Plan.

Weymouth stated a draft plan should be ready in the next few months. The plan includes existing trails and future trails, both on and off road. They are working to finalize the network and prioritize projects.

G) CNU Future of Mobility Sessions.

City of Buffalo's *The Future of Mobility: Remaking Buffalo for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* charrette workshops were held February 26 and 29. Dixon gave a brief overview of the sessions.

- H) Seasonal Traffic Count Program.
   Morse discusses the upcoming traffic count program and added that member agencies should submit their lists of possible count locations.
- Potential Funding Opportunities. Morse listed several funding sources that could be used by member agencies to fund various projecrs.
- J) New Work Program Startup.
   Morse stated the new two year work program will begin on April 1, 2020.
- IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
  - A) Member Agency Reports

Buffamonte noted that NYSDOT has a lot of projects moving forward.

Kempner stated the new bus schedules would begin next week.

NYSTA reminded everyone that paving season would begin soon, most notably the on the SNI section of I-90.

BNP mentioned the freight study again.

Hutchins mentioned NITTEC is wrapping up ICM project. NITTEC is moving forward with the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) with WSP as a consultant. There will be an upcoming stakeholder meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Chau reminded everyone that applications for BUILD projects would be accepted.

Svilokos stated paving season would be starting soon.

Skipper also noted the paving season will begin soon.

B) Director's Report. Morse noted that the Hamburg Mobility Hub project was ongoing.

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: April 1, 2020 NYSDOT



# GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday June 3, 2020 9:30AM

# Join Zoom Meeting:

By Computer:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89846640823?pwd=N2RXdjdQV3NOdXJ3L0tyMFBNVjFiUT09

Meeting ID: 898 4664 0823 Password: 360979 **Or By Phone:** Dial: 1 (929) 205 609 Meeting ID: 898 4664 0823 Password: 360979

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- A) PIN 581360 PMI RT 952A (GENESEE ST); BUFFALO CITY LINE TO I-90 Cost Increase (Approve as AdMod # 37)
- B) PIN 582485 NFTA Rail Customer Information Enhancement New Project (Approve as Amendment # 13)
- C) 2019 FTA 5310 Project Recommendations New Projects (Approve as Amendment # 16) Warren Spahn over Caz Creek Significant Scope change will be in public review until June 9

# III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Regional Bicycle Master Plan-Public Outreach and Approval Cycle
- B) Regional Freight Study status and schedule
- C) GBNRTC Federal Planning Certification
- D) Legislative Actions and Proposals-Potential Project Impacts
- E) Plan for July PCC Meeting

## IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: July 1, 2020

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13. Tom Pericak	Mott McDonald
14. Jim Cuozzo	NYSDOT
15. Fr. Jud Weiksnar OFM	Slow Roll
16. Ken Wojtkowski	Erdman Anthony
17. Jennifer Michniewicz	CPL
18. Matthew Rutmeirer	UB
19. Sheila Ransbottom	Wendel
20. Fred Frank	WSP

Mr. Meal called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A) Roll Call

All members were present upon roll call

B) Public Participation

Doug Funke spoke about Citizen for Region Transit's program of support for public transportation and pandemic challenges.

C) Approval of Meeting Agenda

All were in favor of a motion (EC/NYSTA) to approve the meeting agenda.

D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

All were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (EC/COB)

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- A) PIN 581360 PMI RT 952A (GENESEE ST); BUFFALO CITY LINE TO I-90 Cost Increase (Approve as AdMod # 37). All were in favor of a motion to approve (NYSDOT/EC) the proposed change
- B) PIN 582485 NFTA Rail Customer Information Enhancement New Project (Approve as Amendment # 13). All were in favor of a motion to approve (NFTA/NYSDOT) the proposed change
- C) 2019 FTA 5310 Project Recommendations New Projects (Approve as Amendment # 16). All were in favor of a motion to approve (NFTA/EC) the proposed project additions.

Warren Spahn over Caz Creek Significant Scope change will be in public review until June.

# III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Regional Bicycle Master Plan-Public Outreach and Approval Cycle

Weymouth explained that the draft Plan was entering the public review cycle. Comments would be reported at the July PCC meeting, and the draft finalized for subsequent approval at PCC and Policy. A working group continues to meet in parallel to review project priorities and maintenance strategies.

B) Regional Freight Study status and schedule

Guarino noted that the freight study remains on schedule with expected completion in August. Following approval project development will proceed and eligible projects refined for consideration in upcoming funding programs.

C) GBNRTC Federal Planning Certification

Morse discussed the upcoming certification review, occurring every four years to determine the program's consistency with federal requirements. Members had an opportunity to discuss with USDOT recently.

D) Legislative Actions and Proposals-Potential Project Impacts

Several potential infrastructure funding proposals were discussed, some as part of COVID response and others in the context of FAST Act reauthorization. Current projects will be reviewed in the event additional funding becomes expanded or restricted.

E) Plan for July PCC Meeting

Next meeting will most likely be done in virtual format unless restrictions on group meetings are substantially relaxed.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A) Member Agency Reports

Members provided brief updates on project activities in their jurisdictions.

B) Director's Report.

Morse summarized several staff level activities underway.

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: August 5, 2020



#### GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday July 1, 2020 9:30AM

## Join Zoom Meeting:

#### By Computer:

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## DRAFT AGENDA

#### I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) PIN 576167 Warren Spahn Way Over Cazenovia Creek (BIN 2260710), Bridge Rehabilitation And Resurfacing & Streetscape Improvements On Abbott Rd From Southside Pkwy To Potters Rd – Significant Scope Change (Approve as Amendment #15 via Resolution 2020-13)
- B) PIN 576312 Rapids Road; Wisterman to Sanders Change in Project Limits (Approve as AdMod #41)
- C) PIN 582507 VTC Access and Mobility Management In Public Review (Status Report)
- D) June TPS Action Summary

#### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Regional Bicycle Master Plan-Public Outreach and Comments
- B) Regional Freight Study status and schedule
- C) GBNRTC Federal Planning Certification initial observations
- D) Covid-19 Impacts on Regional Travel
- E) Niagara Falls Tourist-Oriented Transportation Study
- F) FHWA Business Data Workshop reschedule
- G) Remix Demonstration Opportunity
- H) Local Project Meetings and Delivery Diagnostic
- I) Legislative Actions and Proposals-Near Term Solicitations Expected
- IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: August 5, 2020

# MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on July 1, 2020

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

1. Joe Buffamonte	NYSDOT
2. Nolan Skipper	City of Buffalo
3. Scott Helser	NYSTA
4. Garret Meal	Niagara County
5. Jeff Amplement	NFTA
6. Darlene Svilokos	Erie County
7. Tom DeSantis	City of Niagara Falls

## Others present were:

1. Hal Morse	GBNRTC
2. Rich Guarino	GBNRTC
3. Kathryn Stilwell	GBNRTC
4. Mike Davis	GBNRTC
5. JohnMichael Mulderig	GBNRTC
6. Amy Weymouth	GBNRTC
7. Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
8. Mike Oliver	Citizen
9. Jim Gordon	CRTC
10. Doug Funke	CRTC
11. Sharon Ray	Seneca Nation of Indians
12. Greg Stevens	Niagara Greenway
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Mr. Meal called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A) Roll Call

B) Public Participation

Doug Funke spoke about Citizen for Region Transit's concerns and the emerging Light Rail EIS.

Mike Oliver discussed a potential trail project in North Tonawanda and possible alternative locations

C) Approval of Meeting Agenda All were in favor of a motion (NF/NYSTA) to approve the meeting agenda.

D) Approval of Previous Meeting MinutesAll were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (NF/NFTA)

## II. ACTION ITEMS

A) PIN 576167 Warren Spahn Way Over Cazenovia Creek (BIN 2260710), Bridge Rehabilitation And Resurfacing & Streetscape Improvements On Abbott Rd From Southside Pkwy To Potters Rd – Significant Scope Change (Approve as Amendment #15 via Resolution 2020-13). All were in favor of a Motion (COB/NF) to approve the change.
B) PIN 576312 Rapids Road; Wisterman to Sanders – Change in Project Limits (Approve as AdMod #41). All were in favor of a Motion (NC/COB) to approve the change.
C) PIN 582507 VTC Access and Mobility Management - In Public Review (Status Report) Guarino provided a status report on this action, currently n public review for subsequent action.

- D) FTA Section 5339 Program Realignment for FFY20. All were in favor of a Motion (NFTA/NF) to approve the change, as adjusted (NF/NC)
- E) June TPS Action Summary Guarino provided a summary of items from the June TPS meeting and their disposition.

# III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Regional Bicycle Master Plan-Public Outreach and Comments – Weymouth discussed the draft Plan and the virtual public involvement campaign. Comments to date were also reviewed.

B) Regional Freight Study status and schedule – Freight Plan nears completion, Guarino noted two products expected shortly. Projects will be developed from the study for funding consideration.

C) GBNRTC Federal Planning Certification – initial observations – the quadrennial Planning Certification process was completed in May, all done remotely. Morse relayed some early observations.

D) Covid-19 Impacts on Regional Travel – Davis presented some detailed information on regional travel characteristics collected by NITTEC in the last several months during pandemic.

E) Niagara Falls Tourist-Oriented Transportation Study – DeSantis noted the emerging study initiated by USA Niagara and others regarding Niagara Falls CBD traffic and mobility. Morse added that data and travel models are being shared to enhance results.

F) FHWA Business Data Workshop – reschedule. Kenney explained the reschedule due to COVID.

G) Remix Demonstration Opportunity – Dixon presented some preview of potential software used for complete streets iteration. A demo would be provided after next TPS.
H) Local Project Meetings and Delivery Diagnostic – Guarino presented some data and graphics relating to project delivery in the region. Causative factors are being examined and a revisit to the support process will be initiated soon.

I) Legislative Actions and Proposals-Near Term Solicitations Expected – Morse reviewed current federal legislation passed by the House and also expected funding solicitations in New York State.

# IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A) Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed the ongoing and emerging project construction cycle.

B) Director's Report. Morse discussed need for an upcoming Policy Committee meeting, as well as updates on Youngs Road interchange study and Hamburg Mobility Hub.

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: September 2, 2020



#### GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday August 5, 2020 9:30AM

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#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

- I. PROCEEDINGS
- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- II. ACTION ITEMS
- A) Resolution 2020-14 VTC Access and Mobility Management
- B) Resolution 2020-15 US62 Lane Reconfiguration at Walnut and Ferry; Niagara Falls
- C) Resolution 2020-16 GBNRTC Safety Performance Measure Targets 2021
- D) July TPS Action Summary

#### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Project completion status-next steps for:
  - Bailey Ave Study
  - Regional Freight Study
  - Regional Bicycle Master Plan
- B) Youngs Road interchange review
- C) Policy Committee timing and potential meeting items
- D) Planning and traffic studies status
- E) 1RF Complete Streets webinar August 20
- F) Automated Vehicles Symposium recap

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

# MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on August 5, 2020

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

1. Joe Buffamonte	NYSDOT
2. Nolan Skipper	City of Buffalo
3. Scott Helser	NYSTA
4. Garret Meal	Niagara County
5. Jeff Amplement	NFTA
6. Darlene Svilokos	Erie County
7. Tom DeSantis	City of Niagara Falls

# Others present were:

NYSDOT
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GBNRTC
CRTC
CRTC
Seneca Nation of Indians
HDR
GBNRTC
GoBike
Mott McDonald
Erdman Anthony
Peanut Line

Mr. Meal called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

## A) Roll Call

## **B)** Public Participation

Jim Jones referenced the Bike Coalition including their representation and approach to trail development, project selection and maintenance activities

Doug Funke spoke about Citizen for Region Transit's support for multimodal approaches to transportation and their upcoming meeting

Dominic Licata expressed support for the conversion of the Peanut Line to a trail and linkage to the Clarence Peanut Line. Also noted were the group rides the group did to generate familiarization and support.

## C) Approval of Meeting Agenda

All were in favor of a motion (NF/NYSTA) to approve the meeting agenda.

## D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

All were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (NYSDOT/COB)

# II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Resolution 2020-14 VTC Access and Mobility Management. All were in favor of a motion (NFTA/EC) to approve the resolution after some discussion regarding local share.
- B) Resolution 2020-15 US62 Lane Reconfiguration at Walnut and Ferry in the City of Niagara Falls. All were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/NYSTA) to approve the resolution.
- C) Michigan Avenue Lift Bridge this project was subsequently merged with Ohio Street Bridge project for final action.
- D) Resolution 2020-16 GBNRTC Safety Performance Measure Targets 2021. New Safety Targets were provided by NYSDOT. All were in favor of a motion (NFTA/COB) to recommend the targets to Policy Committee for approval.
- E) July TPS Action Summary Guarino provided a summary of items from the July TPS meeting and their disposition.

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Project completion status for Bailey Ave Study; Regional Freight Study; Regional Bicycle Master Plan. Staff provided updates on three major studies underway. Freight Study and Bicycle Master Plan will be available for approval at next Policy meeting.
- B) Youngs Road interchange review. Morse summarized results of the Youngs Road study team meeting and their review of the completed study. It was requested that GBNRTC coordinate among jurisdictions and advance the proposed project.
- C) Policy Committee timing and potential meeting items. A Policy Committee meeting is proposed for November, date TBD. A list of action items was discussed, members welcome to add items.
- D) Planning and traffic studies status. Mike Davis reviewed an extensive list of analytical studies underway at the request of members.
- E) 1RF Complete Streets webinar August 20. Lisa Kenney noted the upcoming webinar being produced at GBNRTC. All were invited to attend.
- F) Automated Vehicles Symposium recap. Kenney also provided summary of the symposium and potential next steps.
- IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
- A) Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed the ongoing project construction cycle, Buffalo noting in particular Fillmore and Clinton projects.

B) Director's Report. Morse reviewed additional staff activities and possible dates for live meetings.



#### GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday September 2, 2020 9:30AM

## DRAFT AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting

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## I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) PIN 581442 PMI I-190; Rt 384 (Buffalo Ave) Rt 31 (Witmer Rd) Cost Increase (Approve)
- B) PIN 5810.98 Pavement Markings (Line 1), Erie & Niagara Counties & PIN 5813.12 Pavement Markings (Required), Region-wide Cost increase (Approve)
- C) PIN 558054 I-290; I-190 to I-90 Funding Switch (Approve)
- D) FFY20 & FFY21 STIP Performance Let Changes (Approve)
- E) Transit Safety Performance Measures and Targets (Recommend to Policy)
- F) Ongoing Public Review Summary
- G) August TPS Action Summary

#### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Next Policy Committee Agenda Items and Proposed Meeting Date
- B) Planning Work Program Potential Studies for Next Year
- C) Data Business Workshop
- D) NITTEC ATCMTD Program
- E) Trends in Vehicle Miles Travelled in NYS Metro Areas
- IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: October 7, 2020

# MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on September 2, 2020

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

1. Joe Buffamonte	NYSDOT
2. Nolan Skipper	City of Buffalo
3. Scott Helser	NYSTA
4. Garret Meal	Niagara County
5. Jeff Amplement	NFTA
6. Darlene Svilokos	Erie County
7. Tom DeSantis	City of Niagara Falls

# Others present were:

1. Frank Cirillo	NYSDOT
2. Jim Cuozzo	NYSDOT
3. Dave Hill	NYSDOT
4. Hal Morse	GBNRTC
5. Rich Guarino	GBNRTC
6. Lisa Kenney	GBNRTC
7. Athena Hutchins	NITTEC
8. Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
9. Jim Gordon	CRTC
10. Doug Funke	CRTC
11. Sharon Ray	Seneca Nation of Indians
12. Fred Frank	WSP
13. Mark Tytka	WSP
14. Lisa Kenney	GBNRTC
15. Bob Gower	NFTA
16. Tom Pericak	Mott McDonald
17. Darrell Kaminsky	Mott McDonald
18. Ken Wojtkowski	Erdman Anthony
19. Mike Godfrey	

20. Patricia Wiseman

Mr. Meal called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A) Roll Call

**B)** Public Participation

Doug Funke spoke about Citizen for Region Transit's upcoming Fall meeting on October 15, 2020.

C) Approval of Meeting Agenda All were in favor of a motion (EC/NFTA) to approve the meeting agenda.

D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes All were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (EC/NFTA)

## II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) PIN 581442 PMI I-190; Rt 384 (Buffalo Ave) Rt 31 (Witmer Rd) all were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/EC) to approve this cost change.
- B) PIN 5810.98 Pavement Markings (Line 1), Erie & Niagara Counties & PIN 5813.12 Pavement Markings, Region-wide – all were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/NF) to approve this cost change.
- C) PIN 558054 I-290; I-190 to I-90 Funding Reallocation all were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/EC) to approve this funding reallocation.
- D) FFY20 & FFY21 STIP Performance Let Changes all were in favor of a motion (NF/EC) to approve this STIP change to reflect letting changes
- E) PIN 581362, PMI US 20/NY 78 (Transit Rd); French to Broadway all were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/EC) to approve this cost change.
- F) Transit Safety Performance Measures and Targets the Transit Safety Performance Targets from NFTA were reviewed, noting these were for transit only, previous targets were for auto/truck. All were in favor of a motion (NFTA/COB) to recommend these targets to Policy Committee for approval.
- G) Ongoing Public Review Summary Guarino summarized all TIP actions currently out for public review and their status
- H) August TPS Action Summary Guarino also summarized actions disposed at the last TPS meeting.

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Next Policy Committee Agenda Items and Proposed Meeting Date Morse suggested two possible dates for next Policy Committee meeting, November 13 or November 16 and also whether an in person meeting would be appropriate. Potential agenda items were reviewed, member input on both items was requested.
- B) Planning Work Program Potential Studies for Next Year Morse also reviewed status of staff work as the second year of the UPWP would start on April 1, 2021. Any new or revised work could be proposed by members for incorporation at the next Policy Committee meeting.
- C) Data Business Workshop Hutchins discussed a recent workshop where data issues were discussed in terms of ownership, extent and possible integration.
- D) NITTEC ATCMTD Program Hutchins also discussed this NITTEC grant, planning process is evolving and next steps will follow.
- E) Trends in Vehicle Miles Travelled in NYS Metro Areas After numerous questions on traffic impacts due to COVID and related implications, Morse produced a presentation reviewing traffic trends at the nationwide, state and local levels. These can help in estimating long term changes and how to plan for them.

## IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A) Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed the ongoing project construction cycle, NFTA noting service adjustments on September 6; COB is hosting an ebike demo; NITTEC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting is coming up.

B) Director's Report. Morse reviewed additional staff activities including Skyway studies, Bailey Avenue; Transit Oriented Development Phase 2 Steering Committee; evolving Hamburg Mobility Hub; possible Twin Cities Memorial Highway study; RFP in development for NFTA transit survey; and completion of the Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) study and Regional Bicycle Master Plan.



GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday October 7, 2020 9:30AM

# DRAFT AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82039940773?pwd=cTIFaiszeFB5aWMyVjRCZHU0SINrZz09 Or Dial +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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# I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

## II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Resolution 2020-17 PIN 575825 Ohio St Bridge over Buffalo River Significant Scope Change (approve)
- B) Resolution 2020-19 PIN 526852 NY 240 over Cazenovia Creek Slope Repair Project New Project (approve)
- C) Resolution 2020-20 PIN 5V1231, VPP NY 263; NY 270 to NY 78 New Project (approve)
- D) Administrative Modification # 58 PIN 576351 City Of North Tonawanda Construction of a New Connection To Empire State Trail Along The Erie Canal – Minor Scope Change (approve)
- E) Administrative Modification # 61 PIN 581322 Bridge MBC & Preservation Program; Rehabilitation of US 219 (NB & SB) Over Norfolk Southern RR Cost Increase (approve)
- F) New VPP Projects (5) Initiate Public Review (NYSDOT)
- G) PINs 582509 NFTA Transit Capital Projects SFY 20/21 and 582510 NFTA Transit Capital Project; METRO Rail Extension – Initiate Public Review (NFTA)
- H) Resolution 2020-21 Memorandum of Understanding renewal (recommend to Policy)
- I) September TPS Action Summary

## III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) 2020 Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program Award
- B) Freight Study Update
- C) Policy Committee Agenda Items, Date and Format
- D) Regional Bicycle Master Plan status of approval and next steps
- E) Upcoming Grant Opportunities

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: November 4, 2020

# MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on October 7, 2020

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

1. Joe Buffamonte	NYSDOT
2. Nolan Skipper	City of Buffalo
3. Matt Latko	NYSTA
4. Garret Meal	Niagara County
5. Darren Kempner	NFTA
6. Darlene Svilokos	Erie County
7. Tom DeSantis	City of Niagara Falls

Others present were:

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CRTC
Erie County
WSP
GBNRTC
NFTA
Mott McDonald
Erdman Anthony
MARAD
HDR

21. Sheila Ransbottom

22. Anna Masucci

Mr. Meal called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A) Roll Call

- B) Public Participation Jim Gordon commented on CRTC activities and their upcoming quarterly meeting
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda All were in favor of a motion (NF/NFTA) to approve the meeting agenda.
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting MinutesAll were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (NFTA/NF)

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Resolution 2020-17 PIN 575825 Ohio St Bridge over Buffalo River Significant Scope Change All were in favor of a motion (COB/NF) to approve
- B) Resolution 2020-19 PIN 526852 NY 240 over Cazenovia Creek Slope Repair Project New Project. All were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/NYSTA) to approve
- C) Resolution 2020-20 PIN 5V1231, VPP NY 263; NY 270 to NY 78 New Project. All were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/NF) to approve
- D) Administrative Modification # 58 PIN 576351 City Of North Tonawanda Construction of a New Connection To Empire State Trail Along The Erie Canal – Minor Scope Change. All were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/COB) to approve
- E) Administrative Modification # 61 PIN 581322 Bridge MBC & Preservation Program; Rehabilitation of US 219 (NB & SB) Over Norfolk Southern RR – Cost Increase. All were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/NF) to approve
- F) New VPP Projects (5) Initiate Public Review. All were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/NF) to initiate public review.
- G) PINs 582509 NFTA Transit Capital Projects SFY 20/21 and 582510 NFTA Transit Capital Project; METRO Rail Extension – Initiate Public Review. All were in favor of a motion (NFTA/NYSDOT) to initiate public review
- H) Resolution 2020-21 Memorandum of Understanding renewal. All were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/NFTA) to recommend approval to Policy Committee
- September TPS Action Summary Guarino summarized actions disposed at the last TPS meeting.

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) 2020 Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program Award. Kempner reviewed the status and projects at NFTA that were identified or to be determined related to this award.
- B) Freight Study Update. Guarino noted that the Study was nearing completion, discussions are ongoing specific to projects to be recommended as a component of the study
- C) Policy Committee Agenda Items, Date and Format. Morse indicated that the next Policy Meeting is confirmed for November 13 at 10AM in virtual format. Agenda topics were reviewed, a formal agenda and meeting link will be distributed after the next PCC meeting.
- D) Regional Bicycle Master Plan status of approval and next steps. Weymouth provided a detailed update on public and agency involvement in the Plan development. The Plan is scheduled for approval at November PCC and Policy Committees
- E) Upcoming Grant Opportunities. Morse reviewed expected grants on the horizon, including TAP, CMAQ and Bridge NY
- IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
- A) Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed the ongoing project construction cycle, NFTA noting a planning grant Moving Forward Together-Mobility Justice; NYSDOT indicated that second quarter CHIPS and PAVE-NY payments were issued; NYSTA added that cashless tolls would be fully operational on the system by the end of the year.

B) Director's Report. Morse reviewed additional staff activities performed in the recent month. The ICM project is complete, with a Full Report, Executive Summary and also an informational folio available. Projects are being developed consistent with the study. FHWA and their TMIP program are discussing interest in partnering to test deep uncertainty through use of GBNRTC models, allowing for greater risk analysis. The Skyway EIS scoping process continues to move. The completed Youngs Road Interchange Analysis, as requested, is being further detailed regarding configuration, ownership, cost estimates, etc. All technical analyses are progressing as scheduled, an update will be assembled soon. As the second year of the UPWP is being affirmed, members are welcome to submit any additional planning needs. Finally, the FAST Act was extended one year in Congress, providing some certainty in maintaining the capital program.



## GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday November 4, 2020 9:30AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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## **DRAFT AGENDA**

## I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Resolution 2020-22: New VPP Projects (5) Approval
- B) Resolution 2020-23: PINs 582509 NFTA Transit Capital Projects SFY 20/21 and 582510 NFTA Transit Capital Project; METRO Rail Extension Refer to Policy Committee for Approval
- C) Resolution 2020-24: City of Buffalo project deletion Refer to Policy Committee for Approval
- D) Resolution 2020-25: Affirmation of Second Year GBNRTC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Recommend to Policy Committee for approval
- E) Resolution 2020-26: Regional Bicycle Master Plan Recommend to Policy Committee for adoption
- F) October TPS Action Summary

#### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) 2020 Public Transportation 5310 Project Awards
- B) RailVolution Local Delegation Experience
- C) Policy Committee Agenda, Date (11/13 10AM) and Format (virtual)
- D) Regional Freight Study
- E) Regional Bicycle Plan implementation strategies

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: December 2, 2020

# MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on November 4, 2020

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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7.	Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
8.	Jim Gordon	CRTC
9.	Dan Castle	Erie County
10.	Mark Tytka	WSP
11.	Lisa Kenney	GBNRTC
12.	Jeff Lesanti	NFTA
13.	Ken Wojtkowski	Erdman Anthony
14.	Mike Sullivan	MARAD
15.	Brad Buyer	FAIR
16.	Brad Bethel	
17.	Tom Pericak	Mott McDonald
18.	Scott Helser	NYSTA
19.	Doug Funke	CRTC
20.	Jim Jones	GoBike
21.	Jeff Amplement	NFTA
22.	William Weksner	

Mr. Meal called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A) Roll Call

**B)** Public Participation

Jim Gordon commented on upcoming RailVolution conference and expressed appreciation for NFTA support.

Doug Funke supported the agenda item regarding transit infrastructure.

- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda All were in favor of a motion (NFTA/NF) to approve the meeting agenda.
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes All were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (EC/CNF)

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Resolution 2020-22: New VPP Projects (5) All were in favor of a motion (EC/CNF) to approve this Resolution
- B) Resolution 2020-23: PINs 582509 NFTA Transit Capital Projects SFY 20/21 and 582510 NFTA Transit Capital Project; METRO Rail Extension – Subsequent to some discussion on local funding sources, all were in favor of a motion (NYSDOT/NFTA) to refer approval of this Resolution to Policy Committee.
- C) Resolution 2020-24: City of Buffalo project deletion After discussion on new Let/Obligation dates, all were in favor of a motion (COB/NYSDOT) to refer approval of this Resolution to Policy Committee
- D) Resolution 2020-25: Affirmation of Second Year GBNRTC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – all were in favor of a motion (NFTA/CNF) to recommend approval of this Resolution to Policy Committee for approval
- E) Resolution 2020-26: Regional Bicycle Master Plan Brad Bethel noted need to integrate the Plan with environmental and community initiatives. All were in favor of a motion (NFTA/EC) to recommend approval of this Resolution to Policy Committee for adoption
- F) October TPS Action Summary Guarino reviewed project actions processed recent TPS meeting

## III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) 2020 Public Transportation 5310 Project Awards Dixon presented all the 5310 bus projects awarded in the recent round of funds distribution.
- B) RailVolution Local Delegation Experience Kempner discussed the development of a local delegation that participated in the highly successful RailVolution conference. The delegation

will continue to meet and consider methods to support and advocate for regional public transportation services.

- C) Policy Committee Agenda, Date (11/13 10AM) and Format (virtual) Morse reviewed agenda for upcoming Policy meeting, highlighting all Action Items as well as discussion and presentation topics.
- D) Regional Freight Study Guarino noted the study is nearing completion, an important component is proposed freight project for potential funding.
- E) Regional Bicycle Plan implementation strategies Weymouth discussed an implementation framework for the new Regional Bicycle Plan. A possible Coalition is evolving that may work toward project prioritization, funding and maintenance,

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

#### A) Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed the ongoing project construction cycle, NFTA identified some single tracking projects starting; NITTEC noted status of the ATCMTD grant and will provide more detail at the next meeting.

B) Director's Report. Morse reviewed additional staff activities performed in the recent month as well as a number of initiatives starting in upcoming months.



#### GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Wednesday December 2, 2020 9:30AM

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#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

#### I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Resolution 2020-27 (Niagara County) Recommend to Policy Committee
   PIN 5763.62 Carmen Road over Johnson Creek Bridge Replacement New Project
   PIN 5763.15 Bear Ridge Road over Tonawanda Creek Tributary BIN 3328880 Delete Project
   PIN 5763.16 East Canal Road over Donner Creek BIN 3329070 Delete Projects
- B) Resolution 2020-28 1997 Ozone Conformity Determination Update Recommend to Policy Committee
- C) Resolution 2020-29 (NFTA) PIN 5825.10 NFTA Transit Capital Project Metro Rail Extension Recommend to Policy Committee
- D) Approval of 2021 PCC Schedule
- E) Election of 2021 PCC Chair
- F) November TPS Action Summary

#### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) ICM Project and ATCMTD Grant Progress
- B) Niagara Falls Tourist Oriented Transportation Study
- C) Review of November Policy Committee
- D) GBNRTC Freight Study progress toward completion and project development
- E) 2050 Plan initiatives and planning in process
- IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: January 6, 2021

# MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on December 2, 2020

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

1. Joe Buffamonte	NYSDOT
2. Nolan Skipper	City of Buffalo
3. Scott Helser	NYSTA
4. Garret Meal	Niagara County
5. Darren Kempner	NFTA
6. Darlene Svilokos	Erie County
7. Tom DeSantis	City of Niagara Falls

Others present were:

1. Frank Cirillo	NYSDOT
2. Troy Illig	WSP
3. Fred Frank	WSP
4. Paul Ray	ESD
5. Mike Davis	GBNRTC
6. Doug Funke	CRTC
7. Jim Cuozzo	NYSDOT
8. Dave Hill	NYSDOT
9. Hal Morse	GBNRTC
10. Rich Guarino	GBNRTC
11. Lisa Kenney	GBNRTC
12. Athena Hutchins	NITTEC
13. Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
14. Jim Gordon	CRTC
15. Jim Jones	GoBike
16. Brian Dold	Olmsted Parks
17. Kirk Wilson	LU
18. Dan Castle	Erie County
19. Mark Tytka	WSP
20. Lisa Kenney	GBNRTC
21. Jeff Lesanti	NFTA
22. Darrell Kaminsky	Mott McDonald
23. Tom Pericak	Mott McDonald
24. Vicki Haas	Erie County

Mr. Meal called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

## A) Roll Call

B) Public Participation

Doug Funke discussed CRTC support for the Transportation Climate Change Initiative, a 12 state agreement that may provide revenue for public transit.

## C) Approval of Meeting Agenda

All were in favor of a motion (EC/NYSDOT) to approve the meeting agenda.

## D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

All were in favor of a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. (COB/NYSDOT)

## II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Resolution 2020-27 (Niagara County) All were in favor of a motion to Resolution Policy Committee, encompassing the three identified PINs (NC/NYSDOT)
   PIN 5763.62 Carmen Road over Johnson Creek Bridge Replacement – New Project
   PIN 5763.15 Bear Ridge Road over Tonawanda Creek Tributary BIN 3328880 – Delete Project
   PIN 5763.16 East Canal Road over Donner Creek BIN 3329070 – Delete Projects
- B) Resolution 2020-28 1997 Ozone Conformity Determination Update All were in favor of the motion to recommend to Policy Committee (NFTA/NYSDOT)
- C) Resolution 2020-29 (NFTA) PIN 5825.10 NFTA Transit Capital Project Metro Rail Extension All were in favor of the motion to recommend to Policy Committee (NFTA/NF)
- Approval of 2021 PCC Schedule All were in favor of a motion to approve the 2021 Schedule (EC/NYSDOT)
- E) Election of 2021 PCC Chair Recognizing the retirement of Tom DeSantis from Niagara Falls, the Chair position rotated to City of Buffalo (Nolan Skipper representing). All were in favor of a motion to approve the Chair for 2021 meetings ((NF/EC)
- F) November TPS Action Summary Guarino reviewed all TPS level actions accomplished at the TPS meeting.

## III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) ICM Project and ATCMTD Grant Progress Athena Hutchins of NITTEC reviewed ICM study completion and next steps in the ATCMTD grant process. Kempner suggested looking at toll funded projects, there had been some variable toll scenarios testing in the ICM.
- B) Niagara Falls Tourist Oriented Transportation Study as requested by Tom DeSantis, Troy Illig of WSP presented details on this study being performed for ESD. Buffamonte noted the need to include the Niagara Street reconstruction project. Kempner also suggesting coordination with GoBuffalo Niagara for elements of a comprehensive TMA program.

- C) Review of November Policy Committee Morse reviewed all actions from the November Policy meeting, noting that all federal performance targets are now in place on schedule.
- D) GBNRTC Freight Study progress toward completion and project development Guarino noted that the Study was nearly complete, freight specific projects have been identified and are being detailed for potential implementation funding.
- E) 2050 Plan initiatives and planning in process Morse outlined major objectives in the Metro Transportation Plan 2050, then noting ongoing and upcoming work initiatives in place to address the objectives

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A) Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed the ongoing project construction cycle, NYSTA added that All Electronic Tolling was working well would be fully operational on the system by the end of the year. NFTA noted the 21-22 Year Budget would be in Public Hearing soon. Niagara County discussed a debriefing on their BUILD application. Hutchins announced that the completed ICM initiative won ITS – NY Project of the Year Award.

B) Director's Report. Morse reviewed additional staff activities performed in the recent month. Additionally noted were the potential to generate additional projects in future stimulus measures, and emergence of a Regional Bicycle Coalition. The Region Central project progresses with stakeholder outreach and consultant acquisition.