

GREATER BUFFALO - NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, November 13, 2020 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Proposed Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment on Action Items
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Action Items
 - a) Resolution 2020-16 GBNRTC Safety Performance Targets 2021
 - b) Resolution 2020-18 GBNRTC Transit Safety Performance Targets
 - c) Resolution 2020-21 GBNRTC Annual Memorandum of Understanding
 - d) Resolution 2020-23 NFTA Transit Capital Projects
 - e) Resolution 2020-24 City of Buffalo Project Deletion
 - f) Resolution 2020-25 Affirmation of GBNRTC Second Year Work Program
 - g) Resolution 2020-26 Regional Bicycle Master Plan
 - h) Election of Policy Committee Officers 2021
6. Discussion Items
 - a) Smart Cities/ICM implementation
 - b) Statewide Performance Targets – report on results (as available)
 - c) Planning Studies Status:
 - Region Central
 - Bailey Corridor
 - Route 5 South
 - Twin Cities Memorial Highway
 - d) Light Rail Transit Expansion EIS and Transit Oriented Development Phase 2
 - e) Transportation Funding – Perspectives on the Federal Program
7. Member Agencies Initiatives
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting/ Adjournment of Policy Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2020 MEETING OF THE GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**

POLICY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) Policy Committee was held on November 13, 2020 via Zoom.

The following GBNRTC Policy representative were present:

Joe Buffamonte	NYSDOT
Bill Geary	Erie County
Michael Finn	City of Buffalo
Tom George	NFTA
Garrett Meal	Niagara County
Tom DeSantis	Niagara Falls
Scott Helser	NYSTA

Other present were:

Nolan Skipper	City of Buffalo
Hal Morse	GBNRTC
Amy Weymouth	GBNRTC
Michael Davis	GBNRTC
Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
Lisa Kenney	GBNRTC
Athena Hutchins	NITTEC
Jeff Amplement	NFTA
Dave Hill	NYSDOT

POLICY BOARD MEETING

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM with a quorum present.

2. Public Comment on Action Items

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Joe Buffamonte moved, seconded by Tom George, to approve meeting agenda, all were in favor.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Bill Geary moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2019, Mike Finn seconded, and all were in favor.

5. Action Items (Resolutions)

- a) Resolution 2020-16 GBNRTC Safety Performance Targets 2021 – All were in favor of a motion by Joe Buffamonte, seconded by Tom George to approve this resolution.
- b) Resolution 2020-18 GBNRTC Transit Safety Performance Targets - All were in favor of a motion by Tom George, seconded by Joe Buffamonte to approve this resolution.
- c) Resolution 2020-21 GBNRTC Annual Memorandum of Understanding - All were in favor of a motion by Joe Buffamonte, seconded by Garrett Meal to approve this resolution.
- d) Resolution 2020-23 NFTA Transit Capital Projects – Tom George explained that this was part of a 5 year \$100M state funding award dedicated to LRT improvements. All were in favor of a motion by Tom George, seconded by Joe Buffamonte to approve this resolution.
- e) Resolution 2020-24 City of Buffalo Project Deletion - All were in favor of a motion by Joe Buffamonte, seconded by Mike Finn to approve this resolution.
- f) Resolution 2020-25 Affirmation of GBNRTC Second Year Work Program - All were in favor of a motion by Joe Buffamonte, seconded by Tom George to approve this resolution.
- g) Resolution 2020-26 Regional Bicycle Master Plan - All were in favor of a motion by Joe Buffamonte, seconded by Bill Geary to approve this resolution.
- h) Election of Policy Committee Officers 2021 - All were in favor of a motion by Joe Buffamonte, seconded by Mike Finn to approve this resolution.

6. Discussion Items: Staff provided updates and status on the following items.

- a) Smart Cities/ICM implementation. Mike Davis and Athena Hutchins (NITTEC) reviewed the completed Integrated Corridor Management project and possible implementation steps.
- b) Statewide Performance Targets – report on results. Statewide performance results against targets were now available and presented.

- c) Planning Studies Status:
 - Region Central
 - Bailey Corridor
 - Route 5 South
 - Twin Cities Memorial Highway
- d) Light Rail Transit Expansion EIS and Transit Oriented Development Phase 2. A brief review of these major public transit initiatives was provided for information.
- e) Transportation Funding – Perspectives on the Federal Program. Morse reviewed where federal funding stood in terms of current year and also longer term prospects.

7. Member Agencies Initiatives

Scott Helser, NYSTA reported cashless tolling will begin tonight.

Tom George reported that the NFTA is nearing completion of the fare collection project and electric buses will be mobilized in late 2021.

Tom DeSantis mentioned the Niagara Falls Tourist Oriented Transportation Study and asked if a presentation could be made at next PCC. Also mentioned was the Niagara Street reconfiguration project and the pending Daly Boulevard extension.

Mike Finn wished to note the fine collaboration of GBNRTC, especially the Bailey Street project and others.

Erie County also thanked all for the collaboration.

8. Other Business

None

9. Next Meeting/ Adjournment of Policy Meeting

All were in favor of a motion by Joe Buffamonte, seconded by Tom DeSantis to adjourn