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## Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 9:30am

*Public Participation Live 438 Main St. Buffalo and Virtual on Facebook Live*

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### DRAFT AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

#### I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Previous (10-4-23) Meeting Minutes

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Amendment #7: Six ATC/MEP Transit Projects – Add New Projects
- B) Amendment # 8: PIN 5764.88 Hammond Hill Road / Cattaraugus Creek – New Project/Initiate Public Review
- C) AdMod #42: PIN 5763.34 Bridge Replacements Of North French Rd (CR 299)/Gott Creek; BIN 3326760 & County Rd (CR 282)/Beeman Creek; BIN 3326680 – Cost Increase and Let Delay
- D) AdMod #43: PIN 5763.82 Hartland Rd over Fish Creek Bridge – Add DDES Phase and Delay Let
- E) Resolution 2023-22: 2023 GBNRTC Public Participation Plan Update – Recommend to Policy Committee
- F) Resolution 2023-23: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) - Recommend to Policy Committee
- G) Resolution 2023-24: Memorandum of Understanding - Recommend to Policy Committee

#### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) 2023 TAP/CMAQ/CRP Program - Status/Update
- B) Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator - Program Announcement
- C) 2023 Draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan - Status

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

#### V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Next PCC Meeting: December 6, 2023



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## Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting Minutes Wednesday October 4, 2023

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday October 4, 2023.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

- NFTA
- NYSTA
- NYSDOT
- Buffalo
- Niagara Falls
- Erie County
- Niagara County
- Darren Kempner
- John Boser
- Dave Hill
- Nolan Skipper
- Kevin Forma
- Darlene Svilokos
- Garret Meal

Others present:

- J. Cuozzo
- N. McGrath
- D. Funke
- J. Gordon
- GBNRTC Staff (9)
- NYSDOT (via Zoom)
- FHWA
- CRT
- CRT

## I. PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson (Mr. Kempner from NFTA) called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

- A) Roll Call
  - All members were present.
- B) Public Participation
  - Doung Funke commented on the Kensington Project and announced a CRT Public Meeting in Niagara Falls on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
  - *Motion to approve the agenda as proposed (EC/NC). Approved 7-0*
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - *Motion to approve the 9-6-23 meeting minutes (CNF/TWY). Approved 7-0.*

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### A) PIN 5815.16 N. Adams St. Over Erie Canal

- This is a NYSDOT request to add a new project to the TIP which will investigate the North Adam Street bridge over the Erie Canal to determine if the bridge will be repaired, replaced, repurposed or removed
- The project will have a total cost of \$1.5M
- A total of \$0.060M (federal STBG Flex matched) and \$0.500M State Discretionary Funding (SDF) will be moved from PIN 581477 Bridge MBC & Preservation Program and transferred into the new project.
- The balance of project cost to be funded by state funding shared by NYSDOT and NYS Canal Corporation
- Fiscal constraint is maintained
- A public comment period was initiated on 8/16 and closed on 9/6 with 39 comments received (attached to the resolution)
- On 8/28/23, the Interagency Consulting Group (ICG) concurred with the proposed Air Quality Conformity exemption of C3 - Planning and technical studies that do not involve or lead directly to construction
- Today's action would be approve this new project as Amendment #6
  - *Motion to approve (DOT/CNF). Approved 7-0.*

### B) AdMod #38: PIN 5111.77 US 20/Cazenovia Creek

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
- Construction phase will be increased by \$10.508M to \$55M
- Increase related to increase in steel pricing and Erie County water line relocation (additional work item).
- Fiscal constraint maintained as \$10.508M offset comes from matched 100% statewide-funded Bridge Formula Program Main (BFP)
- Let is unchanged at 12/23
- Recommended by TPS on 9/20/23
- Today's action will be to approve this minor scope change
  - *Motion to approve (DOT/COB). Approved 7-0.*

### C) AdMod #39: PIN 5045.27 NY 104 @ NY 93 Intersection

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
- The Construction and Construction Inspection phases will be increased by a total of \$1.172M
- Additional funding needed for signalized intersection (additional work item)
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as offset provided from PIN 5B20.06 HSIP/NHPP State Safety Program (Block)
- Let in unchanged at 12/23
- Recommended by TPS on 9/20/23
- Today's action will be to approve this minor scope change
  - *Motion to approve (DOT/NC). Approved 7-0.*

**D) AdMod #41: PIN 5568.15 Millersport @ Hopkins Intersection**

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
- The Construction and Construction Inspection phase total cost will be increased by \$1.171M to \$3.166M
- Additional funding needed for roadway realignment, drainage/utilities, signage (additional work items) as well as unit cost increases
- Fiscal constraint maintained as \$1.171M offset provided from PIN 5B20.06 (HSIP/NHPP State Safety Program - Block Fund)
- Let date is unchanged at 11/23
- Recommended by TPS on 9/20/23
- Today's action will be to approve this minor scope change
  - *Motion to approve (DOT/EC). Approved 7-0.*

**E) Adjusted 2020 FHWA Urban Boundary**

- Every ten (10) years, following the US Census, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in coordination with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and local partners are required to adjust the defined census urbanized area boundary in a process called "smoothing".
- This "smoothing" eliminates geographic irregularities, maintains administrative continuity, encompass fringe areas having residential, commercial, industrial, and/or national defense significance and determines capital program funding and eligibility.
- Public review completed on 9/28 with no comments received
- Today's PCC action would be to recommend the proposed adjusted 2020 FHWA Urban Boundary for approval to the Policy Committee via electronic ballot (due 10/16)
  - *Motion to approve (CNF/TWA). Approved 7-0.*

**F) Draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (initiate public review)**

What is the Coordinated Transportation Plan

- Provides the framework for improving transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, individuals with lower incomes
- Strives for communities to coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple sources
- Serves as a mechanism for Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals w/Disabilities Grant Program.
- NYSDOT Public Transit Division in Albany administers this program

Coordinated Transportation Plan -Key Sections

Chapter 1: Background

- Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning
- Coordinated Transportation Plan Elements Section

- 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

## Chapter 2: Mobility Today

- Demographics Analysis & Maps
- Transportation Providers
- Today's Action is Permission to solicit 30-day public review of the Draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan per the Federal Transit Administration requirements.
  - *Motion to approve (EC/TWY). Approved 7-0.*

### G) 2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets

- The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures by August 31, 2023, and update annually
- New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has established 2024 targets for five safety performance measures
  - Number of Fatalities – 1,016.1
  - Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) – 0.886
  - Number of Serious Injuries – 11,089.9
  - Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT – 9.606
  - Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries – 2,628.4
  - The 5-year trend was generated by NYSDOT using the FORECAST function in Excel.
  - The 5-year trend used the 5-year averages on 2013-2017, 2014-2018, 2015-2019, 2016-2020, and 2017-2021 data.
- Today's PCC action would be to recommend these updated safety PM targets to the Policy Committee for approval
  - *Motion to approve (DOT/EC). Approved 7-0.*

## III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. 9/20 TPS Approved Action Report

- AdMod #40: Four Let Delays
- NYSDOT requested to add a modify four (4) existing projects
  - PIN 5045.27 NY 104 @ NY 93 (Lockport Junction-Warrens Crn) Intersection
  - PIN 5111.77 US 20/Cazenovia Creek
  - PIN 5813.18 Bridge JOC; SFY 20/21 21/22 22/23 23/24; Catt, Chau, Erie & Niagara Cos
  - PIN 5813.88 Bridge Cleaning; Erie & Niagara Cos; SFY 23/24
- This request moved Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2023 to 2024
- These were administrative corrections to reflect actual STIP let dates
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as funding for all projects is unchanged

### B. Public Review Status

- Six new transit projects to be added to the TIP
  - 1.PIN 5826.00 - Purchase of Eleven (11) Under 30-Foot Small buses
  - 2.PIN 5826.01 - Purchase of Twelve (12) Under 30-Foot Small buses
  - 3.PIN 5826.02 - Bus Garage Fire Alarm & Methane Detection Upgrades
  - 4.PIN 5826.03 - Purchase and Installation of Fuel Tank Upgrades
  - 5.PIN 5826.04 - Replacement of Metro Bus Wash System
  - 6.PIN 5826.05 - Purchase and Installation of Metro Bus Lifts
- The obligation (let) date for all projects is 4/1/24

- All projects to be funded with NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC) and/or NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP) and NFTA local funds
- Public review ongoing and will complete on 10/6/23

**C. FFY 22 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)**

- The CRISI program addresses a range of rail-mobility related issues, including safety enhancements, bridge rehabilitations, and upgrades to routes carrying hazardous materials
- Over \$1.4B in grants were recently announced that includes 70 rail improvement projects in 35 states and Washington, D.C. This is the largest amount ever awarded for rail safety and rail supply chain upgrades through the CRISI program
- Selected projects include
  - Track improvements
  - Bridge rehabilitations
  - Fewer highway-rail grade crossings
  - Upgrades on routes carrying hazardous materials
  - Improved connectivity
  - Reduced shipping costs
  - Increase resiliency to extreme weather
  - Reduced emissions
  - Workforce development
- Nearly two-thirds of CRISI funding went to rural communities.
- New York awarded Projects (5)
  - Watkins Glen Rural Track Rehabilitation Project (Up to \$3,869,945) - Finger Lakes Railway Corp.
  - Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Systemwide Tier 3 Clean Locomotive Acquisition Project (Up to \$12,600,000) - Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad Corp.
  - Adirondack Bridge Capacity and Resilience Project (Up to \$3,360,000) - Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corp. (MHW)
  - Arthur Kill Lift Bridge Capital Rehabilitation Project (Up to \$17,200,000) - New York City Department of Small Business Services
  - NYS&W Railway Syracuse Branch Rehabilitation Project (Up to \$3,467,348) - The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corp. (NYS&W)

**D. Public Participation Plan**

- 45 Day Public Review and Comment Period from September 7, 2023 to October 21,2023.
- Two public meetings held on September 21 and 26. No public comments received to date.
- Any public comments received during the Public Review and Comment period will be reviewed, responded to and presented to GBNRTC members.
- PCC recommends draft Plan for Policy approval at November 1, 2023 PCC meeting.
- GBNRTC adopts Plan update at November Policy meeting.

**E. Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation**

1. Issue a Call for Projects (10/4/23)
  - Provide notice for the call for projects and online webinar to be sent to local municipalities, planning departments, DPWs, etc.
2. Call for Projects Webinar (10/18/23)
  - Regional Bicycle Master Plan overview
  - Online resources available
  - Eligible projects
  - Project intake request form application (online)

- Project evaluation criteria
  - Selection process schedule
3. Project intake form applications due (11/8/23)
  4. Evaluation period (11/9/23 - 11/23/23)
  5. Draft recommendations presented to members (12/2/23)

The Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study is a multifactorial analysis of three sections of trail located in Western New York.

- The trail segments, initially scoped out in the Regional Bike Master Plan (2020), include:
    - Scajaquada Creek Extension to Cheektowaga
    - Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension
    - Lancaster Heritage Trail West Extension
  - Cheektowaga Trails Overview
    - Scajaquada Creek Extension
    - Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension
    - Lancaster Heritage Trail West Extension
  - Identify most feasible routes for connecting existing trails
  - Incorporate business owner and resident feedback
  - Create an implementation plan
  - Identify and secure funding for implementation
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- Community Outreach and Engagement
    - Project team has visited 70 businesses along the proposed routes.
    - Survey and interactive map open until October 4th.
    - Public Meeting held at the Cheektowaga Senior Center on September 27th.
    - Two tabling sessions held:
      - Lancaster Fall Festival (9/24)
      - Erie County Fall Festival (9/30)
    - Feasibility Study Process and Timeline
      - Existing Conditions Analysis (Spring 2023)
      - Alternatives Analysis (Summer 2023)
      - Community Engagement (Fall 2023)
      - Maintenance and Implementation Plan (Fall 2023)
      - Final Feasibility Study (Late Fall 2023)

#### **F. 2023 TAP/CMAQ/CRP Program Announcement**

On September 29, \$165 million in new funding became available to support community-based investments designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of local and regional transportation systems while promoting safety and mobility.

- These funds are made available to the state through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

TAP funds a variety of transportation-related projects which increase options for non-vehicular transportation, including:

- Planning, design, and construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve non-driver safety and access to public transportation and enhanced mobility.

- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- Safe routes to school (enables and encourages children to walk or bike to school).
- Planning, design, and construction of on-road and off-road facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and non-motorized transportation users.
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and non-motorized transportation users.
- Planning, design, and construction of boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.
- Community improvement activities (inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising, preserve historic transportation facilities, vegetation management practices, and archeological activities).
- Environmental mitigation activities.

CMAQ funds transportation-related projects that reduce vehicle emissions or traffic congestion in designated areas that do not meet, or previously did not attain, National Ambient Air Quality Standards

CRP funds projects that support the reduction of transportation emissions in small urban and rural areas, including

- Pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements.
- Travel demand management/planning for rideshare programs.
- Congestion reduction and traffic flow improvements.
- Transit improvements, including limited operating support for new services.
- Freight intermodal operational improvements.
- Development of alternative fuel infrastructure.
- Replace street lighting and traffic control devices with energy-efficient alternatives (CRP only).

The purpose of the CRP program is to reduce transportation emissions through the development of state carbon reductions strategies and by funding projects designed to reduce transportation emissions

To be considered for funding under CRP, all projects must be located in a small urban area (population between 5,000 and 49,999) or rural area (population of less than 5,000) and generate an emissions reduction benefit

- Eligible project types include
- Congestion Reduction and Traffic Flow Improvements
- Alternate Fuel and Clean Vehicle
- Travel Demand Management/Rideshare
- Transit Improvement
- Pedestrian/Bicycle
- Freight Intermodal Projects
- Energy Efficient Light/Traffic Devices

The following entities are eligible for funding:

- Local Governments (Counties, Towns, Cities, and Villages)
- Regional Transportation Authorities
- Transit Agencies
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies
- Tribal Governments
- Local or Regional Governmental Transportation or Recreational Trail Entities
- New York State Department of Transportation (CMAQ only)
- ONLY in partnership with entities listed above:
  - Metropolitan Planning Organizations
  - School Districts



- Non-Governmental Organizations
- New York State Department of Transportation (only at the request of an eligible entity)

Projects will be selected through a competitive solicitation process and rated based on established criteria that include public benefit, air quality improvements, cost-effectiveness, and partnerships.

- Projects must be related to the surface transportation system and provide full access to the public.
- The TAP-CMAQ-CRP project awards will amount to no less than \$500,000 and no more than \$5 million for any single project.
- NYSDOT will provide up to 80 percent of the total eligible project costs with a minimum 20 percent match provided by the project sponsor.
- Eligible project costs may include planning, design/engineering services, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and construction inspection.
- Application PRE-REVIEW requests must be submitted via email to TAP-CMAQ@dot.ny.gov on or before Tuesday, November 28, 2023
- NYSDOT will be accepting applications for this funding opportunity through January 9, 2024 by 5pm
- The application, program guidance, and workshop schedules are located at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/TAP-CMAQ>

### G. Bridge Investment Program

The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition.

- FHWA BIP page: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/>

On September 27, 2023, the FHWA opened a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for up to \$9.62 billion in FYs 2023 through 2026 Large Bridge Project grant applications under the BIP

- Large Bridge Project Grants are available for bridges with total eligible project costs over \$100 million
- Minimum grant awards of \$50 million
- Maximum grant awards of 50% of the total eligible project costs
- Eligible Applicants
  - A State or a group of States
  - A metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as designated by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of over 200,000
  - A unit of local government or a group of local governments
  - A political subdivision of a State or local government
  - A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function
  - A Federal Land Management Area (FLMA)
  - A Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments
  - A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities described above
- Requirements for “Large Bridge Projects”
  - USDOT will recommend a “Large Bridge Project” for funding only if the DOT determines that the project will
    - addresses a need to improve the condition of the bridge
    - will generate specified types of benefits (or avoid specified types of costs), and is cost-effective based on an analysis of these benefits and costs
    - is supported by other Federal or non-Federal financial commitments or revenues adequate to fund ongoing maintenance and preservation
    - is consistent with any applicable asset management plan of the project sponsor
  - USDOT will rate various aspects of a Large Bridge Project (high to low) and will not recommend a project rated lower than “medium” in any aspect for funding .
  - Requires that USDOT ensure diversity among projects based on
    - the amount of the grant requested

- grants for single bridges vs. bridge-bundling projects
- USDOT will prioritize applications for projects in States that have in prior years applied multiple times for BIP funding and been awarded few BIP grants
- USDOT required to award not fewer than 1 “Large Bridge Project” or 2 other “Bridge Projects” in each State between FY 2022 and FY 2026 in which justified projects were submitted
- FHWA will issue a separate NOFO for the other two categories of BIP grants (Planning Project Grants and Bridge Project Grants)
- FHWA has developed a Microsoft Excel Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool (BIP BCA Tool) to help applicants summarize project costs and benefits, and to obtain data from the NBI in preparation of the economic analysis required for both Large Bridge Project and Bridge (smaller projects) applications  
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/bca/>
- The deadlines for applications to be submitted via Grants.gov is November 27 for consideration of FFYs 23 and 24 funds

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

##### Member Agency Reports

- Other than construction is ongoing nothing else to report for the members

##### Director’s Report

- Welcome Angelica Gonzalez! Marketing and Outreach Coordinator
- Safe Streets for All
- APWA Presentation –Safe Systems Approach
- NITTEC Annual Meeting
- Road Scores

#### V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Next PCC Meeting
  - The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday November 1 at 9:30 am
- *Motion to Adjourn (NC/CNF). Approved 7-0.*
- The meeting concluded at 11:15 am.

The meeting will begin shortly.



# Planning and Coordinating Committee

October 4, 2023





# Agenda

I. Proceedings

II. Action Items

III. Discussion Items

IV. Status Reports / Information

# Proceedings

- Roll Call
- Public Participation
- Approval of Meeting Agenda
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

# Action Items



 GBNRTC



# A. TIP Amendment #7

## Six ATC/MEP Transit Projects

- NFTA has requested to add six new projects to the TIP to be let in 2024:
  - 1. PIN 5826.00 – Purchase of Eleven (11) Under 30-Foot Small Buses**
    - This project will support the purchase of eleven (11) under 30-foot gasoline fueled paratransit vehicles that will replace life and mileage expired vehicles.
    - Total Project Cost - \$1.29M - offset will come from \$1.29M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC)
  - 2. PIN 5826.01 – Purchase of Twelve (12) Under 30-Foot Small Buses**
    - This project will support the purchase of twelve (12) under 30-foot gasoline fueled paratransit vehicles that will replace life and mileage expired vehicles.
    - Total Project Cost - \$1.41M - offset will come from \$1.4M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC)
  - 3. PIN 5826.02 – Bus Garage Fire Alarm & Methane Detection Upgrades**
    - This project will install new fire alarm and methane detection systems at all three NFTA-Metro bus garages (Cold Spring, Babcock, and Frontier).
    - Total Project Cost - \$5.14M - offset will come from \$98K (Design) SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP), \$2.63M (Construction) SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP) and \$2.41M NFTA Local Funds

# A. TIP Amendment #7

## Six ATC/MEP Transit Projects

### 4. PIN 5826.03 – Purchase and Installation of Fuel Tank Upgrades

- This project will purchase and install fuel tank upgrades at NFTA bus facilities.
- Total Project Cost - \$1.05M - offset will come from \$600K SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP) and \$450K NFTA Local Funds

### 5. PIN 5826.04 – Replacement of Metro Bus Wash System

- This this project will Replace the Metro Bus Wash system at NFTA's three bus garages located at Cold Spring, Babcock and Frontier.
- Total Project Cost - \$2.3M - offset will come from \$1.8M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP) and \$500K NFTA Local Funds

### 6. PIN 5826.05 – Purchase and Installation of Metro Bus Lifts

- This project will replace bus lifts at NFTA's three bus garages located at Cold Spring, Babcock and Frontier.
- Total Project Cost - \$4.9M - offset will come from \$1.8M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP), \$2.47M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC) and \$628K NFTA Local Funds

# A. TIP Amendment #7

## Six ATC/MEP Transit Projects

- Fiscal constraint is maintained for all projects
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed with the 30-day public review period concluding on 10/6 with one comment received
- All projects have been classified as exempt from air quality conformity determination requirement as stated in 40 CFR §93.126 by the Interagency Consulting Group (ICG) on 9/19/23
- Today's PCC action would be to approve the addition of these six (6) new projects to the 2023-2027 TIP

## B. TIP Amendment #8

**PIN 5764.88 Hammond Hill Rd / Cattaraugus Creek**

- This is a request by Erie County to add a new project to the TIP
- This project will
  - Replace the referenced bridge with at least a 75-year design life
  - Install scour protection to remove bridge from scour list
  - Provide lane and shoulder widths which meet current design standards
  - Upgrade bridge rail and guide rail to meet current design standards
- The new project will have a total cost of \$5.873M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$4,750,000 statewide Bridge Formula Off System (with the 5% local match of \$250,000) and includes \$873K of Erie County Capital Funds
- Currently in consultation with ICG on AQ Conform Exemption (A-19)
- Project let date will be 11/14/25
- Today's PCC action will be to initiate a 20-day public review

## C. TIP Administrative Modification #42

PIN 5763.34 Bridge Replacements of North French Rd (CR 299)/Gott Creek; BIN 3326760 & County Rd (CR 282)/Beeman Creek; BIN 3326680

- This is a request by Erie County to modify an existing TIP project
- The letting date for the project will be delayed from 2/23 (FFY23) to 11/23 (FFY24) due to a delay in completion of the design
- \$0.580M will be added due to increased cost estimate for Const. and Const. Inspection
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the \$0.580M offset comes from additional local (EC) funds
- These changes were recommended by TPS via electronic ballot on 10/19/23
- Today's PCC action will be to approve these changes



# D. TIP Administrative Modification #43

PIN 5763.82 Hartland Rd over Fish Creek Bridge

- This is a request by Niagara County to modify an existing TIP Town of Somerset (MISC) project
- Letting Date will be changed from 8/15/2023 (FFY 23) to 3/27/2024 (FFY 24) due to delay in design approval
- Detailed Design phase with \$0.092M (matched STBG OSB) will be added back into project as it was not carried over from the previous STIP and is still needed
- Fiscal constraint is maintained
- Today's PCC action will be to approve these changes

# E. Resolution 2020-22

## GBNRTC Public Participation Plan Update

- Addition of virtual meeting option via Facebook live.
- Affordable housing organizations added to the list of MPO stakeholders for direct public engagement.
- GBNRTC member agencies are given a minimum of 30 calendar days to review draft planning documents and provide comments to GBNRTC staff prior to initiating the public review and comment period.
- Advance notice of meetings and agendas are distributed no later than one week prior to the meeting to members of the public.
- Engagement metrics revised to align with USDOT new guide, Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making released in October 2022.
- The public review and comment period for TIP, MTP and UPWP amendments changed from 20 days to 30 days for consistency with FTA requirements.

# E. Resolution 2020-22

## GBNRTC Public Participation Plan Update

- Public Review and Comment Period (September 7, 2023 – October 21, 2023)
- Two public meetings held:
  - Thursday, September 21, 2023 – Hybrid 10:30-11:30am  
In-person in the Downtown Central Library – West Room (Main Floor)  
Virtually on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/GBNRTC>
  - Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Virtual Only 5:30-6:30pm  
Virtually on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/GBNRTC>
- No comments received.
- Today's PCC action will be to recommend approval to Policy Committee



F. Resolution 2023-23

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Planning Grant



*EPA Climate Pollution  
Reduction Grant Update*

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**GBNRTC PCC Meeting**

November 1, 2023



# 3 DELIVERABLES OF CPRG

OCTOBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024

FEBRUARY 2024 – AUGUST 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025 – AUGUST 2027

## PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (PCAP)

## COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CCAP)

## CCAP STATUS UPDATE

- (1) Regional GHG Inventory (from 2010)
- (2) Low-income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) Analysis
- (3) Summary of priority projects
- (4) Preliminary funding analysis

- (1) Regional GHG Inventory (updated)
- (2) Our region's strategy climate change reduction measures
- (3) Updated LIDAC
- (4) Workforce development analysis
- (5) Implementation and funding assessment

- (1) Implementation assessment of CCAP reduction measures
- (2) Updates on LIDAC and workforce development analyses
- (3) Next steps roadmap for continuing the work

KEY ELEMENTS



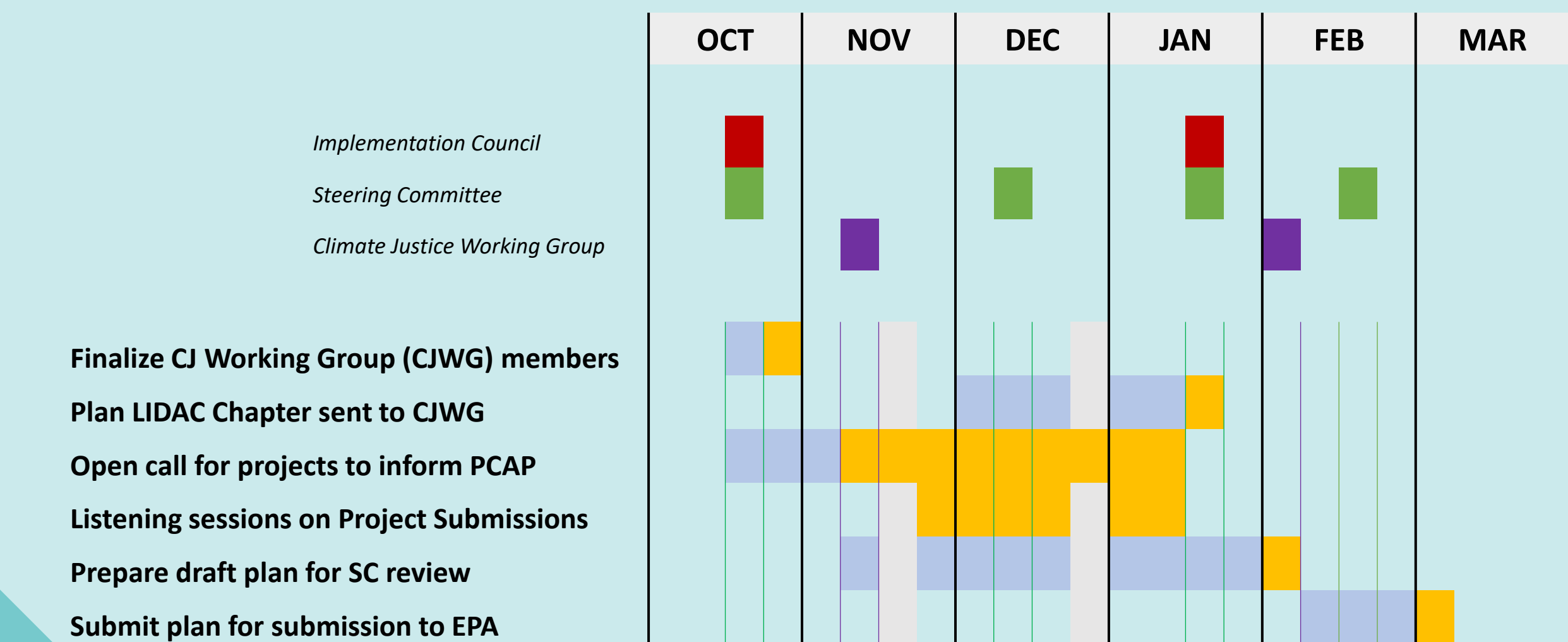
# CPRG IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

- \$4.6 billion in competitive grants available to states & municipalities to implement **GHG reduction measures identified in PCAPs**.
  - 1 round of funding, 30-115 grant awards
  - 5 award tiers: \$2 million - \$500 million
- Applicants must be from within a PCAP geographic area.
- Coalition/collaborative applications are encouraged.
- New projects or continuation/expansion of existing measures.
  
- 2/1/2024 – Notice of Intent to Apply (optional)
- 4/1/2024 – Applications Due
- <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/cprg-implementation-grants>



# PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

## TIMELINE OF MEETINGS AND KEY TASKS





QUESTIONS?





# F. Resolution 2023-23

## Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Planning Grant

- Administrative Adjustment to UPWP
  - Add the \$1,000,000 EPA grant
    - \$990,000 budgeted for UBRI\* to perform the scope of services
    - \$10,000 budgeted for NFTA staff time for administrative assistance as Host Agency
  - University at Buffalo Regional Institute (UBRI) is the designated subrecipient per the EPA grant application. UBRI's subrecipient designation is subject to NFTA Board Approval at a future NFTA Board Meeting.
  - Updates to the UPWP narrative and financial tables and included in the resolution.
- Today's PCC action will be to recommend approval of UPWP Amendment to Policy Committee

# G. Resolution 2023-24

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- Member Agency MOU
  - Formalizes the responsibilities of member agencies and MPO staff
  - Projects are development based on three C's
  - Air quality conformity addressed by the MPO
  - Open planning and programming process
- Subject to amendment/reaffirmation annually
- Most recently affirmed Sept 7, 2022, Resolution 2022-22
- Proposed amendments:
  - Replace FAST Act references with IIJA
  - Update the date of the current Host Agency Agreement to 4/1/22
- Today's PCC action will be to recommend approval to Policy Committee

# Discussion Items





## A. 2023 TAP/CMAQ/CRP Status

- On September 29, \$165 million in new funding became available to support community-based investments designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of local and regional transportation systems while promoting safety and mobility.
- These funds are made available to the state through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
  - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
    - Increase options for non-vehicular transportation
  - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
    - Reduce vehicle emissions or traffic congestion
  - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
    - Reduction of transportation emissions in small urban and rural areas

# A. 2023 TAP/CMAQ and CRP Status

- CRP eligibility:
  - Project in a municipality with less than 50,000 residents

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>2020 Census Population</b>
<b>Buffalo</b>	278,349
<b>Amherst</b>	129,595
<b>Cheektowaga</b>	89,877
<b>Tonawanda (T)</b>	72,636
<b>Hamburg</b>	60,085
<b>Niagara Falls</b>	48,671
<b>West Seneca</b>	45,500
<b>Lancaster</b>	45,106
<b>Clarence</b>	32,950
<b>North Tonawanda</b>	30,503

# A. 2023 TAP/CMAQ and CRP Status

- The following entities are eligible for funding:
  - Local Governments (Counties, Towns, Cities, and Villages)
  - Regional Transportation Authorities
  - Transit Agencies
  - Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies
  - Tribal Governments
  - Local or Regional Governmental Transportation or Recreational Trail Entities
  - New York State Department of Transportation (CMAQ only)
  - ONLY in partnership with entities listed above:
    - Metropolitan Planning Organizations
    - School Districts
    - Non-Governmental Organizations
    - New York State Department of Transportation (only at the request of an eligible entity)

# A. 2023 TAP/CMAQ/CRP Status

- All applicants must attend an informational Webinar
  - A third webinar was announced for **Thursday, Nov 2** from 9am to noon
- The application, program guidance, and workshop registration links are located at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/TAP-CMAQ>
- Application PRE-REVIEW requests must be submitted via email to [TAP-CMAQ@dot.ny.gov](mailto:TAP-CMAQ@dot.ny.gov) on or before Tuesday, November 28, 2023
- NYSDOT will be accepting applications for this funding opportunity through January 9, 2024 by 5pm



## **B. Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator**

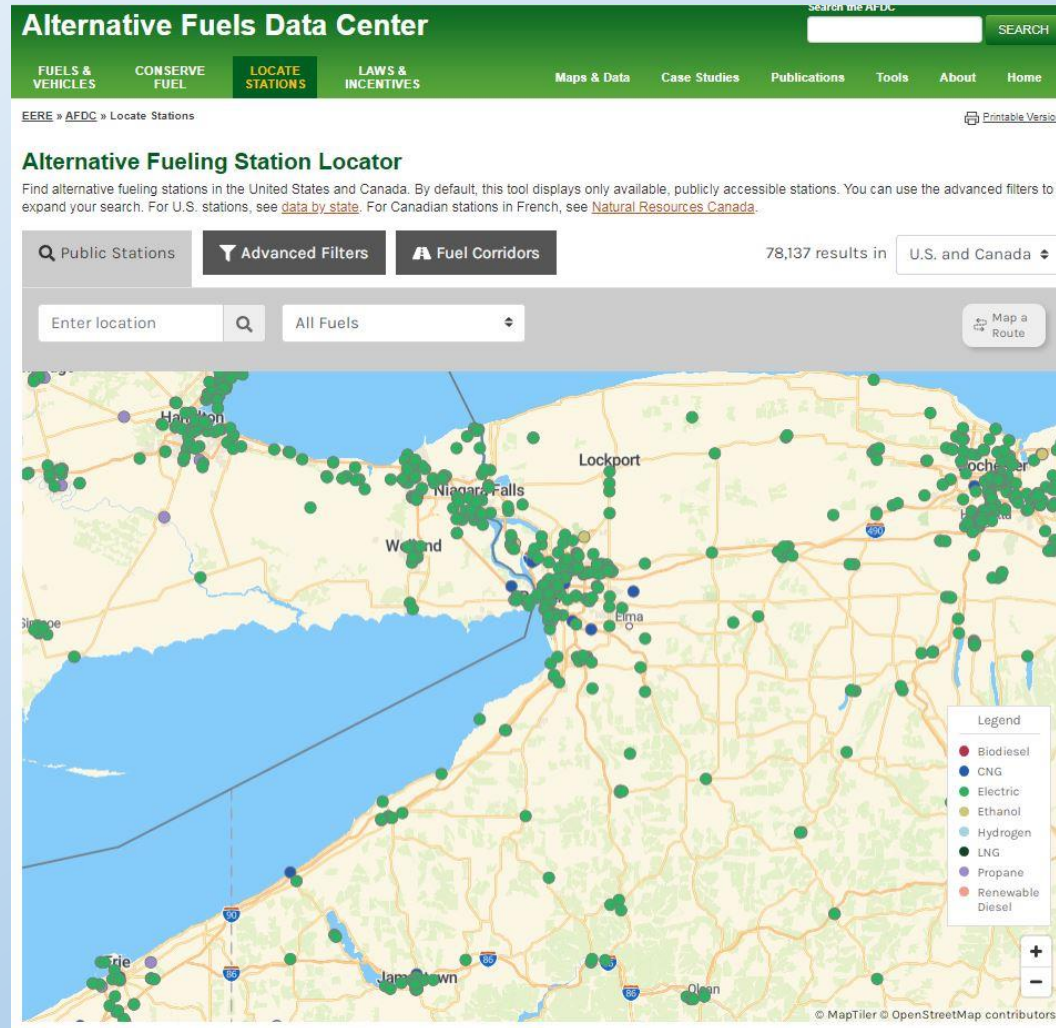
- US Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center
  - At least 4% (6,300) of public EV chargers have been identified as non-operational.
- The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program
  - \$5 billion program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, administered by the Federal Highway Administration to help states build out EV charging sites, stipulates a 10% set-aside for grants to States and localities that require additional assistance to strategically deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure.



## B. Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator

- The first round of funding will provide up to \$100 million in Federal funding and will focus on improving the reliability of the current network by repairing or replacing existing, but non-operational EV charging infrastructure.
- Program is informed by data from the Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC) located at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).
- Charging ports listed as “temporarily unavailable” on the AFDC will be the basis of the available funding.

# B. Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator



<https://afdc.energy.gov/stations/#/analyze?country=US&fuel=ELEC&status=T&region=US-NY&access=public&access=private>

## B. Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator

- Eligible applicants include state departments of transportation and local governments.
- Funding can be used for both publicly and privately owned charging infrastructure.
- Funding can be used for both Direct Current Fast Charger (DCFC) and Level 2 (L2) infrastructure.
- The Federal share shall not exceed 80 percent of the total project cost.\* • Awardees must provide at least 20 percent of the total project cost (not 20 percent of the Federal share) as a matching share
- For full details - see EV Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
  - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=350190>
- Applications are due by November 13, 2023.



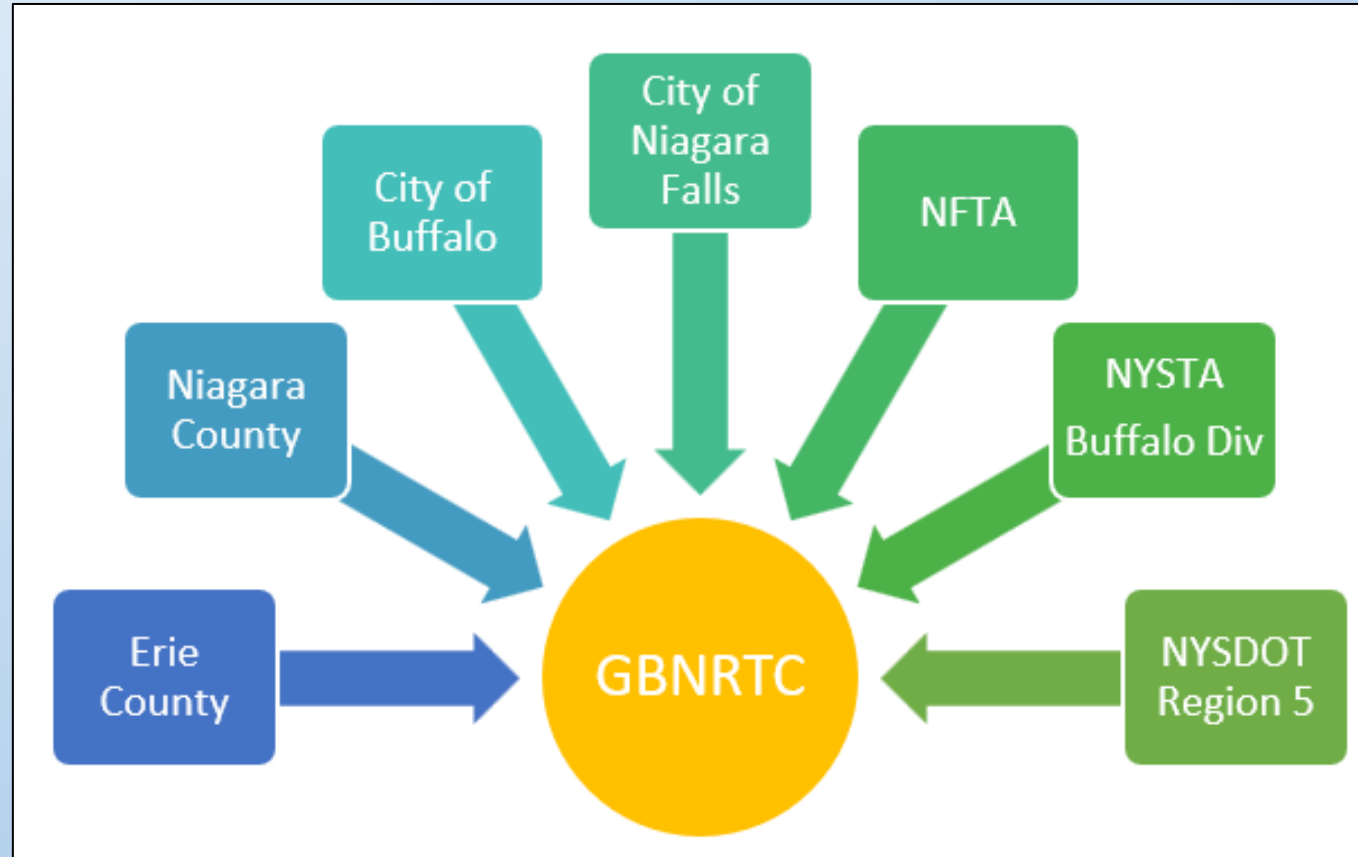
# C. 2023 Draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan

- Required 30-day public review of the Draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan per the Federal Transit Administration requirements in process.
- Public comment review period closes on November 3, 2023.
- PCC Resolution Ballot to be distributed to members to recommend Coordinated Plan to the Policy Committee for Approval on 11/13/23.



# Status Reports/Information

# Member Agency Reports



# Executive Director's Report

- Buffalo SS4A Award
- Policy Meeting Location
- BridgeNY

# Meeting Wrap Up

- Policy Committee meeting on 11/13 at 10 am in CNF
- TPS Meeting on 11/15 will be held
  - Carbon Reduction Funds
  - UPWP 24-26
- Next PCC Meeting will be December 6, 2023
- Adjournment