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#### **Transportation Projects Subcommittee (TPS) Meeting**

#### Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:00 AM

In-Person: Edward H. Small Conference Room (438 Main St. Buffalo Suite 503)

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425220284?pwd=NIJUNmcvN3BSdGF1Vkc0YVBrQzU0Zz09

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#### <u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Approval of September 20, 2023 TPS Meeting Summary
- 2. 2023-2027 TIP Action Requests
  - a. AdMod # 44: PIN 5764.74 City of N Tonawanda Erie Canal Bike Path Extension Funding Switch and Let Delay (*MISC*)
  - b. AdMod #45: Transit Project Updates Add Funding (NFTA)
    - a. PIN 5825.77 Catenary & Insulator Replacement
    - b. PIN 5825.84 Replace all rail systems and rail infrastructure within the 400 Block of Main St
    - c. PIN 5825.89 Rehab the existing inbound and outbound Church St Metro Rail station structures
  - c. AdMod #46: PIN 5814.07 Bridge Rehabilitation 3 Bridges; Erie Co Minor Scope Change
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    - b. PIN 5825.72 Battery Electric Buses
    - c. PIN 5825.96 DL&W Station Access Improvements Riverwalk
    - d. PIN 5825.97 DL&W Station Access Improvements Keybank Center Facilities
  - e. Amendment #10: New Transit Projects
    - a. PIN 5826.06 Catenary & Insulators Replacement Phase 4
    - b. PIN 5826.07 Fastener & Pad Replacement Phase 12
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    - d. PIN 5826.09 NFTA-Metro Rail Yard and Shop Trainshed Roof
  - f. Amendment #11: PIN 5764.98 Plaza Drive/Bergholtz Creek New Project
  - g. Amendment #12: PIN 5764.91 Marshfield Rd/N Branch Clear Creek New Project
- 3. Old Business
- 4. New Business
  - a. RPPM Action Report
  - b. Public Review Status
  - c. FRA Northeast Corridor Passenger Rail Projects Announcement
  - d. Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Program Call for Projects
  - e. 2024 PCC Meeting Schedule
  - f. Committee Membership and Voting List
  - g. 24-26 UPWP Planning
  - h. Carbon Reduction Funds Programming
- 5. Adjournment Next Meeting is Wednesday December 20, 9:00 AM

#### TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE (TPS) MEETING SUMMARY

#### Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:00 A.M. via Zoom Meeting

Attendees: N. Skipper, N. Allen, D. Svilokos, D. Hill, N. Gagliardo, A. Kennedy, K. Forma, J. Boser, A. Smith, M. Finn, K. Dixon, K. Stilwell, M. Grabau, A. Weymouth, K. Smith, and R. Guarino.

- 1. Approval of August 16, 2023 TPS Meeting Summary Motion for approval: Svilokos/Allen. Approved.
- 2. 2023-2027 TIP Discussion
  - PIN 5111.77 US 20/Cazenovia Creek This NYSDOT request is to modify an existing project. The Construction Phase will be increased by \$10.508M to \$55M. The increase related to an 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 12/2023. Motion to recommend this minor scope change to PCC for approval as AdMod #38: Hill/Svilokos. Approved.
  - b. PIN 5045.27 NY 104 @ NY 93 Intersection This NYSDOT request is to modify an existing project. The C&CI Phases will be increased by a total of \$1.172M. Additional funding is needed for the signalized intersection, which is an additional work item. Fiscal constraint is maintained as is offset provided by PIN 5B20.06 HSIP/NHPP State Safety Program (Block). Let is unchanged at 12/2023. Motion to recommend this minor scope change to PCC for approval as AdMod #39: Boser/Allen. Approved.
  - c. PINs 5045.27, 5111.77, 5813.18, & 5813.88 This NYSDOT request is to 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; and PIN 5813.88 Bridge Cleaning; Erie & Niagara Cos; SFY 23/24. This request moves C&CI Phases from FFY 2023 to 2024. These are administrative corrections to correct actual STIP let dates. Fiscal constraint is maintained as funding for all projects is unchanged. *Motion to approve four Let Date changes as AdMod #40: Hill/Forma. Approved.*
  - d. PIN 5568.15 Millersport Hwy @ Hopkins Rd Intersection This NYSDOT request is to modify an existing project. The C&CI Phase total cost will be increased by \$1.171M to \$3.166M. Additional funding is 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 11/2023. Motion to recommend this minor scope change to PCC for approval as AdMod #41: Hill/Svilokos. Approved.
- 3. Old Business
  - a. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) The Roadway Safety Action Plan will look at crash history and develop a High Injury Crash Network for public roadways Erie and Niagara Counties and provide a strategy to make improvements to the safety outcomes on those roadways. Funding for this effort is provided by the Federal Highway Administration Safe Streets and Roads for all grant in the amount of \$450,000 with 20% matching funds being provided by member agencies of the GBNRTC for the total maximum amount of \$562,500. The Action Plan Steering Committee currently has commitments from GBNRTC staff, CNF, NFTA, EC and NC. They are still looking for representatives from the other three member agencies.
- 4. New Business
  - a. RPPM Change Report 1. Nine (9) Buffalo Obligation Date Slips (Design Phase FFY23 to FFY24): PIN 5763.25 Buffalo Roadway Rehabs – Phase 2; PIN 5763.93 Cars on Main St Buffalo; Exchange to Church; PIN 5763.95 Tifft St Buffalo; Route 5 to McKinley Pkwy; PIN 5763.96 Louisiana St Buffalo; Seneca to Ohio; PIN 5764.43 Parkside Ave at Linden Intersection; PIN 6764.44 Perry Blvd, Commercial St to Erie St; PIN 5764.45 Traffic Signals, SFY 25/26; Various Locations; PIN 5764.47 Gates Circle Roundabout, Intersection of Delaware Ave, Chapin Pkwy & Lafayette Ave; and PIN 5764.48 West Ferry Lift Bridge Rehabilitation. 2. PIN 5813.88 Bridge Cleaning at various FA Locations: Increased DD by \$0.049M (Funds transferred from C NHPP); 3. PIN 5764.49 Bridge Washing, City of Buffalo, SFY 22/23, Erie County: \$0.005M moved within CI Phase and \$0.036M moved within Construction Phase, total project cost remains the same; 4. PIN 5763.93 Cars on Main St Buffalo; Exchange to Church: DDES Obligation date advance from FFY 24 to FFY 23; 5. PIN 5813.88 Bridge Cleaning at Various FA Locations: Replaced \$0.260M of STBGP Flex with \$0.260M NHPP in Construction Phase (Fed to Fed transfer).
  - b. Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Proposed Project Intake Approach (Off Road Trail Projects): 1. Issue a Call for Projects (10/1/2023) 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 (10/18/2023): Regional Bicycle Master Plan overview, Online resources available, Eligible project types, Project intake request form application (online), Project evaluation criteria, and Selection process schedule; 3. Project intake form applications are due 11/8/2023; 4. Evaluation period is 11/9/2023 11/23/2023; 5. Draft recommendations to be presented to members 12/2/2023. Proposed Evaluation Criteria: 1. Regional Bicycle Master Plan consistency: Priority project; 2. Connectivity and Accessibility: Fills gap between existing facilities, Destinations, Modal connectivity, and Barrier elimination; 3. Geographic Equity, Community Support and Planning: Investing in areas with underserved populations and Commitment, community support and planning; 4. Project Readiness: Status of project development

and Project timeline; Proposed Project Intake Approach (On Road Projects): 1. On Road Projects: Is the TIP project identified in the RBMP? and GBNRTC to provide list of projects currently on TIP and RBMP; 2. Member Local Project meetings: Discuss whether there is a need for assistance and If so, what type of assistance is needed?; 3. GBNRTC staff assistance available to members: Developing on-road and intersection treatment recommendations and Perform needed modeling to evaluate recommendations if applicable.

- 2023 Thriving Communities Program On September 12, 2023 USDOT announced that applications for the fiscal c. year 2023 Thriving Communities Program are available and will be administered by the Build America Bureau. The TCP program is part of the larger Federal Thriving Communities Initiative and provides intensive technical assistance to under-resourced and disadvantaged communities to help them identify, develop, and deliver transportation and community revitalization opportunities. Those communities receive in-kind support from Capacity Builders funded through the TCP to prepare grant application materials and undertake pre-development and project delivery activities including deploying innovative community engagement, workforce development, and clean technology strategies. There is no cost for communities to receive support through the program. The program will offer two years of intensive technical assistance and three years of facilitated peer learning to selected communities at no cost. TCP has a funding pool of \$22M and offers two separate avenues for applicants: 1. Letter of Interest (LOI) intended for teams of community partners that may lack the staffing or technical expertise to scope, fund, and develop infrastructure projects that advance broader community goals. 2. Notice of Funding Opportunity for capacity builders will fund organizations to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to communities located across the U.S. and selected by DOT through the Letter of Interest process. Applicants are required to identify community partners and submit an LOI by November 15, 2023, to be considered for the program. An informational webinar was held on September 15, 2023 to provide details about the program and the application process. A recording will be posted at https://www.transportation.gov/grants/thriving-communities/webinars.
- d. Coordinated Human Services Plan Comments on the plan are due by September 29, 2023.
- e. Local Projects Meetings The next round of local projects meetings are in the process of being scheduled.
  f. Policy Meeting The GBNRTC is beginning planning for the next Policy meeting to be held in November 2023. An exact date will be announced when it has been decided on.
- 5. Adjourn: The next TPS meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday October 18, 2023 Format will continue to follow the hybrid model (Live and Zoom options). *Motion to adjourn: Allen/Svilokos. Approved.*

# Transportation Projects Subcommittee

November 15, 2023



# 1. Approval of 9-20-23 Minutes

# 2. Action Items

a. AdMod # 44: PIN 5764.74 City of N Tonawanda Erie Canal Bike Path Extension

- This is a request from NYSDOT to modify one existing TIP project
  - Federal and local funding will move within project phases to match IPP
  - City of N. Tonawanda will add additional local funding to the project
  - Let date will move from 6/1/24 (FFY 24) to 12/13/24 (FFY 25) due to delays from section 106 review.
- Fiscal constraint is maintained
- Today's action would be to approve these changes

| Change<br>Details | Current<br>Information | Requested<br>Information |                                 |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| PIN:              | 576474                 | 576474                   |                                 |
| Let Date:         | FFY 24                 | FFY 25 (12/13/2024)      | Let Moved from FFY 24 to FFY 25 |
| Phase:            | Design 1-4             | Design 1-4               |                                 |
|                   | Design 5-6             | Design 5-6               |                                 |
|                   | ROW Inc.               | ROW Inc.                 |                                 |
|                   | ROW Acquis.            | ROW Acquis.              |                                 |
|                   | Construction           | Construction             |                                 |
|                   | Const. Inspect         | Const. Inspect           |                                 |
| Funding           | CMAQ                   | Local                    |                                 |
| Source:           | CMAQ                   | Local                    |                                 |
|                   | (none)                 | Local                    |                                 |
|                   | (none)                 | Local                    |                                 |
|                   | CMAQ & 100% local      | CMAQ & 100% Local        |                                 |
|                   | CMAQ                   | CMAQ                     |                                 |
| Federal           | 0.098 M                | 0                        | -0.098M                         |
| Share:            | 0.076 M                | 0                        | -0.076M                         |
|                   | 0                      | 0                        | -                               |
|                   | 0                      | 0                        | -                               |
|                   | 0.728 M                | 0.901 M                  | +0.173M                         |
|                   | 0.149 M                | 0.149 M                  | -                               |
| State Share:      | none                   | none                     |                                 |
| Local Share:      | 0.024 M                | 0.122 M                  | +0098M                          |
|                   | 0.019 M                | 0.095 M                  | +0076M                          |
|                   | 0                      | 0.030 M                  | +0.030M                         |
|                   | 0                      | 0.250 M                  | +0.250M                         |
|                   | 0.947 M                | 0.720 M                  | -0.227M                         |
|                   | 0.037 M                | 0.037 M                  | -                               |
| Total:            | 2.077 M                | 2.080 M                  | +0.003M                         |

### b. AdMod #45: Transit Project Funding Changes

- This is an NFTA request to modify three existing TIP projects
- All three projects will add NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital SFY 22/23 funding.
  - 1. PIN 5825.77 Catenary & Insulator Replacement (+\$0.612M)
  - 2. PIN 5825.84 Replace all Rail Systems and Rail Infrastructure 400 Block of Main St (+\$7.46M)
  - 3. PIN 5825.89 Rehab Existing In and Outbound Church St Metro Rail Station Structures (+\$4M)
- Fiscal constraint is maintained.
- Today's action would be to recommend these funding changes to PCC

| Change Details       | Current (\$M) | Requested (\$M)    | Current (\$M) | Requested (\$M)     | Current (\$M) | Requested (\$M)    |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| PIN:                 | 582577        | 582577             | 582584        | 582584              | 582589        | 582589             |
| Let Date:            | 24-Feb        | 24-Feb             | 24-Feb        | 24-Feb              | 24-Feb        | 24-Feb             |
| Phase:               | MISC          | MISC               | MISC          | MISC                | MISC          | MISC               |
| Fed. Funding Source: | FTA 5337      | FTA 5337           | -             | -                   | -             | -                  |
| Federal Share:       | 1.511         | 1.511              | -             | -                   | -             | -                  |
| State Share:         | 0.189         | <mark>0.801</mark> | 20.171        | <mark>27.630</mark> | 0.400         | <mark>4.400</mark> |
| Local Share:         | 0.189         | 0.189              | -             | -                   | -             | -                  |
| Total:               | 1.889         | 2.501              | 20.171        | 27.630              | 0.400         | 4.400              |

c. AdMod #46: PIN 5814.07 Bridge Rehabilitation – 3 Bridges; Erie Co

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing TIP project
- The Construction and Construction Inspection phases will be increased by a combined \$2.052M
- Additional funds are needed for pier work, increased reinforcements, structural lifting, approach paving, Texas Aesthetic Barrier, asbestos abatement and utility relocations
- Fiscal constraint maintained as offset is provided from 2 TIP projects:
  - 1. PIN 5814.77 (Bridge MBC & Preservation Program; SFY 26/27 \$1.407M)
  - 2. PIN 5813.90 (Bridge Painting SFY 23/24 CATT & CHAUT Cos. \$0.645M)
- Let date is unchanged (2/24)
- Today's action will be to recommend this minor scope and funding change to PCC

### d. AdMod #47: Transit Project Let Updates

- This is a NFTA request to modify four existing TIP projects
- Per FTA request, all projects will move let from FFY 23 to FFY 24
  - 1. PIN 5825.67 Battery Electric Bus Bailey Ave Bus Rapid Transit
  - 2. PIN 5825.72 Battery Electric Buses
  - 3. PIN 5825.96 DL&W Station Access Improvements Riverwalk
  - 4. PIN 5825.97 DL&W Station Access Improvements Keybank Center Facilities
- No change in funding sources or amounts
- Fiscal constraint is maintained.
- Today's action will be to approve these let changes

### e. Amendment #10: New Transit Projects

- This is an NFTA request to add four new projects to the TIP
  - 1. PIN 5826.06 Catenary & Insulators Replacement Phase 4
    - Replace the most worn-out portions of the overhead catenary contact wire.
    - Cost: \$122,030 design + \$2,038,258 construction = Total: \$2,160,288
    - Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 22/23
  - 2. PIN 5826.07 Fastener & Pad Replacement Phase 12
    - Replace deteriorated fasteners and rail and repair concrete plinth and floating slabs in in the tunnel.
    - Cost: \$300,000 design + \$2,957,361 construction = Total: \$3,257,361
    - Fiscal constraint offset: State Rail Capital (SRC) 22/23 and State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24
  - 3. PIN 5826.08 Station & Tunnel Standpipe Replacement
    - Replace the Steel Hose Standpipe System (SHSS) in the rail tunnel, which is original to LRRT construction.
    - Cost: \$1,900,000 design + \$4,800,000 construction = Total: \$6,700,000
    - Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24
  - 4. PIN 5826.09 NFTA-Metro Rail Yard and Shop Trainshed Roof
    - Rehabilitate the existing roof over the station structure.
    - Cost: \$6,500,000
    - Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24
- Today's action would be to initiate a 30-day public review period

### f. Amendment #11: PIN 5764.98 Plaza Drive/Bergholtz Creek

- This is a NYSDOT request to add one new project to the TIP
- This project will replace the bridge to restore structural integrity and provide a 70-year service life and increase of the waterway opening to better match the natural flow channel and mitigate the buildup of debris in Bergholtz Creek
- The project will have a total cost of \$2.42M.
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as offset comes from \$2,299,817 awarded of federal funds through the BRIDGE NY program (Bridge Formula Off System) and a 5% local match (Town of Wheatfield) of \$121,043
- The scheduled let date is 10/15/25.
- Today's action would be to initiate a 30-day public review period

### g. Amendment #12: PIN 5764.91 Marshfield Rd/N Branch Clear Creek

- This is and Erie County request to add one new project to the TIP
- This project will replace the bridge with a 75-year design life structure, provide lane and shoulder widths meeting today's standards and upgrade bridge and guide rail to current standards
- Total project cost is \$2.41M
- Final constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$2,288,075
   Statewide Bridge Formula Off System and includes a required 5% local match of \$120,425
- The scheduled let date is 11/14/25
- Today's action would be to initiate a 30-day public review period

# 3. Old Business

# 4. New Business

### a. RPPM Action Report

- 1. PIN 5763.93 Cars on Main St; Exchange to Church
  - Moved Detailed Design from FFY23 to FFY24
  - Approved 9/22/23
- 2. Pin 5268.55 NY 240 From Cazenovia Creek To Ellicott Rd
  - Moved Detailed Design from FFY23 to FFY24
  - Approved 10/4/23
- 3. PIN 5268.54 NY 240 (Orchard Park Rd) @ Fisher Rd; Erie Co; Intersection Improvements
  - Moved Detailed Design and Right of Way Acquisition from FFY 23 to FFY24
  - Increased ROW ACQ. BY 0.056M Funding Transferred From C Phase
  - Approved 10/4/23
- 4. PIN 5209.67 NY 78 (Transit Rd); Roll/Klein French/County Rd; Towns of Amherst & Clarence
  - Moved DDES from FFY23 to FFY24
  - Approved 10/13/23
- 5. PIN 5764.22 Maple St; Rt 20 East Aurora Village Line
  - Advanced PREDES and DETDES FFYs from 25 & 26 to FFY 24
  - Approved 11/2/23

### b. Public Review Status

- 1. PIN 5764.88 Hammond Hill Road / Cattaraugus Creek
  - 2022 Bridge NY awarded project to Erie County
  - This project will replace the 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 and upgrade bridge rail and guide rail to meet current design standards
  - The 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 \$873,000 of Erie County Capital Funds
  - Project let date will be 11/14/25
  - ICG has concurred with conformity exemption (A19)
  - Public review will complete on COB 11/21/23
  - Will be voted on at December PCC

## c. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Northeast Corridor Awards

- On Nov. 6, FRA announced it has awarded \$16.4 billion for 25 passenger rail projects along the Northeast Corridor (NEC), a railroad line running between Boston and Washington, D.C.
- This particular line is one of the highest volume passenger rail corridors in the world and the busiest in the United States, with hundreds of thousands of daily riders.
- It also supports billions of dollars in annual economic activity, making it key to the national economy.
- Projects were selected through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (Fed-State NEC).



### c. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Northeast Corridor Awards

- New York Projects (3)
  - East River Tunnel Rehabilitation (Up to \$1,261,851,977) *Amtrak* 
    - Final design and construction of the East River Tunnels in New York City
  - Pelham Bay Bridge Replacement (Up to \$58,272,368) *Amtrak* 
    - Final design of the Pelham Bay Bridge Replacement Project, which will replace the existing 115-year-old two-track, movable span structure in the Bronx, NY
  - Penn Station Access (Up to \$1,643,579,904) New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
    - Final design and construction to comprehensively rehabilitate 19 miles of the Amtrak-owned Hell Gate Line connecting New York Penn Station and New Rochelle, NY



#### Map of Selected NEC Projects for Award



## **Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation** Call for Projects



## **RBMP Implementation Program** Call for Projects

- The goal is to fund needed planning efforts for trail and bikeway projects that improve bicycling accessibility and safety in the Buffalo Niagara region.
- Approximately \$100,000 available for planning initiatives in 2024 with additional funding anticipated in future years.
- Current contract with GObike to assist local municipalities and others with bicycle and trail related planning activities consistent with the RBMP.



# **Call for Projects Schedule**

- 1. Issue a Call for Projects (10/6/23)
- 2. Call for Projects Webinar (10/18/23)
  - Regional Bicycle Master Plan overview
  - Online resources available
  - Eligible project tasks
  - Project application form(online)
  - Project evaluation criteria
  - Selection process schedule
- 3. Online project application form due (11/8/23)



## **Eligible Project Tasks**

#### **Technical Assistance**

Preparation of preliminary concept plans for review and presentation. Conceptual plans may include renderings, cross sectional drawings, costs estimates and phasing for recommended alternative(s).

- Trail Project Development/Feasibility Study
- On-Road Bicycle Facility Treatment Recommendations
- Intersection Improvement Recommendations

#### Public Outreach and Stakeholder Coordination

Assistance with outreach to residents, community groups and key stakeholders to promote and build consensus around projects.

#### **Funding Package Development**

Assistance with identifying funding opportunities, including but not limited to federal, state, and foundation grant programs. Tasks could include assistance with preparing grant proposals for bicycle infrastructure and trail projects.



## **Applications Received**

- Niagara County Communities Joint Trail Outreach and Feasibility Study, Town of Pendleton
- Parker Blvd and Parkview Neighborhood Trail, Town of Tonawanda
- Peanut Line Trail, Town of Amherst
- Eighteen Mile Creek Greenway Trail, Town of Hamburg
- South Park Ave, Town of Hamburg



# **Evaluation Criteria**

#### **1.** Regional Bicycle Master Plan consistency

 Project identified in the Regional Bicycle Master Plan

#### 2. Connectivity and Accessibility

• Connects to other existing bicycle facilities in the network and/or meaningful destinations

#### 3.Geographic Equity

 Invests in disadvantaged communities or improve the accessibility of these communities

#### 4. Community and Political Support

- Demonstrated community and/or political support for the proposed project
- Existing financial resources committed to the proposed project (planning and/or capital)



## **Next Steps**

- Member agencies interested in scoring applications should reach out to Amy Weymouth, GBNRTC
- Evaluation period November 20<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>
- GBNRTC staff will present recommendations for project(s) selection at December PCC meeting.



#### e. Proposed 2024 PCC Meeting Locations and Schedule

- PCC meeting locations will resume rotation among member agencies as it did pre-COVID
- Per updated Public Participation Plan, all meeting locations must be accessible to all and provide WiFi access for the Facebook Live stream

|           | JANUARY 2024 THROUGH JANUARY, 2025                |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|
|           | Meetings will be held on First Wednesday of Month |
| Month     | Tentative Location                                |
| January   | NFTA                                              |
| February  | Buffalo                                           |
| March     | Erie County                                       |
| April     | NYSDOT                                            |
| May       | Niagara Falls                                     |
| June      | NYS Thruway Authority                             |
| July      | Niagara County                                    |
| August    | NFTA                                              |
| September | Buffalo                                           |
| October   | NYS Thruway Authority                             |
| November  | Erie County                                       |
| December  | NYSDOT                                            |
|           | NETA                                              |

#### f. Committee Membership and Voting List

#### **GBNRTC Member Representatives Eligible to Vote (As of 11-6-23)**

|                       | Policy Committee                             |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Municipality          | Eligible Titles                              | Name              |
| NYSDOT                | Regional Director                            | Frank Cirillo     |
| Alternate             | Regional Planning & Program Manager          | David Hill        |
| NFTA                  | Executive Director                           | Kim Minkel        |
| Alternate             | Director, Public Transit                     | Tom George        |
| Alternate             | Manager, Grants and Government Affairs       | Darren Kempner    |
| Alternate             | Manager, Service                             | James Morrell     |
| NYSTA                 | Division Director                            | Matt Latko        |
| Alternate             | Capital Program Engineer                     | John Boser        |
| Alternate             | Construction Supervisor                      | Sean Carrington   |
| Erie County           | County Executive                             | Mark Poloncarz    |
| Alternate             | Commissioner DPW                             | William Geary     |
| Alternate             | Director of Engineering                      | Darlene Svilokos  |
| City of Buffalo       | Mayor                                        | Byron Brown       |
| Alternate             | Commissioner DPW                             | Nathan Marton     |
| Alternate             | City Engineer/Deputy Commissioner            | Nolan Skipper     |
| Niagara County        | County Legislature Chair                     | Rebecca J. Wydysh |
| Alternate             | Commisioner Public Works                     | Garret Meal       |
| Alternate             | Deputy Comm. DPW                             | Norman Allen      |
| City of Niagara Falls | Mayor                                        | Robert Restaino   |
| Alternate             | Director of Planning, Environment & Eco. Dev | Kevin Forma       |
| Alternate             | City Engineer                                | Robert Buzzelli   |

| PCC / TPS           |                                                  |                  |  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Municipality        | Eligible Titles                                  | Name             |  |
| NYSDOT              | Regional Planning & Program Manager              | David Hill       |  |
| Alternate           | Local Projects Unit Manager                      | Nick Gagliardo   |  |
| Alternate           | Associate Transportation Analyst                 | Tom Richards     |  |
| Alternate           | Planning Unit Supervisor                         | Haris Ismail     |  |
| NFTA                | Manager, Grants and Government Affairs           | Darren Kempner   |  |
| Alternate           | Manager, Service Planning                        | Rob Jones        |  |
| Alternate           | Manager, Service Planning                        | Nadine Chalmers  |  |
| Alternate           | Assistant Manager, Grants and Government Affairs | Bryan Roth       |  |
| Alternate           | Assistant Manager, Grants and Government Affairs | Ashley Smith     |  |
| NYSTA               | Division Director                                | Matt Latko       |  |
| Alternate           | Capital Program Engineer                         | John Boser       |  |
| Alternate           | Construction Supervisor                          | Sean Carrington  |  |
| Erie County         | Commissioner DPW                                 | William Geary    |  |
| Alternate           | Director of Engineering                          | Darlene Svilokos |  |
| City of Buffalo     | Commissioner DPW                                 | Nathan Marton    |  |
| Alternate           | City Engineer/Deputy Commissioner                | Nolan Skipper    |  |
| Niagara County      | Commissioner DPW                                 | Garret Meal      |  |
| Alternate           | Deputy Comm. DPW                                 | Norman Allen     |  |
| City of Niagara Fal | Is Director of Planning, Environment & Eco. Dev  | Kevin Forma      |  |
| Alternate           | City Engineer                                    | Robert Buzzelli  |  |

## g. 24-26 UPWP Planning

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) defines MPO staff work
- MPO staff work builds towards the goals of the MTP and support member agencies
- Work Plan Development
  - MPO Federal and State requirements
  - MTP initiatives
  - Member initiative
  - Call for Projects?
- Schedule
  - Nov 29 Draft released to members for review
  - Jan 3 PCC authorize release for public review
  - Feb 7 PCC Approval
  - Feb (TBD) Policy Approval
  - March 1 Approved UPWP due to DOT Main Office

### h. Carbon Reduction Funds Programming

- ~6M to be programmed by MPO over 5 years 1.2M/year
- Eligible activities see handout

#### Draft NYS Carbon Reduction Strategy – 3 Components:

- Support Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) and infrastructure
  - Fund projects that enable ZEV expansion and associated charging/fueling infrastructure to support light duty electric vehicles (e.g., cars), medium-heavy duty (e.g., trucks/buses) electric vehicles and/or clean hydrogen vehicles.
- Enhance public transportation and efficient mobility systems
  - Support capital projects that improve transit services, including enhancing system connectivity and fleet modernization.
  - Support transportation demand management strategies to encourage use of transit and other mobility options.
  - Support intelligent transportation projects that make transportation systems more efficient by reducing delay and lowering VMT.
- Expand active transportation and shared mobility choices
  - Fund projects that encourage and enable more bicycling, walking, and transit connections to increase access to employment centers, community amenities and other daily services.
  - Fund projects that support planning and implementation of micromobility (e.g., scooters), and shared mobility services.

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• Example Eligible Projects in Draft CRP Strategy

| Suffolk County<br>Transit Battery<br>Electric Buses                        | Suffolk County will purchase approximately<br>30 battery- electric replacement buses and<br>support charging equipment to enable Suffolk<br>County Transit to maintain operating<br>efficiency, capacity and continued use of<br>alternative fueling to reduce carbon<br>emissions.              | Suffolk County         |
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| Town of Lake<br>George Bicycle<br>and Pedestrian<br>Improvements           | This project includes pavement rehabilitation<br>and bicycle and pedestrian improvements on<br>State Route 9N from US Route 9 to Stone<br>Schoolhouse Road. Project includes widening,<br>shoulders, and sidewalks.                                                                              | Town of Lake<br>George |
| City of<br>Syracuse<br>Regional<br>Market Area<br>Mobility<br>Improvements | This project will improve multimodal access in<br>the area surrounding the Regional Market and<br>Regional Transportation Center. It will include<br>improvements to key signalized intersections,<br>sidewalks, and multi-use trails to enhance<br>accessibility for the surrounding community. | City of<br>Syracuse    |

| Regional<br>Traffic<br>Operations<br>Center<br>Advanced<br>Traffic<br>Management<br>System | This project will provide funds for the<br>Regional Traffic Operations Center (RTOC) to<br>maintain and expand the Intelligent<br>Transportation System (ITS) and Advanced<br>Traffic Management System (ATMS) network<br>within the Region 4 area. The RTOC relies on<br>ITS/ATMS to operate equipment such as<br>sensors, detectors, signals, etc. to improve<br>transportation system efficiency and reduce<br>congestion. | Monroe<br>County    |
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| City of Ithaca<br>Active<br>Transportation<br>Network                                      | This project will create a plan for urban trail<br>corridors in the City of Ithaca. Urban trails will<br>form a network of safe and connected cycling<br>and pedestrian infrastructure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | City of Ithaca      |
| Cross Bronx<br>Expressway<br>Active Traffic<br>Management                                  | This project will provide mobility improvements<br>on the Cross Bronx Expressway (CBE) through<br>Active Transportation Demand Management<br>strategies along the CBE in the Bronx to<br>enhance safety, mobility, and reliably.                                                                                                                                                                                              | City of New<br>York |
| New York City<br>Clean Truck<br>Program                                                    | This project will expand the NYC Clean Truck<br>Program to provide funding for replacing or<br>repowering (with EV or Hybrid) trucks in<br>industrial business zones.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | City of New<br>York |

# Next Scheduled TPS Meeting

• Wednesday December 20 @ 9:00 AM