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## Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting Thursday July 13, 2023 @ 9:30am

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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 (6-7-23) Meeting Minutes

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Amendment #4: FTA 5339 Reapportionment - Fund Transfer, New Funding Source & Project Deletion
- B) Amendment #5: Twin Cities Memorial Hwy Improvements (Study) – New Project
- C) AdMod #30: Niagara Falls Connection Trail – Cost Increase and Scope Change
- D) AdMod #31: Bridge Rehab – 3 EC Bridges – Add Phase and Funding
- E) AdMod #32: Cars on Main St (2 Projects) – Transfer All Design funds into One Project
- F) AdMod #33: Buffalo SRTS School Zone Safety Improvements – Delay Let

#### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) NYSDOT Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program (PFRAP) – Accepting Applications
- B) FFY 23 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) - Award Announcement
- C) FFY 23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program - Accepting Applications
- D) NYSDOT BRIDGE NY Program - Award Announcement
- E) Regional Bicycle Master Plan - Implementation Update
- F) Complete Streets Set Aside Funds

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

#### V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Next PCC Meeting: August 2, 2023



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## Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 7, 2023

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday June 7, 2023.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present:

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| • Haris Ismail         | NYSDOT (via Zoom) |
| • Jennifer Michniewicz | NYSDOT (via Zoom) |
| • Athena Hutchins      | NITTEC            |
| • Karen Hoak           | Erie County       |
| • GBNRTC Staff (6)     |                   |

Public Attendees:

- 3 members of the public viewed through Facebook Live link.

## I. PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson (Mr. Boser from NYSTA filling in for 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

- There were no public comments submitted.

### C) Approval of Meeting Agenda

- *Motion to approve the revised agenda as proposed (NC/COB). Approved 7-0*

### D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- *Motion to approve the 5-5-23 meeting minutes (EC/CNF). Approved 7-0.*

## II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) **AdMod #24: PIN 5111.77 US 20/Cazenovia Creek - Guarino**
- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
  - Request for a \$7.504M cost increase due to Erie County Water Authority water line relocation and increased material prices
    - Construction phase will be increased by \$6.700M
    - Construction Inspection phase will be increased by \$0.804M
  - Fiscal constraint is maintained as all offset (\$7.504M) is 100% Statewide funded
  - Recommended by TPS on 5/17/23
  - *Motion to approve (DOT/CNF). Approved 7-0.*
- B) **AdMod #26: PIN 5011.37 - NY 93; NY 18F to Niagara Scenic Parkway – Grabau**
- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
  - \$0.262M of additional design funds are necessary as the project has changed from mill/resurface to reconstruction (minor scope change)
  - Preliminary Design (PDES) phase will increase by \$0.262M
  - Offset: \$0.262M will be transferred from PIN 5044.01 NY 61; B St to Lockport Rd
  - Fiscal constraint is maintained
  - Recommended by TPS on 5/17/23
  - *Motion to approve (DOT/EC). Approved 7-0.*
- C) **AdMod #27: PIN 5814.66 Goodell St, Tupper St & Pearl St; NY 33 (Kens Exp) to NY 5 (Main St) - Guarino**
- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
  - This request increases Preliminary Design by \$0.580M to fund outside consultant design
  - Offset: \$0.580M will be transferred to project from statewide HSIP allocations
  - \$0.298M of Detailed Design funding will also be changed from statewide HSIP to 100% State Discretionary Funding (SDF)
  - Fiscal constraint is maintained
  - Recommended by TPS on 5/17/23
  - *Motion to approve (DOT/TWA). Approved 7-0.*
- D) **AdMod #28: PIN 5825.77 Rail Capital Project (5337) - Guarino**
- This is a NFTA request to modify an existing project
  - This change will align the estimated FTA Section 5337 funds for this project to match the full published federal (FTA) apportionments for FFY23
  - Total project cost will increase by \$0.832M (matched FTA 5337)
  - New project total will be \$1.889M
  - In addition, the project name will change from “Rail Capital Project (5337)” to “Rail: Catenary & Insulator Replacement Project”.
  - Recommended by TPS on 5/17/23
  - *Motion to approve (NFTA/DOT). Approved 7-0.*

- E) AdMod #29: FTA 5307 and 5337 – Project Realignments & Name Change – Guarino
- This is a NFTA request to modify three (3) existing projects
  - All three (3) projects will be realigned to match the full published federal apportionments
    - PIN 5900.28 Rail Preventive Maintenance (FTA 5307)
      - Decrease of \$3.552M (new total is \$0.619M)
    - PIN 5900.34 Rail Preventive Maintenance (FTA 5337)
      - Decrease of \$0.005M (new total is \$3.018M)
    - PIN 5825.76 Bus Capital Project (FTA 5307)
      - Increase of \$0.035M (new total is \$8.785M)
  - The title of PIN 5825.76 will be changed from “Bus Capital Project (FTA 5307)” “Purchase Revenue BEB Vehicles”
  - Recommended by TPS on 5/17/23
  - *Motion to approve (NFTA/TWA). Approved 7-0.*

### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. May TPS Action Item Approvals - Guarino

- PIN 5814.20 Large Culvert Preservation at Various Federal-Aid Eligible Locations
  - NYSDOT requested to modify an existing project
  - This request decreased the construction phase by \$0.491M (matched NHPP) as project estimates were lower than anticipated
  - \$0.491M (matched NHPP) was transferred to PIN 5B1555 Pavement Maintenance Block
  - Fiscal constraint was maintained
  - Approved as Administrative Modification # 25

#### B. Public Review Status – Guarino

- TIP Amendment # 4 (in 30-day review until 6/16/23)
  - PIN 5900.45 Purchase Revenue Vehicles
    - All FTA 5339 funds from PIN 5900.46 Purchase Paratransit Vehicles and PIN 5900.47 Purchase Bus Shelters will be transferred to PIN 5900.45 Purchase Revenue Vehicles.
    - FFY23 FTA 5339 funds in this project will be realigned to published federal apportionments
    - The project total will now be \$1.917 (matched FTA 5339)
  - PIN 5900.46 Purchase Paratransit Vehicles
    - All FTA 5339 funds will be transferred to PIN 5900.45 Purchase Revenue Vehicles
    - This project will now be funded with FFY23 FTA Section 5337 funds which became available from the FTA 5337 realignment to published federal apportionments.
    - This project title will be changed to “Rail Fastener and Pad Project”
  - PIN 5900.47 Purchase Bus Shelters
    - The NFTA has decided to use local funds for the purchase of bus shelters
    - All current funding (\$0.633M matched FTA 5339 funds) will be transferred to PIN 5900.45
    - This project will no longer contain any federal funds and will be need to be removed from the TIP.

#### C. Public Participation Plan Update - Weymouth

- Public Participation Plan (PPP) was last updated in 2017.
- The Plan provides a framework for GBNRTC participation processes and activities in developing transportation planning projects and programs.
- The Plan describes the MPO's strategies and adopted policies to inform and engage the public in transportation planning issues with the purpose of maximizing participation and effectiveness.
- Is an opportunity to provide guidance to ensure that all residents benefit from transportation investments, especially those who have been traditionally underserved by the transportation system.
- The BIL allows MPOs to use social media and other web-based tools to encourage public participation in the transportation planning process.
- Encourages MPOs to increase meaningful public involvement in transportation planning by integrating Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) tools into the overall public involvement approach while ensuring continued public participation by individuals without access to computers and mobile devices.
- Adding affordable housing organizations to a list of stakeholders MPOs are required to provide a reasonable opportunity to comment on the metropolitan transportation plan.
- Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination: MPOs are encouraged to coordinate with FLMAs in the transportation planning and project programming process on infrastructure and

connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads and transportation services that connect to Federal lands.

- Review of new federal requirements and planning emphasis areas.
- Conduct a MPO peer review and review of best practices, with particular attention to innovative engagement methods, as well as ways to effectively engage minority, low-income and limited English proficiency residents.
- Gather input from stakeholders about barriers to participation, preferred methods of participation and engagement, and about the goals of participation through an online survey.
- Schedule for Update:
  - June 7, 2023: Present PCC the approach and schedule
  - June 8, 2023: Release survey for second round of comments
  - July 19, 2023: Present TPS an overview of draft PPP update
  - July 20-August 18, 2023: Member agency review of draft PPP update
  - September 6, 2023: Request to initiate 45-day public review and comment period
  - September 7-October 21, 2023: 45-day public review and comment period
  - November 1, 2023: PCC to recommend to Policy for approval
  - November (TBD): Policy approval

## IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- Member Agency Reports
  - Erie County (Svilokos) reported that they are beginning construction and working on all of their projects.
  - Niagara County (Meal) stated that they had nothing to report at this time.
  - Buffalo (Skipper) reported that the tentative 2023 paving list will be published sometime this week on their website.
  - Niagara Falls (Forma) reported several items:
    - Working with Heritage District folks in Niagara Falls who applied for a Bloomberg asphalt art program grant. There was a little bit of an issue but thank you Mike for your help on that. We are now in a good place and bumped it up from a 30-foot design to 40-foot to accommodate buses going through. It will be at the corner of Main and Portage, right in front of the library. You will also see some temporary pedestrian improvements (mountable curbs) to delineate the asphalt areas. Hopefully, this will be approved by the end of the month and installed in July. Program is meant to last a year.
    - Military Rd project is out to bid.
    - City has grant funding from Dormitory Authority to do the Buffalo Ave Streetscape through the LaSalle district. The City is talking with TWA and DOT about the possible overpass reconstruction in the project area. Project should start this year.
  - NFTA (Kempner) reported that:
    - The University (UB) bus loop construction will cause some changes to the bus route configuration at the University Station. More information is available on the NFTA website.
    - Bus Stop Balancing is ongoing. A number of questions and comments have been received and may result in some things being moving around. More information is available on the NFTA website.
  - NYSDOT (Hill) reported
    - DOT is working with the City of North Tonawanda on the \$500K earmark the City received from Congressman Higgins for reenvisioning the Twin Cities Highway in Niagara County. DOT was asked to help with the \$125K local match. DOT has agreed in principle to contribute toward the match as it is their road and they are interested in addressing the operational and safety issues. A project action will probably be brought to the next TPS meeting to get the study on the TIP. There is no construction money identified at this time.
    - Bridge NY awards should be announced soon.
  - Thruway Authority (Boser) reported that:
    - We have applied for a RAISE grant to do seismic retrofits to the South Grand Island Bridge. They will know if their grant application was successful on June 23. We have brought in a consultant to help with discretionary grant application writing.
    - Looking at doing a big construction project on the lower I-190 from the I-90 to Louisiana St. in 2024 to 2025 time-frame. TWA will be talking with DOT about other ongoing projects in the project area to minimize disruptions to local traffic.



- NITTEC (Hutchins) reported that the “All Roads” project (previously ATC/MTD) continues. Presentations and Demos are being held as build-out occurs. A lot of work remains. A presentation will be scheduled for PCC in the coming months. System will be 100% by spring 2024.
- Director’s Report - Finn
  - NYS CFA Applications out – Close July 28
    - Some application to transportation projects, particularly streetscaping
    - CFA is a huge thing and we could spend an hour just on that but for now I just wanted to make sure that everyone was aware and offer support for anyone that was looking to go after a grant
  - Replica Data Webinar
    - DOT purchased access to Replica for DOT and MPOs. MPOs can provide data to members
    - Parking, AADT, Annual Speeds and Turning Movements are available data
    - GBNRTC hasn’t gotten into it deeply at this point but were looking at possible applications for new data sets
    - We will be hosting the webinar here for anyone that’s interested and I encourage members to send staff that would be able to dig into the data.
    - June 15, 11am
  - Car Insurance Legislation Update
    - I was asked by the Ithaca-Tompkins MPO to pass this information along
    - There is an issue with NY insurance regulations that has impacted not-for-profit car share companies
    - The not-for-profits and other mobility advocates are encouraging the NY Legislature to fix the issue.
    - More details on the issue are included in the handout and the ask from ITCTC is that those who may be inclined to want to support not-for-profit car share contact NYS Legislative reps to advocate
  - Voting List
    - We’re looking to update our voting list and we included the last one that we have in your packet
    - Asking that you cross off name that don’t apply and write in new names/titles. Leave the edited version with us and we’ll compile it to update the list

## V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Next PCC Meeting
  - Due to the upcoming July 4 holiday, the next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13 at 9:30 am
- Motion to Adjourn (NFTA/CNF). Approved 7-0.
- The meeting concluded at 10:15 am.

The meeting will begin shortly.



# Planning and Coordinating Committee

July 13, 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. Amendment #4: FTA 5339 Reapportionment, Fund Transfer and Change & Project Deletion

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  3. PIN 5900.47 Purchase Bus Shelters
    - The NFTA has decided to use local funds for the purchase of bus shelters
    - All current funding (\$0.633M matched FTA 5339 funds) will be transferred to PIN 5900.45
    - This project will no longer contain any federal funds and will be need to be removed from the TIP.
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed with no comments received
- Today's action would be to recommend approval of these actions to the GBNRTC Policy Committee



## B. Amendment #5: Twin Cities Memorial Hwy Improvements (Study)

- This is a NYSDOT request to add a new project to the TIP
- The project will be a study that will examine the redesign of the Twin City Memorial Highway (NY Route 425) located in the City of North Tonawanda in Niagara County
- The objective of the study is to look at options that will increase connectivity, increase mobility, and create a thriving and resilient community while addressing inequities and barriers to opportunity
- Total project cost is \$0.625M
- \$0.625M offset will be provided by Federal Earmark - Community Project Funding/Highway Infrastructure Programs; Demo ID = NY794
- ICG concurred with the suggested Air Quality conformity exemption code of C3 (Planning and technical studies that do not involve or lead directly to construction) on 7/10/23
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed with no comments received
- Today's action would be approve via Resolution GBNRTC 2023-16

## C. AdMod #30: Niagara Falls Connection Trail (576358)

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
- C & CI phases would be increased by a total of \$2.366M
- A portion of the increase (\$1.676m) pertains to work in PIN 5760.75 (Great Lakes Seaway Trail River Rd Corridor) which will be transferred into this project for constructability and ease.
- Detailed Design and ROW-A funds will be transferred to the C & CI phases to cover the remainder of offset
- Non-federal match source switched from local to state
- Fiscal constraint is maintained
- Recommended by TPS on 6/21/23
- Today's action would be to approve this Minor Scope Change to as AdMod #30

## D. AdMod #31: Bridge Rehab – 3 EC Bridges (581407)

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
- Minor bridge rehabilitation and bridge deck preservation on
  - BIN 1022700 Fillmore Ave @ NY Rt 33
  - BIN 1022720 Grider @ NY Rt 33
  - BIN 1001380 NY Rt 5 @ Eighteen Mile Crk
- A Detailed Design phase was not carried over from the previous TIP/STIP and will need to be added back to the project
- \$0.875M will be added to the new Detailed Design phase
- \$0.875M offset will be transferred from PIN 5V24.11 (I-86 Shoulders, U-Turns And Gore Areas; Cattaraugus County
- Fiscal constraint is maintained
- Recommended by TPS on 6/21/23
- Today's action would be to approve this change as AdMod #31

## E. Cars on Main St (2 Projects)

- This is a Buffalo request to modify two existing projects
  1. PIN 5763.93 Cars on Main St (Exchange to Church)
  2. PIN 5763.94 Cars on Main St (Church to Mohawk)
- All design work for both projects will be completed under the Detailed Design phase of PIN 5763.93.
- \$2M of Preliminary Design and Detailed Design funding from PIN 5793.94 will be transferred into the Detailed Design phase of PIN 5763.93.
- Fiscal constraint is maintained
- Today's action would be to approve this change to as AdMod #32

## F. Buffalo SRTS School Zone Safety Improvements (576352)

- This is a Buffalo request to modify an existing project
- This request is to delay let from 10/16/23 (FFY 24) to 4/15/25 (FFY 25).
- Additional time was needed to verify scope and to make sure locations were consistent with overall Citywide School Zone Plan
- All costs are unchanged
- This is a TPS action being expedited by PCC
- Today's action would be to approve this change to as AdMod #33

# Discussion Items



# A. NYSDOT Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program (PFRAP)

## What is PFRAP?

- The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program (PFRAP) *provides enhanced assistance for rail and port capital investments to preserve and enhance the State's major trade and passenger corridors.*

## How much PFRAP funding is available?

- NYSDOT anticipates making awards up to **\$121.6 M in PFRAP funding.**
- **The maximum award shall be \$10.0 M.**
- There is no minimum match requirement but preference will be given to those applications that are able to provide a greater local share of the total project costs.
- Applicants will be limited to three (3) PFRAP awards.

# A. NYSDOT Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program (PFRAP)

## Who may apply for PFRAP?

- Eligible applicants include the following:
  - Any railroad company\*
  - Any NYS agency
  - US Federal Government
  - Canadian Government
  - Any other state or instrumentality thereof
  - Any public authority (within NYS or otherwise)
  - Any political subdivision or municipality within NYS

*\*All common-carrier, intercity passenger or tourist railroad corporations must be in good standing with NYSDOT at the time of application.*

## Eligible PFRAP projects?

- Eligible projects for PFRAP include any capital improvement to freight, intercity passenger or tourist rail assets with a minimum service life of 10 years or greater, including but not limited to:
  - Tract construction and rehabilitation
  - Bridge construction and rehabilitation
  - Elimination of clearance obstructions
  - Yard, terminal and siding construction and rehabilitation
  - Signal and train control systems
  - Rolling stock acquisition and rehabilitation
  - Capital projects that will reduce carbon footprint of railroad facilities

***All projects must comply with the NYS Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act.***



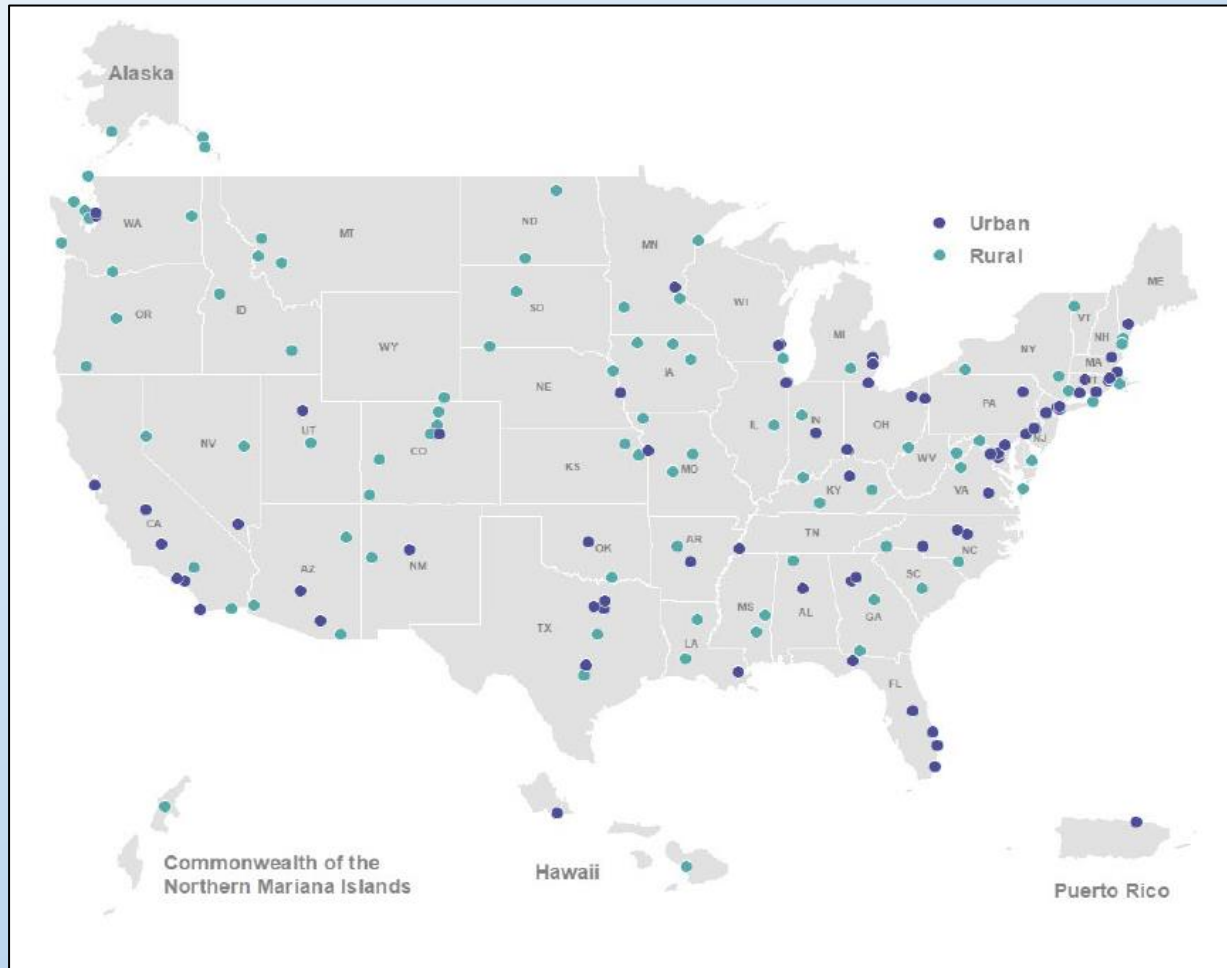
# A. NYSDOT Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program (PFRAP)

## How to apply for PFRAP?

- To apply or learn more about PFRAP visit <https://www.dot.ny.gov/railgrants>. This website provides full details on PFRAP as well as frequently asked questions and instructions for preparing the required benefit-cost analysis.
- The application deadline is **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.
- ***All not-for-profit organizations applying for or receiving state grant funds must be registered in and prequalified in Grants Gateway.*** For more information, please visit <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov>.

## B. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

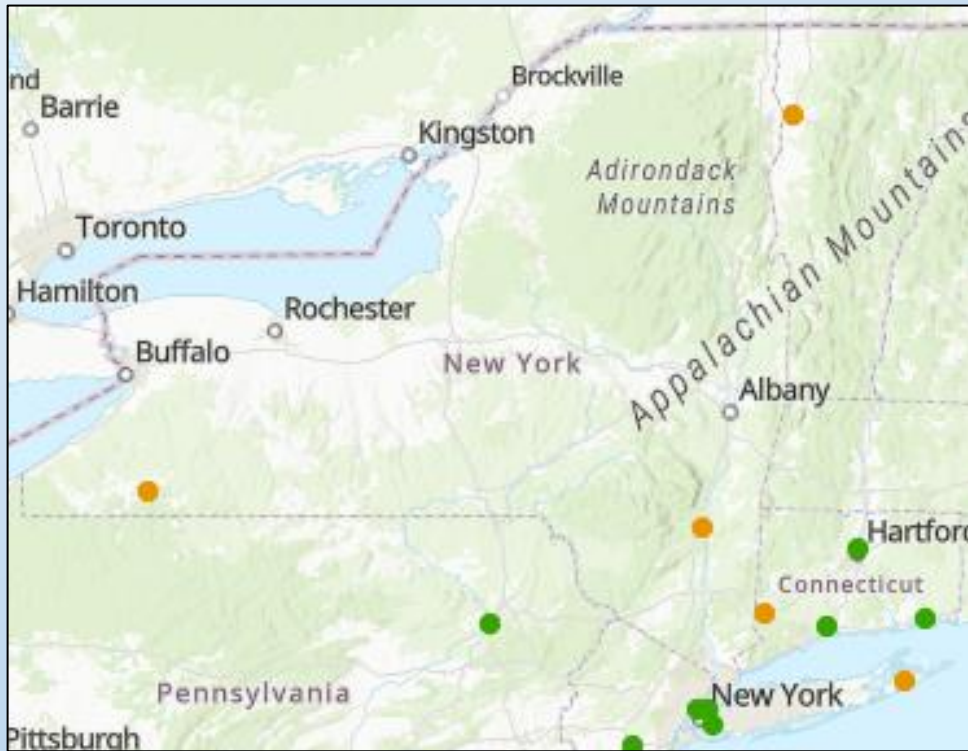
### FFY 23 Awards Summary



- Discretionary grant program for road, rail, transit and port projects
- 162 community-led infrastructure project awards announced on June 28
- \$15 billion requested for the \$2.26 billion available
- Half of funding going to rural areas and the other half to urban areas
- 70% of the grants went to projects in regions defined as an Area of Persistent Poverty or a Historically Disadvantaged Community

## B. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

### FFY 23 NY Awards



- Infrastructure
  - NYC - Safe Access For Electric Micromobility (\$25M)
  - NYC - Broadway Junction Streetscapes Improvement Project (\$20M)
  - Kingston - Weaving The Waterfront Transportation Project (\$21.8M)
- Planning
  - Cattaraugus County - Southern Tier Trail Planning And Design Project (\$7M)
  - Suffolk County - Long Island Greenway East (Phase II) Planning And Design (\$3.8M)

## C. FFY 23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)

- Grant program to help reconnect communities that were cut off from opportunity and burdened by past transportation infrastructure decisions
- \$185M awarded to 45 communities in FFY 22 (first year of program) including 6 capital construction grants and 39 planning grants
- For this round, USDOT has combined the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) and the new Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) programs into a single NOFO to provide a more efficient application process for project sponsors.

## C. FFY 23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)

- While they remain separate programs for the purposes of award, the programs share many common characteristics, including:
  - Prioritizing disadvantaged communities;
  - Aiming to improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, and recreation;
  - Fostering equitable development and restoration;
  - Reconnecting communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.
- Three grant types are available
  1. Capital Construction
  2. Community Planning
  3. Regional Partnerships Challenge

# C. FFY 23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)

## 1. Capital Construction

- Reconnecting-focused projects and smaller projects focused on reducing environmental harm and improving access in disadvantaged communities.
- \$1.15B available
- Projects may address:
  - A dividing facility
  - Mitigating a “burdening” facility (a source of air pollution, noise, stormwater, or other burden)
  - Improving access and building or improving Complete Streets

# C. FFY 23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)

## 2. Community Planning

- Planning activities to support future construction projects and allow for innovative community planning to address localized transportation challenges
- \$185M available
- Projects may address:
  - Planning to restore community connectivity
  - Community/public engagement
  - Assessing environmental impacts from transportation in underserved communities (i.e., air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, extreme heat hotspots, gaps in tree canopy coverage, or flood prone transportation infrastructure)
  - Developing local anti-displacement policies and community benefit agreements

# C. FFY 23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)

## 3. Regional Partnerships Challenge

- Build stronger partnerships to tackle persistent equitable access and mobility challenges, as well as greenhouse gas emissions reductions
- \$450M available
- Applicants must consist of a partnership between two or more eligible agencies
  - Local governments
  - Tribal governments
  - MPOs/RPOs
  - State DOTs
  - Non-profit, private, and community partners



## C. FFY 23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)

- Upcoming Webinars

- Interested in Applying? Reconnecting Communities Grant Program Overview for Prospective Applicants
  - Tuesday, July 11, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:30PM ET
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods – Tribal focus
  - Thursday, July 27, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:30PM ET
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods – Rural/Nonprofit focus
  - Tuesday, August 15, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:30PM ET
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods – Capital Construction
  - Thursday, August 24, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:30PM ET
- Benefit-Cost Analysis for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
  - <https://cms.dot.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities/benefit-cost-analysis-reconnecting-communities-august-30-webinar>
- Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) Thursday, September 28, 2023 through Grants.gov

## D. NYSDOT BRIDGE NY Program Award Announcement

- The BRIDGE NY initiative, is aimed at helping local governments across the state harden their existing infrastructure while boosting the resiliency of bridges and culverts in the state.
- More Than \$516 Million in awards announced on July 5
- Projects were selected based on input from Regional and Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- The funding will support all phases of project delivery, including design, right-of-way acquisition and construction

## D. NYSDOT BRIDGE NY Program Award Announcement

- GBNRTC formed a review team for each county which reviewed and scored all bridge applications per NYSDOT MO guidance
- All culvert applications were reviewed and scored by NYSDOT-led review teams
- MPO culvert projects typically are 100% state funded and are therefore not required to be placed on TIP
- MPO bridge projects utilize federal funding and must be placed on the TIP
  - Public notice, amendment/resolution and PCC approval required

# D. NYSDOT BRIDGE NY Program Award Announcement

Awards by Region:

Long Island	\$	73.5	14.3%
New York City	\$	73.1	14.2%
Western New York	\$	68.8	13.3%
Mid-Hudson	\$	60.1	11.7%
Southern Tier	\$	52.8	10.2%
Capital Region	\$	44.5	8.6%
Finger Lakes	\$	39.7	7.7%
North Country	\$	36.5	7.1%
Mohawk Valley	\$	35.2	6.8%
Central New York	\$	31.4	6.1%
	\$	515.6	100%

# D. NYSDOT BRIDGE NY Program Award Announcement

WNY Breakdown		
MPO (Erie and Niagara)	\$ 34.6	50.4%
Non-MPO (Chau, Cat, All)	\$ 34.1	49.6%
	\$ 68.8	100.0%

MPO Breakdown		
County/Type	Projects	Total
Erie Bridge	7	\$ 20.0
Erie Culvert	7	\$ 5.6
Niagara Bridge	3	\$ 5.6
Niagara Culvert	4	\$ 3.4
	21	\$ 34.6

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- Erie County Bridge Awards (7@ \$20M)
  - \$2.024 million to the City of Tonawanda for the replacement of the Fletcher Street bridge over Two Mile Creek
  - \$1.827 million to Erie County for the replacement of the Dennis Road bridge over Little Sister Creek.
  - \$4.75 million to Erie County for the replacement of the Mill Road bridge over Cazenovia Creek.
  - \$2.953 million to Erie County for the replacement of the East Eden Road bridge over Hampton Brook.
  - \$4.75 million to Erie County for the replacement of the Hammond Hill Road bridge over Cattaraugus Creek.
  - \$2.288 million to Erie County for the replacement of the Marshfield Road bridge over N. Bridge Clear Creek.
  - \$1.432 million to the Town of Clarence for the replacement of the Kenfield Road bridge over Black Creek
- Erie County Culvert Awards (7 @ \$5.6M)
  - \$701,000 to the Town of Eden for the replacement of the Larkin Road culvert carrying the tributary to Franklin Gulf
  - \$991,000 to the Town of Holland for the replacement of the Day Road culvert carrying the tributary to Hunter Creek Tributary
  - \$800,000 to the Town of Lancaster for the replacement of the Siebert Road culvert
  - \$958,000 to Erie County for the replacement of the Milestrip Road culvert carrying the tributary to Muddy Creek.
  - \$861,000 to Erie County for the replacement of the Milestrip Road culvert carrying tributary to Delaware Creek.
  - \$798,000 to the Town of Amherst for the replacement of the Reist Street culvert carrying the tributary to Ellicott Creek
  - \$536,000 to the Town of West Seneca for the replacement of the Greymont Avenue culvert carrying the tributary to Ebenezer Brook

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- Niagara County Bridge Awards (3 @ \$5.6M)
  - \$1.706 million to Niagara County for the replacement of the Route 271 bridge over Branch Jeddo Creek.
  - \$1.575 million to Niagara County for the replacement of the Carmen Road bridge over Golden Hill Creek.
  - \$2.3 million to the Town of Wheatfield for the replacement of the Plaza Drive bridge over Bergholz Creek, Niagara County.
- Niagara County Culvert Awards (8 @ \$3.4M)
  - \$784,000 to Niagara County for the replacement of the Balmer Road culvert carrying the tributary to Twelve Mile Creek.
  - \$867,000 to Niagara County for the replacement of the Ransomville Road culvert carrying the tributary to Twelve Mile Creek.
  - \$871,000 to the Town of Cambria for the replacement of the Baer Road culvert carrying the tributary to Twelve Mile Creek, Niagara County.
  - \$860,000 to the Town of Lockport for the replacement of the East High Street culvert, Niagara County.
  - \$2.724 million to Allegany County for the rehabilitation of the County Road 31 bridge over Van Campen Creek.
  - \$6.635 million to Allegany County for the rehabilitation of the County Road 4 bridge over the Genesee River.
  - \$1.799 million to Allegany County for the replacement of the Karr Valley Road culvert carrying the tributary to Karr Valley Creek.
  - \$2.207 million to Allegany County for the replacement of the Middaugh Hill Road culvert carrying the tributary to Gordon Brook



# EXPANDING OUR REGIONAL BICYCLE NETWORK

Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Update





# BIKE BUFFALO NIAGARA

Regional Bicycle Master Plan  
2020



## Bike Buffalo Niagara Greenway Trails

- 41 of the recommendations are off-road corridors proposed as a part of the region's greenway trail network.
- Developed in consultation with local, county, state representatives, public organizations and institutions, advocacy groups, and private citizens.
- Implementation of the proposed greenway trails would double the region's roughly 220 miles of existing trails.

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# Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study

Project Website : Coming Soon

- SCAJAQUADA CORRIDOR TRAIL CHEEKTOWAGA EXT RBMP Project #13
- CLARENCE PATHWAYS CHEEKTOWAGA EXT RBMP Project #18

# Lancaster Heritage Trail Ext Feasibility Study

Project Website : <https://gobikebuffalo.org/project/lancaster-heritage-trail-extension/>  
RBMP Project #50

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# Feasibility Study

- Studies are being completed concurrently.
  - Proposed corridors identified as *high priority* in the adopted Regional Bicycle Master Plan (2020).
  - Builds upon currently funded and advancing trail projects (Eastside Trails).
  - Closes significant gaps in the existing off-road trail network.
  - Improves bicycle connectivity between the City of Buffalo and Cheektowaga and beyond.
  - Active interest and support from local municipalities to advance these projects.
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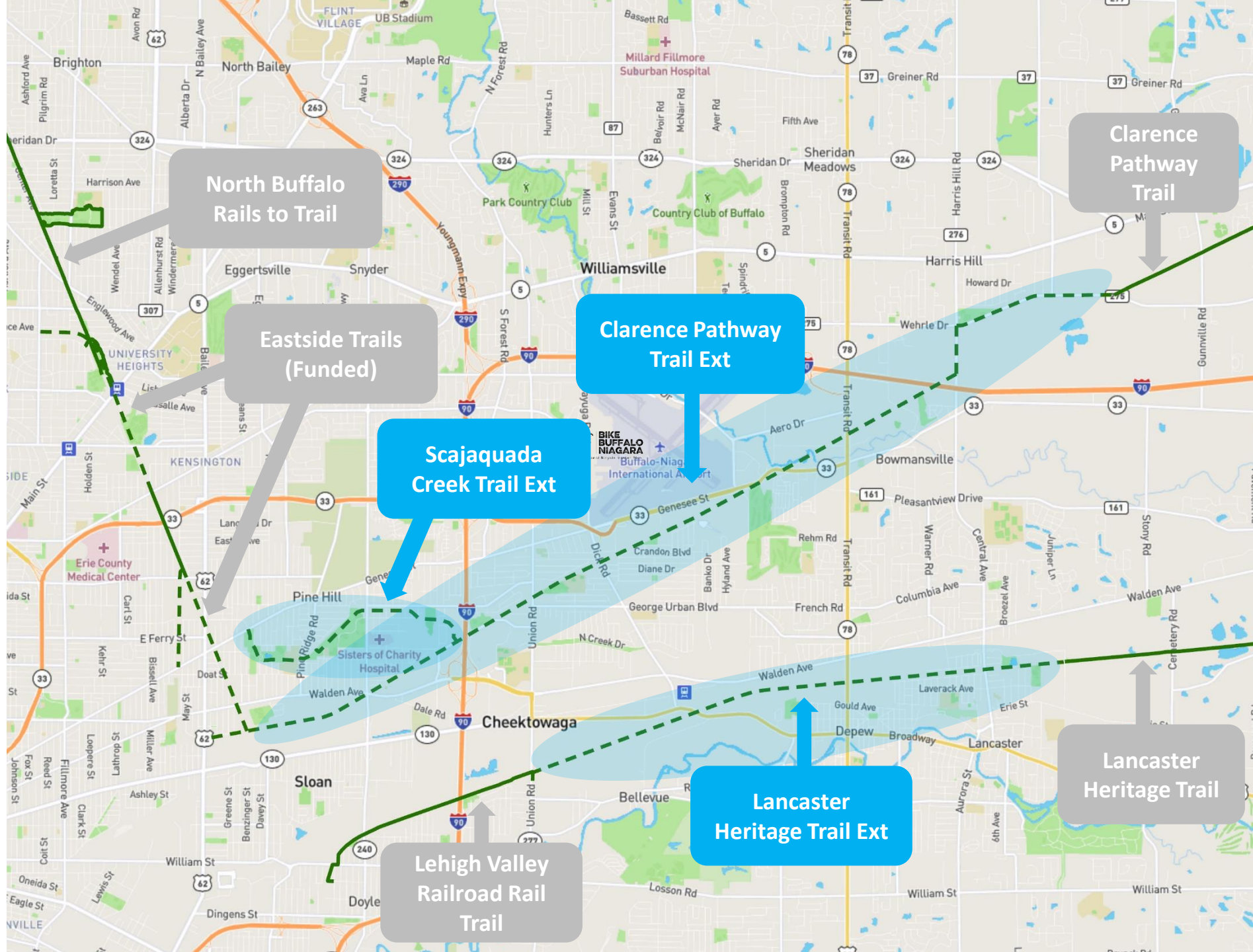
# Stakeholder Committee

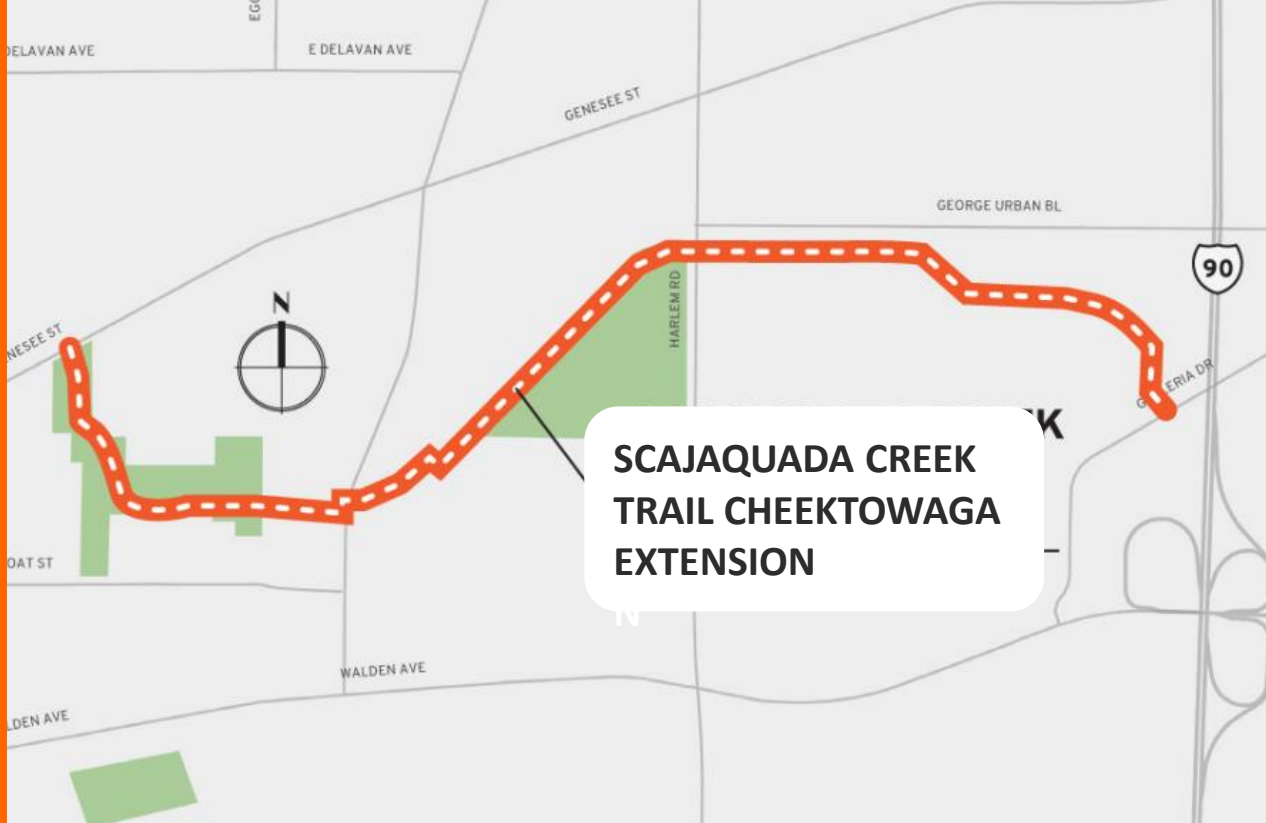
- NYS Assembly member, Monica Wallace
  - Town of Lancaster, Supervisor Ronald Ruffino
  - Village of Lancaster, Mayor Lynne Ruda
  - Town of Cheektowaga, Dan Young
  - Town of Cheektowaga Councilmember, Brian Pilarski
  - Town of Cheektowaga Councilmember, Brian Nowak
  - Village of Depew, Mayor Kevin Peterson
  - Town of Clarence, Jonathan Bluer
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  - City of Buffalo DPW
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# Bike Buffalo Niagara Greenway Trails

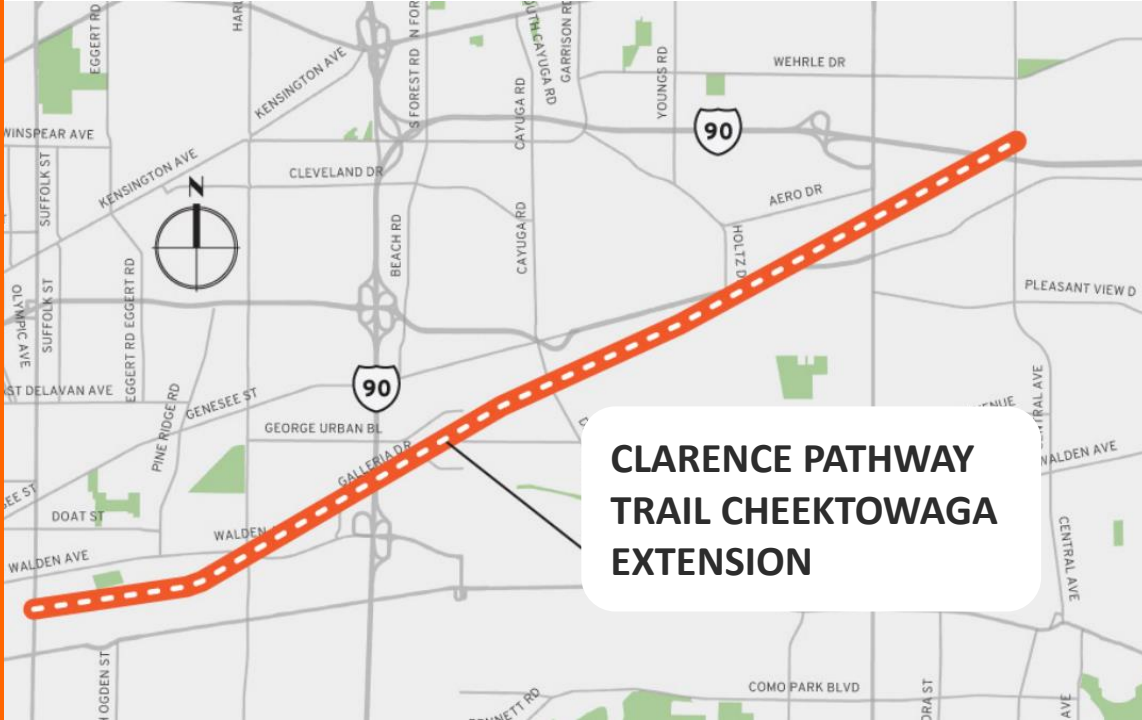
-  Proposed Trails and Bicycle Routes
-  Existing Off-Road Greenway Trails
-  Corridors Being Studied





## Bike Buffalo Niagara Greenway Trails

The 2.5 mile off-road trail would begin on Genesee St, through Schiller Park. After crossing Pine Ridge Rd, the trail would follow the Scajaquada Creek until reaching Galleria Dr where it connects with the proposed Clarence Pathway Cheektowaga ext. The proposal may include on-road and off-road improvements that would utilize existing paths.



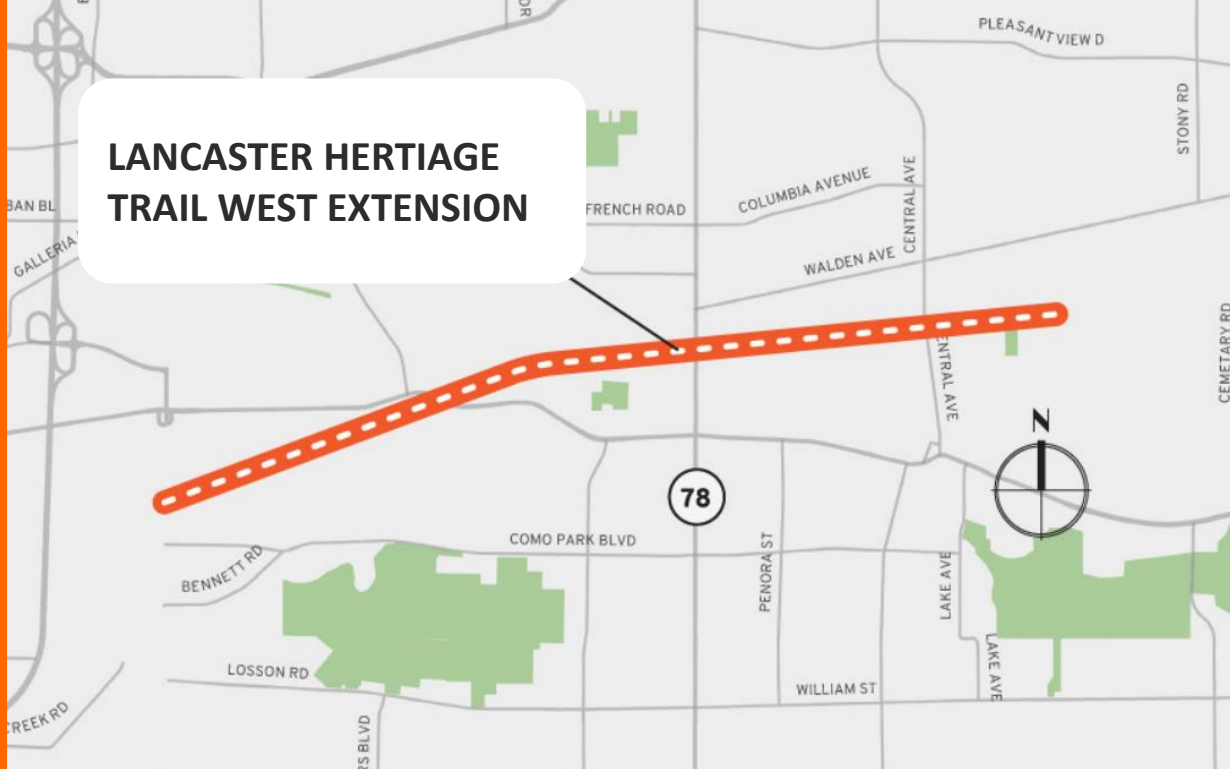
**CLARENCE PATHWAY  
TRAIL CHEEKTOWAGA  
EXTENSION**



## **Bike Buffalo Niagara** Greenway Trails

This 7.8-mile off-road trail would largely run through Cheektowaga, from Bailey Ave in Buffalo to Harris Hill Rd in Lancaster. The path extension project will ultimately link to the Clarence Pathways network further east.

**LANCASTER HERITAGE  
TRAIL WEST EXTENSION**



**Bike Buffalo Niagara**  
Greenway Trails

This 5.1-mile trail would close an off-road trail gap between the existing Lancaster Heritage Trail (Lancaster) and the existing Lehigh Valley Railroad Rail Trail (Cheektowaga). Upon completion these trails combined will provide approximately over 11.5 miles of off-road use to trail users.



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# Scope and Schedule

## January

- Stakeholder Committee meeting held

## June

- Draft technical memo for existing conditions
- Site visits

## July

- Online map /survey for public input

## August

- Initial draft technical memo for conceptual trail plan

## September

- Public meeting for concept feedback
- Revised draft technical memo for conceptual trail plan

## October

- Draft technical memo for corridor maintenance
- Draft technical memo for implementation plan

## November

- Final Plan complete
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**EXPANDING OUR  
ON-ROAD NETWORK**



## Treatment Recommendations

# Expanding Our On-Road Network

- The intent is for on-road corridors to ultimately provide a bicycle facility that offers a high level of comfort for riders of all ages and abilities.
- Many of the treatments aim to calm motor vehicle traffic and promote safety for all users.
- Tier II recommendations may, in some cases, be thought of as longer term and aspirational, with Tier III being the appropriate option in the short term.



## Treatment Recommendations

# Bicycle Facility Treatments For On-Road Facilities (Tier II and III)

- Promote consistent design treatments for on-road corridors in urban, suburban, and rural areas.
- Should be considered for corridors that comprise the regional bike network and other roadways municipalities are interested in improving bicycling.

## Tier II Treatments Urban

On-road bikeway with  
**GENEROUS VISUAL**  
separation from traffic



## Tier II Treatments Rural

On-road bikeway with **GENEROUS VISUAL** separation from traffic (can enhance bicycle comfort by including a striped buffer area and rumble strips )



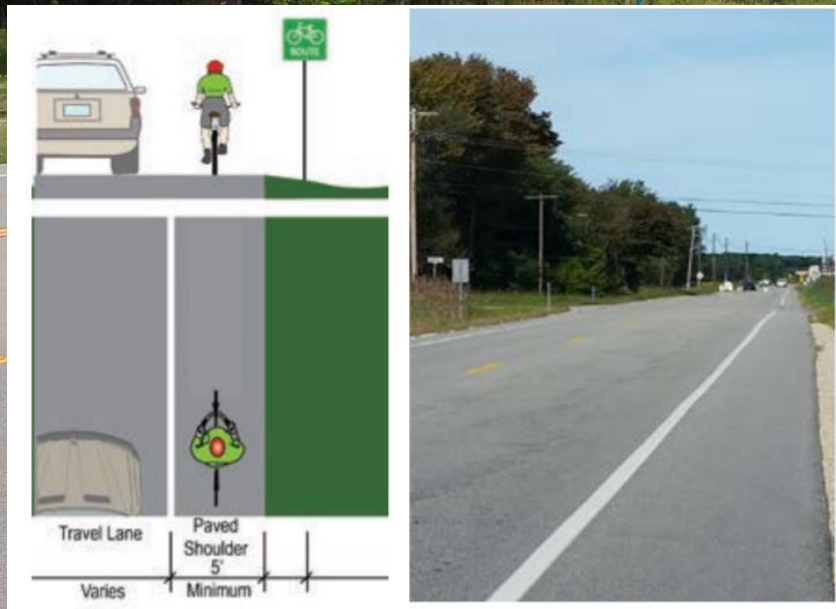
## Tier III Treatment Urban

On-road bikeway with  
**MINIMAL VISUAL** separation  
from traffic



## Tier III Treatment Rural

On-road bikeway with **MINIMAL VISUAL** separation from traffic (enhanced shoulder)





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# Expanding Our On-Road Network

Integrate proposed bicycle treatment(s) into planned repaving projects

- TIP and RBMP projects overlay

What about federal aid roads that are not funded through the TIP?

Available resources:

- [Bike Buffalo Niagara: Regional Bicycle Master Plan \(2020\)](#)
  - [Online Regional Bicycle Master Plan Mapping Tool](#)
  - Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Contract (GObike)
    - **Public Outreach:** Assistance related to intergovernmental cooperation and public outreach.
    - **Technical Assistance:** Develop on-road and intersection treatment recommendations and perform needed modeling to evaluate recommendations if applicable.
    - **Funding Package Development:** Identify potential funding sources and assist in preparing grant proposals for bicycle infrastructure and trail projects consistent with the Regional Bicycle Master Plan
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# RBMP Implementation Contract

Scajaquada Creek Trail Cheektowaga Ext	\$48,230.00
Clarence Pathway Trail Cheektowaga Ext	\$62,260.00
Lancaster Heritage Trail Ext	* \$50,000.00

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Total Allocated	\$110,490.00
Contract Total (UPWP)	\$208,800.00
Remaining Funds Available	\$98,310.00

\* Funding provided through Assembly member Monica Wallace

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## F. Complete Streets Set Aside Funds

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) creates a 2.5% set-aside of Planning funds to be used to Complete Streets initiatives
- \$128,681 for SFY 2223 and 2324. Estimating \$65k for SFY 2425
- Funds DO NOT have a matching requirement
- FHWA issued guidance in Spring 23 on eligible project and procedure to get a waiver



# F. Complete Streets Set Aside Funds

- Eligible activities
  - Adopt Complete Streets standards/policies
  - Develop Complete Streets Prioritization Plan
  - Develop transportation plans that:
    - Create a network of active transportation facilities
    - Integrate active transportation facilities with public transportation
    - Increase public transportation ridership
    - Improve safety of bicyclists and pedestrians
  - Development of transportation plans and policies that support transit oriented development

## Smartly Enhanced Multimodal Arterial (SEMA) Demonstration Project

Related Federal Planning Factor(s): 2, 4, 6, 7

Related 2050 MTP Goal(s): 6, 9

Objective: Identify and develop Smartly Enhance Multimodal Arterials (SEMAs)

Performed by: MPO Staff

Estimated Start/Duration: September 2022 – March 2023

Proposed Funding: \$84,389

Product: SEMA Demonstration Corridor

## Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation

Related Federal Planning Factor(s): 2, 5, 6

Related 2050 MTP Goal(s): 5, 6, 7

Objective: Build out recommendations for the on road and off road network

Performed by: MPO staff, consultant

Estimated Start/Duration: Ongoing

Proposed Funding: \$48,103

Product: Implementation of Regional Bicycle Master Plan

## Transit Oriented Development Phase II

Related Federal Planning Factor(s): 4, 5

Related 2050 MTP Goal(s): 3, 4, 5, 6

Objective: Completion of Phase II TOD study

Performed by: MPO staff, consultants

Estimated Start/Duration: Ongoing – forecast completion June 2023

Proposed Funding: \$17,863

Product: Final TOD2 Study with amended ordinances and TOD fund

## Village Complete Streets Template/Healthy Streets

Related Federal Planning Factor(s): 2, 4, 6

Related 2050 MTP Goal(s): 3, 5, 6

Objective: Encourage village centers to integrate Complete Streets principles in roadway design

Performed by: MPO staff

Estimated Start/Duration: Ongoing

Proposed Funding: \$144,667

Products: Complete Streets planning template for Village use

## F. Complete Streets Set Aside Funds

- Waiver requirement
  - State or MPO adopted Complete Streets Policy

DONE - NYSDOT adopted policy applies to all Federally funded projects regardless of agency

- State or MPO adopted Complete Streets Prioritization Plan
  - “...specific list of Complete Streets projects to improve safety, mobility or accessibility of a street.”

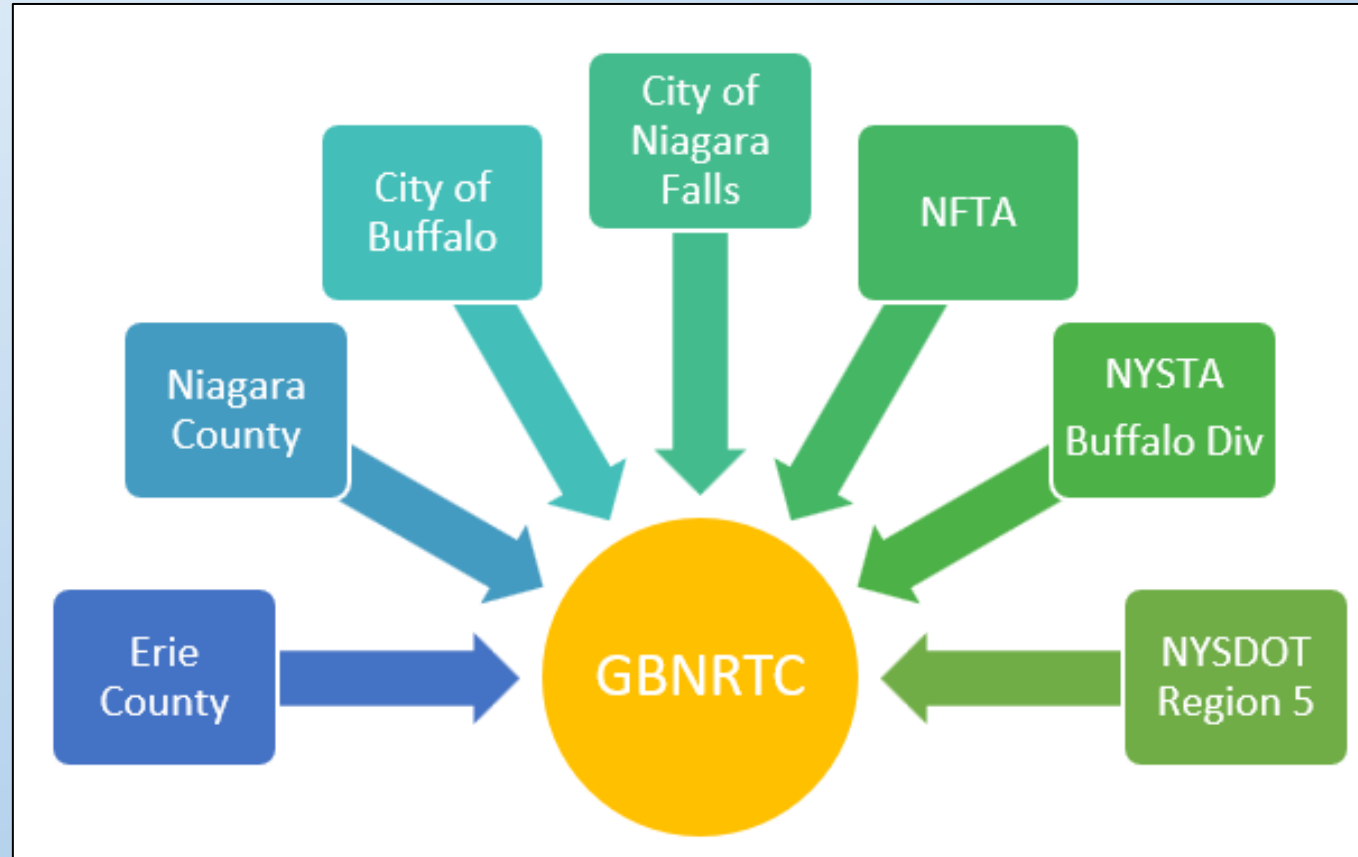
## F. Complete Streets Set Aside Funds

- Next steps
  - Submit on-going projects for approval of the use of current funds
  - Wait for NYSDOT guidance given impact on matching funds
    - Apply for Statewide or MPO waivers
    - Continue to use the funds with no match
  - If NYSDOT recommends waiver, MPO staff can develop a Complete Streets Project Priority list from the current TIP

# Status Reports/Information



# Member Agency Reports



# Executive Director's Report

- Job postings
- SS4A
- Public Participation Plan

# Meeting Wrap Up

- Next PCC Meeting will be August 2, 2023
- Adjournment