

Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council

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RESOLUTION 2023-12

Action Level: Policy Committee

2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) has been designated by the Governor of New York State as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning and programming processes for the Greater Buffalo Niagara region; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that each Metropolitan Planning Organization shall develop a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan as a product of that planning process, identifying how facilities across modes will operate as an interconnected system and from which the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) shall be derived; and

WHEREAS, as part of these responsibilities, the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council last developed a Long-Range Transportation Plan Update to the Year 2050 planning horizon which was endorsed by the GBNRTC on May 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, GBNRTC in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation, has reviewed and documented compliance of the GBNRTC planning process with all existing federal rules and regulations, including Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has been found to address the critical issues likely to impact the Greater Buffalo-Niagara region during the planning period; and

WHEREAS, an air quality conformity determination was approved by the GBNRTC Policy Committee on May 5, 2023 as Resolution 2023-11 concluded that all transportation plans and programs within the Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY Non-Attainment Area, including the GBNRTC 2023-2027 TIP and 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, are in conformity with the State Implementation Plan in accordance with transportation conformity rules published by the United State Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

WHEREAS, said Plan reflects measures and strategies that are derived from a congestion management process that integrates the surface transportation modes, existing and planned, in the Greater Buffalo-Niagara region; and

WHEREAS, said Plan demonstrates fiscal constraint through endorsed forecasts of reasonably-expected revenues and includes project and program costs in year of expenditure dollars; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has been subjected to a thirty (30) day public review and comment period.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the GBNRTC does hereby adopt Moving Forward 2050 Update as the official long-range transportation plan for the Buffalo Niagara region; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that future work plans and projects for further study and/or capital project action will be based upon the Plan's strategies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) shall reflect the Plan's strategies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plan's relevance and currency shall be maintained through a comprehensive update of this Plan to be completed no later than five years from this Plan's adoption per current requirements for attainment areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GBNRTC requests the New York State Department of Transportation, acting on its behalf, forward Moving Forward 2050 to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and other appropriate Federal and State agencies to satisfy all current reporting requirements.

BY: _____


Chair, GBNRTC Policy Committee

Date: _____

5/5/2023

Recommended by the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee.

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