

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: R. Eakin, P. Merlo, M. DeSantis, D. Kempner, J. Buffamonte, C. Sickler, T. Sheehan, R. Kahi, H. Morse, R. Guarino, K. Stilwell, and T. Trabold.

Stakeholders: J. Clark and J. Robinson.

1. Approval of December 17, 2014 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Kempner/Sickler. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5757.10 Lockport Rd Intersection Resurfacing and Resurfacing Phases I & 2 and 5757.13 Lincoln Ave Corridor Improvements – Cost Increase/Funding Transfer Request R. Eakin explained the exchange of funds between the two projects by using more local funds on the Lincoln Av project and moving the federal-aid funds to the Lockport Rd project. *Motion to transfer funding as Administrative Modification #31: Sickler/Kempner. Approved.*
 - b. PIN 5758.32 Wilson-Burt Rd Bridge – Cost Increase/Funding Transfer Requests
 - 1) PINs 5758.57 Feigle Rd Pavement Rehab and 5758.32 Wilson Burt/18 Mile Creek – STP Flex Funding Transfer – T. Trabold explained the transfer of funds between these two projects needed to help cover a deficit on the Feigle Rd project. *Motion to Recommend to PCC as Administrative Modification #32: Sickler/Merlo. Approved.*
 - 2) PINs 5757.13 Lincoln Ave Corridor Improvements and 5758.57 Feigle Rd Pavement Rehab – Large Urban Funding Transfer – See item 2b1.
 - c. PINs 5811.50, 5811.51, 5811.83 & 5811.84 Culvert Repair/Replacement – Cost and Schedule Changes – R. Kahi explained that this item involved transferring funds and a change in the project's let date. Funding from this project is to be transferred to create a new culvert repair project PIN 5812.73. *Motion to recommend changes to PINs 5811.50, 5811.51, 5811.83, & 5811.84 to PCC: DeSantis/Merlo. Approved. Motion to initiate public review as part of 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #20: Kahi/DeSantis. Approved.*
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. Program Status
 - 1) Pavement Maintenance Module: Status – T. Trabold gave a brief update on the status of the new software program. The software company made new changes to the program and additional time is needed by staff to learn the updates. It was also noted that the local agencies were asked to provide the GBNRTC with cost data for the treatment types that will be used in the new program. J. Buffamonte suggested using NYSDOT's cost information temporarily until the local agencies can provide their costs. R. Kahi reminded the group that there are many variables in the cost calculations such as additional ADA costs for intersection rehabs.
 - 2) Safety: Bridge and Accidents – T. Trabold discussed the bridge maintenance program. He reminded the local agencies that they should continue to maintain a list of possible bridge candidates for the program. These lists should then be submitted to NYSDOT so they can be evaluated to decide which bridges will be included in the program. Bridge program candidate lists should be submitted by the February TPS meeting.
4. Old Business
 - a. Local Bridge Maintenance Program Status – See item 3a2.
5. New Business
 - a. Next TIGER Opportunity – H. Morse stated the new TIGER program is ready for applications to be submitted. The member agencies can submit any type of project that is needed. The group may resubmit the bridge program list from the previous TIGER grant program. It was noted that every TIGER grant opportunity seems to have its own aspect and that the group should maybe try to gear their applications towards that type of project.
 - b. Scheduling Local Projects Meetings – The round of local projects is due to be scheduled. Member agencies will be notified about setting up meetings.
6. SNI Transit Route Expansion – J. Clark stated that Seneca Nation of Indians transit route will be expanding starting February 16th. She asked that an informational notice about this expansion be added to the GBNRTC website.
7. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday February 18, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Eakin/Merlo. Approved.*

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Wednesday, February 18, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: K. O'Brien, P. Merlo, M. DeSantis, D. Kempner, J. Buffamonte, C. Sickler, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, H. Boggio, S. Szopinski, K. Smith, K. Stilwell, and T. Trabold. Public: None

1. Approval of January 21, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Kempner/Sickler. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5756.34 Bailey Av Bridges – P. Merlo discussed the opportunity to advance the project let date now that new NHPP funds from the Statewide Capital Program have been made available for the project in FFY16. This action will also increase the construction and inspection funding without any need of an offset funding source. *Motion to recommend the schedule change and cost increase to PCC as Administrative Modification #34: Merlo/Sickler. Approved.*
 - b. Amendment #20 PIN 5812.73 Large Culvert Repairs – Invert Paving Project Addition
 - *Public Comment Period Feedback* – T. Trabold reported the public comment period had ended and there were no comments submitted. The next action in the creation of the new project was to approve the transfer of \$536k of unused funds from PINs 5392.41 & 5041.01 to from the new PIN 5812.73. *Motion to approve funding transfer to create new PIN 5812.73 as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #20: Zakrzewski/Merlo. Approved.*
 - *Resolution 2015-1: PIN 5812.73 Large Culvert Repairs (Invert Paving)* – T. Trabold explained that at their 2/4/15 meeting PCC members delegated authority to TPS members to review any public comments and if appropriate, vote to recommend approval to the Policy Committee of the resolution adding the new culvert project (5812.73) to the TIP. Resolution 2015-1 was distributed and discussed. *Motion to recommend approval of GBNRTC Resolution 2015-1 to the Policy Committee: Kempner/Sickler. Approved. Policy member ballots were distributed.*
 - c. PINs 5811.51, 5811.83 & 5811.84 Culvert Repair/Replacement – Cost and Schedule Changes – T. Trabold explained that the action essentially moved existing culverts projects (and their funding) to future years if there were any perceived ROW issues involved. The net change was \$1.98M worth of projects shifting from PINs 5811.51 & 5811.83 (FFY16) to PIN 5811.84 (FFY17). *Motion to recommend changes to PINs 5811.51, 5811.83, & 5811.84 to PCC as Administrative Modification #33: Buffamonte/Zakrzewski. Approved.*
 - d. PIN 5760.81 Niagara St, Porter Av to Ontario St – T. Trabold explained that \$5.840M of committed NHPP construction and inspection funds from the Statewide Capital Program were just made available for this project, therefore the let date could be advanced to FFY16. *Motion to approve the schedule change as Administrative Modification #35: Sickler/Kempner. Approved.*
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. Program Status
 - 1) *Pavement Maintenance Module: Status* – S. Szopinski gave a demonstration of the MS2 Pavement Management System module. He stated that the program once fully up and running should be able to replicate the information found in the Highway Condition Assessment Report produced by the GBNRTC. Along with that information the program will eventually be used as a means of calculating costs for varying maintenance programs. He agreed to provide members guidance on what user inputs can be customized such as pavement treatments and unit costs.
 - 2) *Safety Performance Measures* – H. Boggio reviewed the safety performance measures announced last year. He stated that NYSDOT had issued comments for USDOT to review. Starting in September 2016 the MPOs, in coordination with the state DOTs, have six months to support the targets or come up with their own planning targets.
 - 3) *Local Bridge Maintenance Program* – J. Buffamonte indicated NYSDOT was enthused with the response to their request for candidate submissions.
 - 4) *FFY 2015 FTA Apportionments* – D. Kempner reported the NFTA was still analyzing FTA FFY 2015 apportionments recently released. If transit program changes are needed they will be submitted at a future meeting.
 - b. Local Project Meeting Issues
 - 1) PIN 5759.87 Elk St Bridge Repairs – During the latest local project review the City of Buffalo expressed concern that design work on this project could not start until construction funds were moved onto the current TIP. NYSDOT agreed to look into the basis for that decision.
 - 2) PIN 5757.09 Lockport St – The City of Niagara Falls stated this project needs more money to start this project. They have already made scope changes to shorten the limits but there is still a shortage of funds.
 - 3) PIN 5758.28 Rt 265 over Cayuga Creek Bridge Repairs – See below.
 - 4) PIN 5758.29 Pine Av/Gill Creek Bridge Repairs – J. Buffamonte suggested they combine these two bridge repair projects (PIN 5758.28 & PIN 5758.29) and the money saved could make up the funding shortage on PIN 5757.09 Lockport St. NYSDOT will work Niagara Falls to resolve this.
4. Old Business – None
5. New Business
 - a. J. Buffamonte announced that local project agreements would now be handled by the planning group. He also stated they have a new method for tracking the progress of the agreements. Member agencies were asked to make sure their local match was secured before starting the agreement process.
6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday March 18, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Merlo. Approved.*

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Wednesday, March 18, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: K. O'Brien, P. Merlo, M. DeSantis, D. Kempner, J. Buffamonte, P. Gavin, R. Guarino, C. Sickler, H. Morse, T. Sheehan, H. Boggio, M. Grabau, K. Smith, K. Stilwell, and T. Trabold.

1. Approval of February 18, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Kempner/DeSantis. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. FFY 2015 FTA Apportionments – D. Kempner reported that part of the NFTA apportionment was removed and they are still working on a realignment of the program. Therefore there would not be an action for this meeting and he asked that the item be tabled. *Item has been tabled.*
 - b. PIN 5761.04 Erie County Shoreline Trail – P. Gavin stated that this item was being submitted to correct a mistake made on the original IPP. This change form would increase the PE by \$100K and decrease ROW, C & CI by a total of \$102K. *Motion to approve the change as Administrative Modification #36: Sickler/Merlo. Approved.*
 - c. Local Bridge Maintenance Program Status – P. Gavin discussed the latest local bridge program projects to be added to the TIP. He stated there were still some minor changes that needed to be made before the list goes out for public review. The group agreed that after the changes were made the list should be recommended to PCC to initiate public review. *Motion to recommend local bridge program list to PCC to initiate public review: Sickler/Merlo. Approved.*
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. Program Status
 - 1) Safety – H. Boggio gave a brief description of the performance measures used to determine the safety aspect of a project. He stated that the safety data showed a random pattern of accidents for the area.
 - 2) Bike/Ped – K. Smith discussed the Bike Level of Service update that will be performed this year after the pavement maintenance data has been updated
 - 3) Pavement Maintenance – K. Stilwell stated that the pavement data will be updated this year so there will be more current information available.
 - 4) Capacity – M. Grabau explained how the regional model could be used to evaluate capacity and LOS for the region.
 - 5) Air Quality – M. Grabau discussed the use of Mobile 6 vs MOVES for calculating emissions for the region. The region is currently in attainment but if air quality measurements are needed we could enlist the help of NYSDOT's main office to guide us through the process.
 - 6) Freight Movement – R. Guarino discussed the freight movement issue. He stated that data collection is getting better which has shown increases in freight movement for the region as a whole.
 - 7) Bridge Maintenance – R. Guarino stated that we would be able to get data from NYSDOT from the sufficiency rating book to help determine the overall condition of the bridges in the area.
4. Old Business
 - a. Local Projects Meetings Follow-up – T. Trabold discussed the new format that is being used for the local projects meetings summaries.
5. New Business
 - a. H. Morse asked how local agencies should go about applying for federal aid for eligible projects. He asked that the member agencies reach out to the locals to explain the procedure and answer any questions.
 - b. H. Morse discussed the upcoming TIGER grant program. The question was posed whether or not the previous application should be resubmitted or a new project should be presented. It was noted that the last application was lacking in showing the economic benefit the project would have on the area, making it less competitive nationwide.
6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday April 15, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Merlo/DeSantis. Approved.*

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Wednesday, April 15, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: K. O'Brien, P. Merlo, J. Buffamonte, R. Guarino, C. Sickler, H. Morse, T. Sheehan, K. Smith, K. Stilwell, J. Amplement, M. Finn, G. Bennett, R. Kahi, and T. Trabold.

Stakeholders: J. Bray.

1. Approval of March 18, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Sickler/Merlo. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. FFY 2015 FTA Apportionments –J. Amplement stated the NFTA was still working on the revisions and was not yet ready to present their item. Therefore there would not be an action for this meeting and he asked that the item be tabled. *Item has been tabled.*
 - b. PIN 5807.81, PIN 5807.88, & PIN 5812.56 Bridge Painting, Cleaning and Repairs– R. Kahi gave a brief description of each change request.
 - PIN 5807.81: Bridge Painting, Erie & Niagara Counties – Two (2) New Projects and Funding Transfer to Existing Project - Funding will be transferred from an existing funding block (5807.81) to create two new projects (5812.79 & 5812.81), as well as be added to a current project (5812.58) to offset its cost increase.
 - PIN 5812.56: General Bridge Repairs in Erie County – One (1) New Project 5812.80 - Funding will be transferred from an existing funding block (5812.56) to create project (5812.80).
 - PIN 5807.88: Bridge Cleaning @ Various Locations in Erie & Niagara Counties – One (1) New Project 5812.93 - Funding will be transferred from an existing funding block (5807.88) to create project (5812.93).*Motion to initiate public review for the four new projects as Amendment # 22: Kahi/Amplement. Approved.*
 - c. PIN 5268.48 Structural Bridge Replacement of Rt. 240 (Harlem Road) over Buffalo River and Pavement Rehabilitation of Rt 240 from Mineral Springs Road to Clinton Street – R. Kahi stated that this project replaced NHPP and HSIP funds with statewide FEMA Critical Bridges Over Water (CBOW) funds. A total of \$8.583M in NHPP and HSIP funds (federal share) were removed with a portion transferred to fund three rural projects and remaining funds used to offset negative STIP balance. *Motion to switch NHPP & HSIP funds to FEMA CBOW funds as Administrative Modification # 37: Kahi/Merlo. Approved.*
 - d. PIN 5934.02 Rail Crossings – R. Guarino explained that PIN 5934.02 will be accelerated from 10/16 to 9/15 and will need additional funding. \$45K of HSIP Rail funding from PIN 5934.00 will transfer was to PIN 5934.02. It was agreed that the remaining balance would stay under the original PIN 5934.00 for future use as needed. *Motion to approve funding transfer and let date change as Administrative Modification # 38: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved.*
 - e. Planning Grants – H. Morse introduced two planning grants to be used by NITTEC for traffic management and incident management on the I-190 and the Peace Bridge. *Motion to recommend to PCC to initiate public review: Merlo/Buffamonte. Approved.*
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. Current System Condition Analysis Update – R. Guarino presented a GIS-based location overlay map illustrating the various system conditions that staff had compiled to guide upcoming TIP project submissions.
4. Old Business
 - a. K. O'Brien asked if there was any new information about the bridge maintenance program. R. Guarino stated there was nothing new to report but there should be new updates soon.
5. New Business
 - a. T. Trabold discussed the Bicycle/Pedestrian Count Technology Pilot Program. He stated there will be an upcoming webinar on the types and cost of equipment that can be selected. It was noted that if a company using proprietary equipment and software is chosen that funding might not be available in later years to maintain that relationship.
 - b. T. Trabold gave a brief update on the 2015 construction season. He discussed the various projects on the list, explaining their current status.
 - c. H. Morse discussed the upcoming TIGER grant program. He stated that the pre-application was due in two weeks and the final application would be due sometime next month.
 - d. K. Stilwell announced that the next round of local projects meetings would be scheduled soon. She also noted the 2015 road scoring would be starting soon and local agencies would be contacted about setting up a schedule for that.
 - e. K. O'Brien discussed a webinar on road diets. The group discussed various locations where such things can or should have been done.
 - f. K. O'Brien asked about the new state budget that included \$750M for the bridge initiative program. R. Kahi stated that this was on the governor's list for the five year program. It was unknown at this time if this fund source is new money or existing funding.
6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday May 20, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Merlo/Buffamonte. Approved.*

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Wednesday, May 20, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: K. O'Brien, P. Merlo, M. DeSantis, J. Buffamonte, R. Guarino, C. Sickler, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, K. Stilwell, J. Amplement, M. Finn, G. Bennett, C. Renn, and T. Trabold.

Stakeholders: M. Leydecker.

1. Approval of April 15, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Zakrzewski/Sickler. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5758.25 Ohio Street Lift Bridge – M. Finn stated the design phase was underway with the consultant. However the design phase is short funding and they City of Buffalo wanted to transfer \$470K in construction money into the design phase to cover those costs. *Motion to transfer \$470K from construction phase to design phase as Administrative Modification # 39: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved.*
 - b. PIN 5760.55 Bridge Washing and Sealing – J. Buffamonte explained that this project did not have the correct fund source from the beginning and needed to be corrected. The request was to change the fund source to STP Flex. *Motion to change fund sources for part of C&CI as Administrative Modification # 40: Sickler/Amplement. Approved.*
 - c. PIN 5757.09 Lockport St Resurfacing Project – M. DeSantis stated that this project is underfunded. The City of Niagara Falls requested to transfer \$0.738M to this project from PIN 5758.28. C. Renn stated that \$0.250M will also be transferred from PIN 5758.28 to create the Rt. 384 over Cayuga Creek Bridge Repair Project. C Renn further stated that a cost increase of \$0.725M for PIN 5760.23 Local Bridge Maintenance Program SFY 16/17 would come out of the remainder of PIN 5758.28 and from PIN 5758.29. These two projects will be then be deleted as they no longer will have any funding and are no longer needed. *Motion to recommend to PCC for public review as TIP Amendment # 27: DeSantis/Buffamonte. Approved.*
 - d. Rt. 384 over Cayuga Creek Bridge Repair Project – See item 2c.
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. Schedule Review – R. Guarino discussed what has already been completed for the TIP update as well as current work activities. He then gave an overview of upcoming tasks including a timeline.
 - b. Funding Block Policy – R. Guarino addressed the need for a policy for dealing with creating and distributing funding blocks. H. Morse suggested the group create a formal document to describe the rules and regulations to be used by the members for funding blocks.
4. Old Business
 - a. Active Public Notices – R. Guarino informed the group that the projects approved by PCC for public review are currently out for public review. Only one comment was received in reference to the location of the Rt. 219 project.
5. New Business
 - a. K. O'Brien asked if there was any new information on the culvert issue. J. Buffamonte stated there was nothing new that he knew of but the member agencies could think about tagging existing projects for future lists.
6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday June 17, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: DeSantis/Finn. Approved.*

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Wednesday, June 17, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: R. Eakin, M. DeSantis, R. Guarino, C. Sickler, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, K. Stilwell, R. Kahi, K. Smith, and D. Kempner.

Stakeholders: M. Leydecker.

1. Approval of May 20, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Sickler/Kempner. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5807.99 Signal Replacement – R. Guarino explained that NYSDOT was requesting to change the funding source to entirely NHPP funds, freeing up the STP Flex funds for other uses. There was also a cost reduction after further review of the project needs and a let date change (Same FFY) to reflect the current schedule. *Motion to change federal funding sources as Administrative Modification # 41: Kahi/Zakrzewski. Approved.*
 - b. PIN 5580.47 I-290 over Parker Blvd – R. Guarino explained that NYSDOT wanted to merge PIN 5580.46 & PIN 5580.47 using PIN 5580.47 for both. There is also a funding source change due to the fact that CBI funds are no longer available to the region. The let date is also changing, but would remain in the same FFY. *Motion to merge projects and change fund sources as Administrative Modification # 42: Kempner/DeSantis. Approved.*
 - c. PIN 5T15.37 PMI-PAVT MAINT LET & VPP – R. Guarino discussed the pavement block fund split to create 12 new pavement maintenance projects for NYSDOT. A public review period would be necessary before these new projects can be approved by Policy. A map showing all project locations will soon be distributed to members. *Motion to recommend to PCC for public review as TIP Amendment # 28: Zakrzewski/Kempner. Approved.*
 - d. PIN 5812.50 Rt. 78, Terrace Blvd. to Geo Urban Blvd – R. Guarino explained a scope change for this project to include the removal of an abandoned CSXRR bridge over Rt. 78. Offsets for the price increase of this change will be provided by funds from additional PINs. The let date was moved to FFY17. *Motion to recommend to PCC for public review as TIP Amendment # 29: Sickler/Kempner. Approved.*
 - e. PIN 5760.88 Holland Sidewalk Connection – R. Guarino explained that this project is adding a ROW phase and the funds will come from the construction phase of the project. The let date has been changed to reflect this additional work but remains in the same FFY. *Motion to recommend to PCC for approval as TIP Administrative Modification # 43: Kahi/Zakrzewski. Approved.*
 - f. PIN5V15.47 Rt. 354, Two Rod Rd to Wyoming Co Ln – R. Guarino explained that this is a new pavement maintenance project brought in by NYSDOT. R. Kahi stated there is money available from the statewide Accelerated Pavement Program to fund this new project which will not count against regional allocations. *Motion to recommend to PCC for public review as TIP Amendment # 30: Kempner/Sickler. Approved.*
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. System Condition Cluster Analysis – K. Smith explained the various criteria used to create the cluster maps. R. Guarino stated that the information could possibly be used to help identify any areas that might require attention.
 - b. Review Delayed and Candidate Projects – R. Guarino discussed a list of local projects that had been delayed from the current TIP to the next TIP. The listing also included numerous projects listed as “candidates” for the next TIP which are desired projects that have been submitted by members since the current TIP was published.
4. Old Business
 - a. Rt. 384 over Cayuga Creek Bridge Repair Project – R. Guarino gave a brief status update for this project. He said that the public review is almost complete with no comments as of yet.
5. New Business
 - a. M. DeSantis asked when the next round of TAP would be. H. Morse stated it was on a two year cycle and this year’s candidates had been chosen already. It was also stated that member agencies could start putting together their own list of possible candidates for upcoming TAP awards.
 - b. H. Morse announced that the next PCC meeting would be held in Niagara County at the Public Safety Building.
6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday July 15, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/DeSantis. Approved.*

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Wednesday, July 15, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: M. Finn, J. Amplement, M. DeSantis, R. Guarino, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, K. Stilwell, R. Kahi, and K. Dixon.

1. Approval of June 17, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: DeSantis/Zakrzewski. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. FTA Section 5310 Project Recommendations – K. Dixon gave a status update on the project list for the Section 5310 program. She stated that 21 applications were submitted but only one did not get approved by the committee. Buffalo Car Share was ineligible since it is no longer in business. She explained the various criteria used to evaluate the applicants and their needs. *Motion to recommend to PCC for public review as TIP Amendment # 31: Kahi/DeSantis. Approved.*
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. Project Block Administrative Policy/Process – R. Guarino explained the need to clarify in writing the process used by member agencies for block funds. This will be added to the TIP document as a reference and to document the process. This procedure will ensure that all projects split from a block fund meet the intended purpose and criteria defined in the block. M. DeSantis asked if the money in the block fund for pavement preservation would include any Marcheselli funds. R. Kahi stated that the block fund money is strictly federal funds and that any NYSDOT funds would be added on after a project has been established from the block.
 - b. Local Pavement Preservation Block Creation – R. Guarino explained the process used to determine the size of a prospective local pavement preservation treatment block. The estimated cost is \$50K per center line mile for preserving each segment. R. Kahi suggested doing the same thing for roads that are less than a 5 to determine what the cost might be to fix those segments. Updated costs will be sent to the GBNRTC to be used to better fine tune this exercise.
4. Old Business
 - a. Status Reports
 - i. PIN 5761.44 Rt. 384, Bridge Repair, Funding Transfers, PIN Deletions – Public review is completed, recommended for Policy approval at 7/1/2015 PCC meeting.
 - ii. PIN 5T15.37 Pavement Maintenance Block Split into 12 New Projects – Public review is completed, awaiting approval at 8/5/2015 PCC meeting.
 - iii. PIN 5812.50 Rt. 78, Terrace Blvd to George Urban Blvd; Mill & Overlay – Public review will be completed 7/22/2015, awaiting approval at 8/5/2015 PCC meeting for recommendation to Policy for approval.
 - iv. PIN 5V15.47 – Rt. 354, Two Rod Rd to Wyoming Co Line; Mill & Overlay - Public review will be completed 7/22/2015, awaiting approval at 8/5/2015 PCC meeting for recommendation to Policy for approval.
 - v. Resolution 2015-11 – Public review will be completed 7/28/2015, comments have been noted, recommended for Policy approval at 7/1/2015 PCC meeting.
5. New Business
None.
6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday August 19, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/DeSantis. Approved.*

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MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, August 19, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: M. DeSantis, R. Guarino, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, K. Stilwell, J. Buffamonte, D. Kempner, R. Eakin, R. Kahi, and K. Smith.

Stakeholders: M. Leydecker

1. Approval of July 15, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Zakrzewski/DeSantis. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5470.22 Rt. 198 Scajaquada Expressway Corridor Reconstruction – J. Buffamonte explained that \$55K in matched NHPP ROW Incidental funds needed to be advanced from FFY 17 to FFY 15 in anticipation of construction being advanced. *Motion to approve as Administrative Modification # 44: Zakrzewski/Buffamonte. Approved.*
 - b. PIN 5811.09 Walden Av @ Central Av & PIN 5308.31 Rt 62 @ Sowles Rd – J. Buffamonte stated that PIN 5811.09 needed an additional \$159K of matched HSIP for ROW Acquisition. Funds will be transferred from PIN 5T15.52. Let date has slipped from FFY 15 to FFY 16. PIN 5308.31 also needed \$277K in matched HSIP funds for additional ROW Acquisition. Those funds will be transferred from PIN 5T15.52 and PIN 581106. Fiscal constraint is maintained on both projects. *Motion to approve as Administrative Modification # 46: DeSantis/Zakrzewski. Approved.*
 - c. PIN 5134.37 Rt. 5 @ Bayview Rd – J. Buffamonte described the new alignment for the section of Rt. 5 between Bayview Rd and the new road through the new FedEx facility. ROW is now needed therefore a ROW Acquisition phase must be added to the project. \$675K of matched HSIP for the ROWA phase will come from PINs 5T15.53 & 5811.06 and let date has been delayed from FFY 16 to FFY 17 to maintain fiscal constraint. *Motion to recommend to PCC as Administrative Modification # 48: Buffamonte/Kempner. Approved.*
 - d. PIN 5812.81 Bridge Painting @ Various Locations – J. Buffamonte stated that this project needed to adjust the fund sources between STP Flex and NHPP federal fund sources based on the eligibility of the selected bridges to be painted in this project. In addition, the overall cost of the project decreased by \$22K based on PS&E. *Motion to approve as Administrative Modification # 47: DeSantis/Buffamonte. Approved.*
 - e. NFTA FFY 2015 Obligation Date Changes – D. Kempner explained that the NFTA needed to return several project let dates back to FFY 2015 which were previously changed to FFY 16 in Amendment # 25 to comply with FTA regulations. *Motion to approve as Administrative Modification # 45: Buffamonte/DeSantis. Approved.*
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. Local Pavement Preservation Block Creation – R. Guarino presented a list of road segments that have remained a five or a six surface score for more eight or more years. He suggested that the cost of treating these segments can be used as an estimation of a sample block size. Updated costs still need to be sent to the GBNRTC to be used to better fine tune this exercise. R. Kahi added that all STP segments rated as a 5 should be included in the list and that truck percentages and AADTs should also be used when prioritizing candidate projects.
 - b. TIP Project Solicitation Update – R. Guarino discussed handouts containing the list of candidate TIP projects that are up for consideration for the next TIP. Member agencies were asked to review and decide what projects they want to keep, verify cost information and bring in any new projects for member consideration for September TPS.
 - c. Policy Committee Ballot Status – All the outstanding Policy Committee ballots have been returned and all have been approved. All resolutions and ballots have been sent to NYSDOT for Mr. Kaminski's signature.
 - d. Guidance Document – TIP Development Planning Targets – H. Morse discussed how other MPOs are approaching the new TIP without any guidance. MPOs from Texas are continuing to use the flat growth system for funding.
 - e. Road Scores – 2015 Data – The latest road score data is almost all collected for 2015. Once all the data is collected and input it will be uploaded to the new MS2 online program that will be used to evaluate the data for possible project determination.
4. Old Business
None.
5. New Business
None.
6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday September 16, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/DeSantis. Approved.*

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: M. DeSantis, R. Guarino, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, K. Stilwell, J. Buffamonte, J. Amplement, K. O'Brien, C. Sickler, R. Kahi, K. Dixon, M. Finn, and K. Smith.

Stakeholders: M. Leydecker

1. Approval of August 19, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Sickler/Zakrzewski. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
None.
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. TIP Guide Book Distribution – R. Guarino explained the basic outline of the guide book. It will be used as a reference for future TIP development.
 - b. TIP Project Solicitation Update – R. Guarino discussed the schedule for the next TIP. It included dates and deadlines for upcoming activities. He discussed what is needed for each project submission. There will be a review of all the projects submitted before making any final decisions. Several public meetings will be held in early 2016 and the final wrap up is scheduled for March 2016.
 - c. Candidate Project/System Condition Analysis – K. Smith explained the handout for the candidate selection analysis. There were two different maps for each local agency showing where candidate projects were located and where potential projects were located.
 - d. Local Pavement Preservation Block Creation – R. Guarino discussed the Road Scores of 5s and 6s again. He explained that the cost for fixing all of the 5s was prohibitively high. R. Kahi requested he now run an analysis on the history of 5s to see how long they were 5s before slipping to a 6.
 - e. Bridge Prioritization – R. Guarino explained that the Rochester MPO, the GTC, was helping us out by running an analysis on our local bridge data to help prioritize their repairs or rehab work. J. Buffamonte warned that this type of analysis and prioritization could cause problems if some agencies think it might lead to their bridge being closed permanently.
4. Old Business
None.
5. New Business
 - a. HSTP Update – K. Dixon presented the update for the new HSTP plan. The handout explained the federal requirements now called for. She expected the final draft to be ready by November for PCC to approve.
 - b. Local Projects Meetings Schedule – The next round of local project meetings will be scheduled soon. Everyone will be contacted by email to set up their meeting time.
6. Next Meeting – Due to a conflict with the third Wednesday of the month, the next TPS meeting will be moved to Wednesday October 28, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Finn. Approved.*

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 28, 2015
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: M. DeSantis, R. Guarino, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, J. Buffamonte, J. Amplement, K. O'Brien, C. Sickler, and M. Finn.

Stakeholders: M. Leydecker, J. Bray.

1. Approval of September 16, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Zakrzewski/Sickler. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5757.57 Niagara St/Two Mile Creek, Culvert Rehab – Additional \$349K (matched) is needed to complete the project which is currently under construction. This request increases Design, Construction & CI funding. The offset is being provided by PIN 581184 Large Culvert Replacements on Rts 60 & 186 in Cattaraugus & Chautauqua Counties, maintaining fiscal constraint. *Motion to approve as AdMod #50: Buffamonte/Zakrzewski. Approved.*
 - b. PIN 5760.85 Pendleton Recreational Pathways Expansion Project – This request is to add ROW acquisition (\$72K) and incidental (\$8K) phases for this project. The funds will be taken from the C/CI phase of the same project. The total cost of the project is unchanged, therefore fiscal constraint is maintained. Adding a new phase to an existing project requires this action to be approved by PCC. *Motion to recommend to PCC as AdMod #52: Buffamonte/O'Brien. Approved.*
 - c. PIN 5811.51 Large Culvert Repairs; PIN 5811.83 Large Culvert Repairs; PIN 5811.84 Large Culvert Replacement – This request is to make changes to 3 projects, as follows:
 - (1) PIN 581151 Large Culvert Replacements and Repairs on Rts 5, 20, 60, 240 & 249 – \$42K cost increase for ROW Acquisition, cost decrease for Design and adjustment to letting date (still to remain in FFY16)
 - (2) PIN 581183 Large Culvert Replacements and Repairs on Rts 18, 62, 93, 263, 324, & 429 – \$3.057 cost increase for C & CI and letting delay from FFY16 to FFY17
 - (3) PIN 581184 Large Culvert Replacements on Rts 60 & 186, Cattaraugus & Chautauqua Counties - remove ROW Acquisition funds, cost decrease for Design, cost decrease for C & CI, and, letting advance from FFY17 to FFY16. Project has a total decrease of \$3.099.Cost increases of first two projects are offset by decrease in the third. Fiscal Constraint maintained. Because C Costs increased by 51% for 5811.83 and decreased by 52% for 5811.84, This AdMod requires PCC approval. *Motion to recommend to PCC as AdMod #51: Buffamonte/Finn. Approved.*
 - d. PIN 5V16.42 VPP-NY 39, US 62 – NY 75 Town of Collins – completed prior to the overlay. Let date will be 6/16. Total construction cost is \$1.105M (\$0.884M STP Flex + \$0.221M State Match). Project costs will be offset by lowering Design funds in PIN 5T1540 (Pavement Maint; Let & VPP Block for SFY 17/18). Fiscal constraint is maintained. This is a new project but since it comes from an existing block, it can be approved by PCC. Project must have Federal Aid authorization by November 10th. To accomplish that, public review needed to begin October 21 and will run thru November 9. Project will be conditionally approved at November 4 PCC as Amendment #32 pending no further public comments. *Motion to initiate 20 day public review and recommend to PCC as Amendment #32: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved.*
 - e. PIN 5760.40 American Falls Bridge Replacement – This request is to add \$50K of matched federal STP Off-System Bridge funding to the design phase of this project. Offset is being provided by PIN 576023, Local Bridge Maintenance Program Block, maintaining fiscal constraint. As this project did not contain any federal funds previously it is considered a new project. *Motion to initiate 20 day public review and recommend to PCC as Amendment #33: DeSantis/Buffamonte. Approved.*
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. TIP Guide Book Distribution – R. Guarino explained the basic outline of the guide book. It will be used as a reference for future TIP development.
 - b. TIP Project Solicitation Update – R. Guarino discussed the schedule for the next TIP. It included dates and deadlines for upcoming activities. He discussed what is needed for each project submission. There will be a review of all the projects submitted before making any final decisions. Several public meetings will be held in early 2016 and the final wrap up is scheduled for March 2016.
 - c. Candidate Project/System Condition Analysis – K. Smith explained the handout for the candidate selection analysis. There were two different maps for each local agency showing where candidate projects were located and where potential projects were located.
 - d. Local Pavement Preservation Block Creation – R. Guarino discussed the Road Scores of 5s and 6s again. He explained that the cost for fixing all of the 5s was prohibitively high. R. Kahi requested he now run an analysis on the history of 5s to see how long they were 5s before slipping to a 6.
 - e. Bridge Prioritization – R. Guarino explained that the Rochester MPO, the GTC, was helping us out by running an analysis on our local bridge data to help prioritize their repairs or rehab work. J. Buffamonte warned that this type of analysis and prioritization could cause problems if some agencies think it might lead to their bridge being closed permanently.
4. Old Business – None.
5. New Business – None.
6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday November 18, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Sickler/Buffamonte. Approved.*

**TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: M. DeSantis, R. Guarino, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, J. Buffamonte, K. Stilwell, K. Smith, R. Kahi, K. O'Brien, C. Sickler, and M. Finn.

Stakeholders: M. Leydecker, J. Bray, D. Howard, B. Andrzejewski, R. Eakin, M.

1. Approval of October 28, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Sickler/Zakrzewski. Approved.*
2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - a. PIN 5812.86 PMI-NY 277; Chestnut Ridge Park Merge – This DOT project is a Mill & overlay of NY 277 from 0.32 miles south of Chestnut Ridge Park to Merge & NY 277/NY 240 from Merge to Elmhurst Drive. Work will include ADA improvements. This request is to increase C & CI costs by \$0.298M (includes state match) to match PS&E. Adjustment between STP Flex and HSIP fund sources is also needed. Offset will be provided by lowering C & CI funding in PIN 5809.52. *Motion to approve as Administrative Modification #53: Kahi/DeSantis. Approved.*
 - b. PIN 5308.30 Rt 62; Sy Rd to Bergholtz Creek – This request from DOT is to increase C \$0.347M & CI \$0.042 to match PS&E. Detailed Design & ROW Acquisition funding is being lowered to account for the needed increase in C & CI. *Motion to recommend to PCC as Administrative Modification #54: Zakrzewski/Finn. Approved.*
 - c. PIN 5111.92 Norfolk Southern RR Bridge over Rt 20 – This is a new project from DOT that will restore minimum vertical clearance of 14 feet under the bridge. Total construction cost is \$0.465M (\$0.372M federal NHPP + \$0.093M State Match). Fiscal constrain is maintained by transferring \$0.465 of matched Construction and Construction Inspection funds from PIN 5812.58 Bridge MBC & Preservation Program. Today's action would be to approve initiate a 20 day public review. As there is no PCC meeting in December, a PCC recommendation ballot will be sent out on Dec 7. *Motion to initiate 20 day public review and recommend to PCC as Amendment #34: Kahi/Sickler. Approved.*
 - d. PIN 5759.95 Stony Rd over Ellicott Creek Bridge Repairs – This Erie County request reduces the Design phase by \$0.228M and increases the Construction phase by \$0.228M. It changes the scope from a bridge repair project to a bridge replacement project. It changes the let date from 6/22/16 to 12/13/16, and finally it changes the fund source from STP Off System Bridge to STP LG Urban. *Motion to approve as Administrative Modification #55: Buffamonte/DeSantis. Approved.*
3. 2017-2021 TIP
 - a. TIP Project Proposal – Each member agency was given the chance to go over their project proposal list to the group. Each member gave brief descriptions of each project and explained its significance in including it in the next TIP. They were also asked to rank their top three priority projects.
 - b. Statewide Safety Projects Solicitation – The project proposals for safety projects are due in two weeks.
4. Old Business
 - a. PIN 5760.40 American Falls Bridge Replacement – Public Review Status – The public review period is almost finished. There has been one comment from the public to date to which a response was given.
 - b. GBNRTC Policy Meeting Agenda for December 11, 2015 – The agenda for the meeting will be emailed shortly. The meeting will be held in the Niagara Falls Conference and Event Center in Niagara Falls, NY.
5. New Business
 - a. TIGER VII Grant Announcement – The City of Buffalo received another TIGER Grant for an additional phase of the Cars on Main Street Project. This grant will cover the section of Main Street from Scott Street to Exchange Street.
6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday December 16, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Sickler/Buffamonte. Approved.*

**TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Attendees: M. DeSantis, R. Guarino, H. Morse, P. Zakrzewski, K. Stilwell, J. Amplement, P. Gavin, N. Peters, R. Kahi, K. O'Brien, C. Sickler, and M. Finn.

Stakeholders: M. Leydecker.

1. Approval of November 18, 2015 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Sickler/Zakrzewski. Approved.*
2. 2017-2021 TIP Discussion
 - a. TIP Project Proposals – R. Guarino discussed the various categories the funding would be broken up into. So far there has been no freight projects submitted due to the fact that there has never been a dedicated source of freight project funding before. Staff will be looking to the International Trade Gateway Organization for assistance in developing freight project proposals. As a State Freight Plan is still in the process of being completed, the first year of freight projects will be need to be from the defined Primary Freight Network. The local agencies were asked to fill in any gaps and prioritize their project lists for the next meeting to assist staff in project selection. NFTA long-term goals and their project selection process are being integrated into the TIP Guidebook.
 - b. Local Pavement Preservation Block – The members discussed how best to set up a block fund for paving projects. It was suggested that all preservation paving projects come from the block fund initially but some members preferred those projects to be stand-alone projects. The assumption was that the block fund would be in addition to already identified projects.
 - c. Statewide Safety Projects Solicitation – R. Kahi explained that there was money available in the state but very little has been programmed since most projects submitted were not meeting the guidelines required for funding.
3. Old Business
 - a. GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting December 11, 2015 – R. Guarino reviewed the completed action items that were approved at the Policy meeting on December 11, 2015.
 - b. TIGER Grant – The City of Buffalo received a TIGER Grant to complete another section of the Cars on Main Street Project for the southern end of Main Street (Exchange to Scott). The project was recommended to PCC and public review was initiated. *Motion to recommend to PCC and initiate 20-day public review as TIP Amendment #35: Finn/Kahi. Approved.*
4. New Business
 - a. 2016-2020 Surface Transportation Reauthorization – FAST Act – R. Guarino briefly discussed the new FAST Act legislation and a comprehensive analysis of the FAST Act by ARTBA was distributed to members. M. Leydecker stated that his Williamsville office would be hosting a webinar on Tuesday, December 22 that explains the new legislation. Program changes from the FAST Act are being integrated into the TIP Guidebook.
5. Next Meeting – Due to a conflict with the third Wednesday of the month, the next TPS meeting will be moved to Wednesday January 27, 2016 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. *Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Sickler. Approved.*