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Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Attendees	Agency
Kevin Geraghty, Chair	Chairman, Warren County Board of Supervisors
Ed Bartholomew	President, EDCWC
Frank Bonafide	RPPM, NYSDOT Region 1
Tracy Conlon	Trustee, Village of Fort Edward
John Strough	Supervisor, Town of Queensbury
Jeff Tennyson	Superintendent, Warren County Department of Public Works
Frank Thomas	Supervisor, Town of Stony Creek
Mike Valentine	Senior Planner, Saratoga County

A/GFTC Staff:

Aaron Frankenfeld

Kate Mance

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** - Chairman Geraghty called the meeting to order at 1:55. Staff advised that representation from all three counties and NYS allows for the declaration of a quorum of affected parties.
- 2. Visitors Issues** - No visitors present.
- 3. Committee Membership 2014-15** - Aaron noted the roster of A/GFTC committee members and staff (handout) and listed changes to official positions and voting membership to the Policy Committee for calendar year 2014:

Officers (two year term)

Chair - Kevin Geraghty, Chairman, Warren County B. of Supervisors

Vice-Chair - Mitch Suprenant, Supervisor, Town of Fort Edward

Secretary - Sam Zhou, Regional Director, NYSDOT Region 1

New Members for 2014

Paul Sausville - Chairman, Saratoga County Board of Supervisors

John Strough - Supervisor, Town of Queensbury

Frank Thomas - Supervisor, Town of Stony Creek

- 4. Completed and Ongoing Staff and Consultant Activities**
 - A. Summary of tasks** - Aaron reviewed the list of accomplishments and ongoing activities (handout).

- B. Approval of Public Participation Plan - Aaron reviewed the contents of the Public Participation Plan and noted changes to document approval procedures that would follow. **A motion was made to approve the Public Participation Plan.**

Moved by: John Strough **Seconded by:** Frank Thomas **Motion Carried**

- C. Approval of Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) - Aaron reviewed the CHSTP update, noting that it was largely an administrative update to account for changes to federal transportation policy in MAP-21. **A motion was made to approve the CHSTP.**

Moved by: Frank Bonafide **Seconded by:** Frank Thomas **Motion Carried**

5. Annual Work Program (UPWP)

- A. Summary of proposed program - Aaron reviewed the funding levels and content of the proposed 2014-15 Unified Planning Work Program (handout). Tasks and activities discussed in more detail included increased performance measurement requirements, the rural transportation mobility assessment, and the corridor study reassessments. Jeff Tennyson asked about the performance measurement requirements - what types of measures would be evaluated, and whether those would be tied to funding. It was noted that A/GFTC staff data collection responsibilities were likely to increase. John Strough asked if the mobility study would focus on developing areas in Moreau and Kingsbury; Aaron answered that the study would be targeted to more rural, outlying areas. Discussion ensued regarding the Exit 20 corridor, one of the corridors listed in the draft work program as a candidate for reassessment. John Strough noted private developers are willing to construct a portion of a new access road on the east side of Route 9, and that preliminary concepts have been discussed with the Town of Queensbury. The Town's next step is to approach the County leadership to determine potential levels of involvement or support. Aaron reiterated that A/GFTC is committed to working with the developers and municipal interests towards a solution.
- B. Approval of UPWP - **A motion was made to approve the UPWP.**

Moved by: Frank Bonafide **Seconded by:** Frank Thomas **Motion Carried**

- 6. Greater Glens Falls Transit Update** - Aaron called attention to the summary provided by GGFT (handout).

7. TIP

- A. Capital Project Updates (major developments since November 2013)
- 1) Warren County - Jeff Tennyson reported the following:
 - Hicks Road - anticipated completion by June 2014
 - Crane Mtn. Rd. - structure in place, completion in Spring 2014
 - Palisades Road - concurrence obtained on Final Design Report, letting in Summer 2014
 - Make the Connection projects to be constructed this summer, excluding West Brook MTC, which requires additional archaeological investigation
 - Valley Road - DPW is seeking federal concurrence for an alternative that would entail programming the replacement of a Town -owned structure for use as a detour, as opposed to constructing a temporary detour. Anticipated letting in September.
 - 2) Washington County - no report provided.

- 3) Saratoga County - Mike Valentine noted that the draft Exit 17 / Route 9 would require revisions. He also asked Frank Bonafide if the pavement markings on the recently completed section of Route 9 in the Village of South Glens Falls would be re-done, noting that the pavement markings were placed in late November and not all had adhered to the pavement. Frank said that he would look in to it.
- 4) City of Glens Falls - Ed Bartholomew reported that construction on Broad Street would begin soon, and that design work on Hudson Avenue would begin in 2015.
- 5) Town of Queensbury - John Strough reported that the Town is considering a zoning overlay zone for the Exit 18 corridor that may have traffic impacts that warrant some analysis. Construction on the Aviation Road / Dixon Road intersection will begin in April. The Town has completed tree removal on its own rather than use outside funding. Concerns about the Dix and Quaker intersection had been raised during the planning process for the South Queensbury Brownfield Opportunity Assessment. Aaron replied that signal retiming plan had been developed as part of the Queensbury Avenue connector road study and that that was awaiting implementation.
- 6) NYSDOT - Frank Bonafide reported that bids have been received for the DEC-owned section of Beach Road; winning bid was under the engineer's estimate. Substantial completion is expected prior to Memorial Day. Also, Sam Zhou has been officially appointed to the position of Regional Director. Kevin Geraghty noted some ongoing traffic related concerns in the Town of Warrensburg: congestion on Route 9 that will likely worsen with the new commercial development, and accommodation of left turns near the gazebo.

B. Funding Opportunities

- 1) Pavement and bridge preservation programs - Aaron reported that a workshop was held in January to discuss these programs. Solicitations are currently underway for pavement and bridge preservation project candidates - bridge program for 2014-15 is limited to bridge painting only; \$3.0M programmed, do not expect to receive this much in requests; pavement program - \$1.790 M, pavement repairs and thin single course overlays for federal aid eligible facilities; communities with eligible infrastructure should consider taking advantage of this program.
- 2) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - Aaron reported that eligibility includes on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, community improvement activities, including improving roadway safety in transportation rights-of-way and erosion control, and environmental mitigation activities. Participation in training webinars is required for applicants; two are scheduled for next week. Staff would send around links for those. Application deadline is June 11.
- 3) FTA 5310 - announcement of funding program is still pending. Additional details will be distributed once those are available.

8. NYSAMPO Issues - Aaron summarized the HTF briefing letter prepared by NYSAMPO staff, highlighting potential funding issues with highway trust fund (insolvency by fourth quarter if no congressional action is taken). Notices of proposed rulemakings are starting to be released; many of these will address performance measurement requirements included in MAP-21; impact on A/GFTC staff responsibilities could be significant; also unclear how well Preservation First programming strategy fits in with these.

9. Other Items - none

10. Next meeting and adjourn - Next meeting - October 15 - Meeting adjourned at 3:05.