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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE March 6, 2013

Attendees

Agency

Members and Participants

Frank Bonafide	RPPM, NYSDOT Region 1
Trace Conlon	Trustee, Village of Fort Edward
Kevin Geraghty	Chairman, Warren County Board of Supervisors
Kevin Hajos	Deputy Superintendent, Warren County DPW
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor, Town of Moreau
James Lindsay	Supervisor, Town of Kingsbury
Ron Montesi	Supervisor, Town of Queensbury
Scott Sopczyk	Director, GGFT
John Strough	Deputy Supervisor, Town of Queensbury
Mitch Suprenant	Supervisor, Town of Fort Edward
Steve Sweeney	Division Engineer, NYS Canal Corp.
Matt Traver	Mayor, Village of Fort Edward
Michael Valentine	Senior Planner, Saratoga County Planning
Sam Zhou	Regional Director, NYSDOT Region 1

Staff

Aaron Frankenfeld	A/GFTC
Kate Mance	A/GFTC
Monika Bulman	A/GFTC

Minutes of the Meeting

- 1. Welcome & Introductions** – Mitch Suprenant called the meeting to order at 1:34.
 - A. Committee representation update - Aaron, The new members of the committee were introduced.
- 2. Visitor Issues**
 - A. Warren County Safe and Quality Bicycling Organization - John Strough, (handouts). Mr. Strough commented on needed improvements to Route 9L to make it safe and attract bicycling. This year WCS&QBO hopes to attract Medalist Sports, a sporting events promoter based in Atlanta. This makes it essential that the portion of 9L from Lake George Village to Bay Road be re-constructed.
- 3. Administrative Items**
 - A. Resolution 13-1 approving Functional Classification changes - (Aaron) (handout) The new federal highway legislation (MAP 21) took effect October 1, 2012 and changed National Highway System eligibility for Principal Arterials A/GFTC was asked to review the federal aid-eligible highway network to see if there were candidates that were designated as Minor Arterials that should be designated as Principal Arterials. NYSDOT and A/GFTC staff conferred and the following candidates were advanced: NYS Route 9N in its entirety in Warren County, NYS Route 29 from the Saratoga County line eastward to the intersection of NYS Route 372 in the Village of Greenwich, and a section of US Route 9 bounded by NYS Route 149 in the Town of Queensbury to the south and by NYS Route 9N in the Town

of Lake George to the north. These roadways will be eligible for National Highway Performance Program funding pending approval of the resolution.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 13-1

MOVED BY: *Ron Montesi* SECONDED BY: *Sam Zhou* MOTION CARRIED

B. In-kind service rates update (handout) - (Aaron) MPO planning activities that are federally funded require a local match. Committee members are asked to complete the In-kind Service forms so an accurate accounting of time contributed can be documented.

4. Annual Work Program (handouts)

A. Completed and ongoing staff and consultant activities - Aaron went over the list of A/GFTC accomplishments for 2012-2013.

B. 2013-14 UPWP - Aaron, a summary of the draft work program, the basic financial tables and tasks was distributed to committee members prior to the meeting. The TAC approved the draft when it was presented to them in January. The public comment period closed on February 19. No public comments were received. The overall program amount is relatively level from the previous year despite having a new MPO in the state that will draw down from shared statewide funding allocations.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 13-2 the final 2013-2014 UPWP

MOVED BY: *Matt Traver* SECONDED BY: *James Lindsay* MOTION CARRIED

5. Greater Glens Falls Transit Update, Scott Sopczyk

Operations are doing well. A record-high in ridership occurred in 2012. Night service, including service to ACC, is under review. Consideration is being given to ID cards for full time students riding the bus. GGFT is gearing up for the summer season.

On the capital side: roof replacement on the building, purchasing four new small buses, updating the capital program for the TIP. No major expansion is expected.

Sam Zhou asked about the GGFT operating budget. Scott replied that it is \$1.7M.

Questions were asked regarding the possible rerouting on Route 4 during construction. Scott has spoken with the project engineer and they hope to keep two way traffic flowing.

6. TIP

A. Project Updates

1) Warren County, Kevin Hajos

Warren County has 18 open federal projects. Ten are bridge projects, three road projects, and five are Make the Connection projects.

There are only two projects that are authorized right now, Lanfear Road and Beach Road.

- Corinth Road still has a claim on eminent domain in court so the project cannot be closed out.
- Middleton Bridge over the Schroon River-working with the attorney general's office to see if the bridge can be moved north one mile on to land deemed as State Forest Preserve.

- Milton Street Bridge Project in Warrensburg is completed
 - Warrensburg Road and Grist Mill Road in Stony Creek, waiting on resolution of micropiles issues
 - Harrington Road over Mill Creek in Johnsbury is completed and closeout documentation is being progressed.
 - Beach Road, under construction, eastern segment of the project is for the most part completed, West Brook Culvert is also completed.
 - Alder Brook Bridge in Chester - waiting on Marchiselli approval to close out project
 - Hicks Road has design approval
 - Lanfear Road, all bids were rejected last year; project was put back out to bid
 - Crane Mountain, ROW proceeding will start soon
 - Valley Road, PE phase was authorized June 11
 - Blair Road over Mill Brook, just distributed RFPs
 - Palisades Rd, conducted additional geotechnical investigations
 - Make the Connection: West Mountain Road, 149 sidewalks, bike path and grade crossings, Cameron and Lawton Avenue bikeway connectors will be paved.
- 2) Washington County, a written report from DPW was given to Aaron
- CR 12, significant progress
 - CR 61 over Battenkill was been awarded
 - CR 16 over Halfway Brook, had a public information meeting and work is progressing
 - CR 10 over the Poultney and Whitehall (shared project with the state of Vermont), waiting for Vermont to initiate and take the lead
- 3) Saratoga County - no comments, interested in status of Route 9 project
- 4) NYSDOT, Frank Bonafide
- Rte 29 over Blackbridge in the Town of Salem was let on June 12 for replacement
 - Rte 4 in the Village of Hudson Falls should be starting up, contractor is on site getting ready to begin
 - Rte 9 Safety Project (see above), will be let tomorrow
 - 197 over the Hudson, August 15 letting
 - 4/149 intersection improvements in Fort Ann, October letting, are in the ROW phase
 - Rte 28N over the Upper Hudson River Railroad in the Town of Johnsbury , October letting
 - Two projects let together will be Rte 4 over the Champlain Canal in Whitehall and Clinton Street removal over the Canal (Theatre Bridge)
 - Beach Road, the section between the two Warren County pieces will be let this summer
- 5) Make the Connection Program awards, Aaron
This is a small set-aside we provide annually for small scale bicycle and pedestrian related improvements. This year we awarded two applicants: Town of Warrensburg-sidewalk improvements and

Washington County - extend sidewalks from Rte 4 to the Municipal Center campus in Fort Edward.

There are some leftover funds. A/GFTC was approached by DOT to consider using some of these funds for the sidewalk portion of the Safe Routes to School application in Warrensburg, allowing portions of that project to be put out to bid rather than have them completed by municipal forces. That discussion is ongoing.

B. Amendments and Modifications - Aaron, the Town of Putnam rail crossing project has been added to the TIP via an amendment that was previously processed.

C. 2014-19 Transportation Improvement Program, Frank Bonafide
1) Programming Direction and Targets - Slideshow
Frank outlined NYSDOT's Forward Four programming strategy and the implications of that strategy on the Region's Capital Program Update and the TIP that is being developed. The potential benefits of moving away from a worst-first repair and replace approach to bridge and pavement maintenance strategies were illustrated. Redefined federal funding eligibility, the new programming approach, and the 30% of certain programs that is set aside for competitive statewide solicitation and Commissioner's reserve will leave little available capital for major rehabilitation or replacement-type projects after FFY 13-14.

2) Schedule - (Aaron) The TIP is under development. We will have a draft out for public review in April.

Frank Bonafide (handout) announced the five projects that were advanced by Region 1 for consideration for the Strategic Transportation Enhancements Program, including the Route 9 Gateway project in Lake George.

Aaron acknowledged Region 1's effort to make this project selection process inclusive and collaborative.

7. Other Items

8. Next meeting and adjourn: The next meeting will be May 15.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:55