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Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

2:00 PM

Attendees	Agency
Brian Abare	Village of South Glens Falls DPW
Stu Baker	Town of Queensbury Community Development
Ed Bartholomew	EDC of Warren County
Frank Bonafide	NYS DOT Region 1
Rob Cherry	NYS DOT Region 1
Tracy Conlon	Trustee, Village of Fort Edward
Chris DeBolt	Washington County Planning Department
Christina Doughney	CHA
Ben Fischer	FHWA
Kevin Hajos	Warren County DPW
Robert Hansen	CME
Steve Haskins	Washington County DPW
Karen Hulihan	NYS DOT Region 1
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor, Town of Moreau
Wayne LaMothe	Warren County Planning Department
Fred Mastroianni	GPI
Joe Orlow	Mayor, Village of South Glens Falls
Chris Round	The Chazen Companies
Owen Shevlin	NYS DOT Region 1
Scott Sopczyk	Greater Glens Falls Transit
Scott Tracy	Washington County DPW
Mike Valentine	Saratoga County Planning Department
Ian Weibel	FHWA

A/GFTC Staff

Aaron Frankenfeld

Kate Mance

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Visitor Issues

3. UPWP

A. Completed / Ongoing Studies

- 1) Exit 17 Land Use study - Aaron reported that the study was adopted by the Policy Committee at its October meeting, and that the Town of Moreau had been encouraged to do the same.
- 2) On-call assistance projects
 - a. Jackson Heights ES (Aaron) - per our Public Involvement Policy, the TAC is to consider technical reports for approval technical reports following a public comment period. No public comments were received; the school's Principal has

since taken this study to the GF Board of Public Safety for consideration and implementation where the recommendations were favorably received. **A motion was made to approve the report as final.**

Moved by: Stu Baker

Seconded by: Kevin Hajos

Motion carried.

b. River Street Streetscaping Concept (Kate) - A concept plan was presented by Chazen in November, including a more detailed analysis for a one mile section from Judd Bridge west as well as more general set of recommendations for the remainder of the roadway. Based upon committee review, Chazen is revising the concepts in advance of public outreach and a Town Board meeting in mid-January.

- 3) EV Charging Station Network Identification (Kate) - Draft report was completed in September; goal was to provide information to municipalities that were interested in installing electric vehicle charging stations. Staff is looking for input on how to best present this information (interactive map, website, report). Report will be distributed along with an EV fact sheet expected from the New York State Association of MPOs additional municipal input will be sought at that time. Mike Valentine asked if private charging data could be acquired to inform potential usage. Kate offered that that data would be difficult to obtain. Wayne LaMothe asked if local EV registration is available; Kate replied that it is.
- 4) Regional crash data review (Kate) - primary analysis for Warren County is complete. Staff analysis capabilities are much greater than during previous efforts thanks to enhanced methodologies and data processing. Much like the EV network report, staff is looking for input on how to make the most of this information and will be reaching out to County DPW for input before expanding the effort to include Saratoga and Washington Counties.

B. 2015-16 Work Program Development

- 1) Funding levels and programming instructions, and
- 2) Project requests - Aaron reviewed a summary handout (attached) that included information on approximately level planning funding for the upcoming program year, state and federal emphasis areas potential formatting changes to the UPWP as suggested by NYSDOT's UPWP Handbook, and program requests received from municipalities, including several bicycle and pedestrian improvement concepts on Queensbury and Moreau. In addition, Ed Bartholomew noted in incoming request from the City of Glens Falls regarding the Murray Street connection to Pruyn's Island. Staff will prepare a draft UPWPW based on this information for committee consideration at the 1/21 meeting.

- C.** On-call contracts - Aaron reported that of the eight proposals received and evaluated by members of this committee, a clear top three of CME, RSG and CHA had emerged. All responding firms have been notified of the results.
- D.** Pavement scoring - As Aaron was reporting on the status of the annual pavement scoring project, Bob Hansen of CME delivered the report.

4. Transit

- A.** GGFT Update - Scott reported that, based upon the delivery and testing of new larger trolley, an option to purchase another has been exercised and both vehicles 2 larger trolleys will be in service

in 2015. A new overhead door was installed at the GGFT garage. Overall system ridership in 2014 was up about 25, noteworthy given a condensed summer tourist season.

5. TIP

- A. Bridge Preservation Analysis - Aaron - GPI has been retained to conduct this task; initial database development efforts were presented to the Counties and NYSDOT at a meeting on 12/3 using Warren County's work as a template; comments from the Counties are due back to GPI by the end of the month.
- B. Transportation Alternatives Program - The Crandall Park / YMCA / Fire Road / Kensington School proposal was among the four projects within Region 1 that were awarded TAP funding (480,000) ; Region One once again outperformed initial allocation estimates.
- C. Amendments and Modifications - Aaron referred to the handout summarizing the requested amendment from NYSDOT. Frank Bonafide reviewed the history of the project and the two statewide competitive solicitation awards that it had received. The project needs to be on the TIP prior to an anticipated March - April letting. Aaron stated that there was no impact upon previously programmed funds, and the request should be treated as an addition of a new project from regional setaside, allowing for TAC approval. **A motion was made to approve the requested amendment.**

Moved by: Wayne LaMothe

Seconded by: Stu Baker

Motion carried.

D. Project updates from sponsors

- 1) Warren County - Kevin Hajos reported the following:
 - Valley Road was on track for a March letting, consistent with the regional commitment list.
 - Blair Road was moving towards an April letting, also consistent with the regional commitment list.
 - Palisades Road bridge is stalled; necessary repairs now exceed what can be executed through element-specific work.
 - Make the Connection projects are anticipated to be completed by May 2015.
 - West Brook sidewalk requires a Phase 1 review; County will accomplish this with its own resources and not seek reimbursement.
 - Federal agreements for bridge preservation projects have been requested but not received from NYSDOT.
 - Pavement preservation projects will be designed in-house and constructed in August.
- 2) Washington County - Scott Tracy reported the following:
 - CR 16 opened on 11/25; demolition of the old structure will be completed this week.
 - CR 113 - pre-design meeting was held with GPI.
 - An agreement was in place to allow Saratoga County to lead the painting project for the Fenimore Bridge between Moreau and Hudson Falls.
- 3) Saratoga County - Preston Jenkins reported that the Town of Moreau had also approved the Exit 17 report.
- 4) City of Glens Falls - Ed Bartholomew reported the Broad Street was nearly complete (awaiting final installation of traffic signals), and that the draft design report for Hudson Avenue had been approved.

- 5) Town of Queensbury - Stu Baker reported that DOT had issued final inspection of the Aviation Road roundabout in October.
- 6) NYSDOT - Frank Bonafide reported on the following:
 - Harsh Winter program paving of NYS 9L has been complete; remaining section of 9L in Lake George likely to be incorporated into Gateway project
 - 372 between Greenwich and Cambridge has been resurfaced
 - NYS Route 28 over 13th Lake Brook is under construction
 - Route 9 over Trout Brook in Chester is in design

Chris DeBolt asked if the Region had received any input on a state budget surplus. Frank replied that no specific instruction had been given, but internal project lists were being prepared in anticipation. Ed Bartholomew suggested that A/GFTC staff take the lead on surveying its members regarding funding priorities. Aaron suggested that the starting point for a request for funding assistance be based upon unfunded or at-risk TIP projects. The committee concurred with this effort.

6. 2015 Meeting Calendar - Aaron called attention to the draft 2015 meeting calendar, asking for any revisions by 1/21.

5E . Bridge Funding Discussion - Aaron reported that within the last two weeks he had been made aware of an overprogramming issue with regards to STP Off System Bridge, the fund source that is used to fund work on locally owned bridges that do not carry or cross a federal aid eligible facility. That source is under a lot of stress based on the eligibility limitations for off system bridges that accompanied MAP 21. Projects that were believed to be STP-Flex eligible are no longer eligible. Local project sponsors have had agreements delayed by the Region in advance of additional discussions on how to deal with the shortage of funds. Discussion ensued. CR 113 in Washington County is an expensive project; the Region's first inclination was to allow that project to move forward. Warren County reiterated the importance of their projects. While it is not expected that we zero-out overprogramming, some progress needs to be made. Allowing local project sponsors to start design on projects is feasible, but that would start the clock on the ten year rule requiring ROW acquisition or construction to commence within 10 years of project initiation. It was agreed that A/GFTC staff would convene additional discussion between local project sponsors and DOT in advance of the next TAC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45.