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Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

1:00 PM

Attendees	Agency
Brian Abare	Village of South Glens Falls DPW
Stu Baker	Town of Queensbury Community Development
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
Steve Haskins	Washington County DPW
Wayne LaMothe	Warren County Planning Department
Scott Sopczyk	Greater Glens Falls Transit
Scott Tracy	Washington County DPW

A/GFTC Staff

Aaron Frankenfeld

Kate Mance

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** - meeting was called to order at 1:03.
- 2. Visitor Issues** - none
- 3. UPWP**
 - A. 2015-16 Work Program Development**
 - 1) Review of draft program - Aaron called the committee's attention to a handout summarizing the contents of the proposed UPWP. Funding is approximately level. All unprogrammed funds from previous work programs have been fully reprogrammed; no savings have been withheld. No suggested tasks were declined; all concepts submitted by committee members were included. Wayne LaMothe provided background information on the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Market Study Update task; that had not been discussed at the December meeting. The A/GFTC UPWP typically serves as a menu of options rather than an absolute schedule; there are more tasks included than what can be accomplished at current staffing levels. The UPWP is intentionally overprogrammed so that options are not exhausted throughout the year. Chris DeBolt asked if additional full time staff would be necessary to execute the program. Aaron noted that, if needed, staff could be added along with the requisite UPWP amendment during the year, but expressed concern about having a consistent workload year-round to justify a staff expansion. Scott Sopczyk suggested utilizing consultant contracts to deal with non-recurring program tasks.
 - 2) Approval to initiate public comment period.
A motion was made to approve the draft UPWP for public comment.
Moved by: Wayne LaMothe Second by: Stu Baker Motion Carried.

The public comment period for the UPWP will run through March 6, 2015. Approval of the UPWP will be on the agenda for the March 11, 2015 A/GFTC Policy Committee meeting.

4. TIP

- A. Bridge Preservation Analysis - Aaron - Committee comments on the draft application have been sent to GPI for their consideration. Aaron credited Ed Doughney at Warren County DPW for submitting a very thorough and thoughtful list of comments.
- B. Amendments and Modifications - outcome of bridge funding discussion - Aaron summarized the outcome of the meeting on January 14, 2015 that included NYSDOT, A/GFTC, and staff from all three counties. The A/GFTC TIP is carrying approximately \$10M in overprogramming towards the STP Off System Bridge fund source, which is not tenable from a program management or project delivery perspective. NYSDOT and A/GFTC staff made some recommendations to the counties that would allow for the continued implementation of the highest priority projects while deferring lesser priorities. While the funding source is still overprogrammed, the program deficit was reduced by over half and no municipality was asked to forego a major priority. Because amendments will be required for some of the project deferrals, staff will format all of the changes as a single amendment and circulate for TAC approval.
- C. Project updates from sponsors (new developments) - Washington County - Scott Tracy reported that CR 16 had its final inspection in December; contractor will return in the spring to complete topsoil and seeding work.

5. 2015 Meeting Calendar - Aaron asked if there were any known conflicts with the proposed dates on the draft meeting calendar. None were identified. Meeting times for the TAC will be 1:00. The committee agreed that it would be useful for staff to end out email appointments for the entire calendar.

6. Other Items - Wayne LaMothe noted that changes to the rail station in Corinth were under consideration, and the adjacent surface transportation system could be impacted by changes in utilization. Rail improvements are also being pursued; \$3.5M in improvements have been identified and funding assistance is needed. Rob Cherry reported that the Regional Director's Commitment List for the upcoming SFY was under development.

7. Adjourn -

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:55

Moved by: Wayne LaMothe

Second by: Frank Bonafide

Meeting adjourned.