



## Adirondack / Glens Falls Transportation Council

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A/GFTC TAC Minutes (draft)

January 13, 2016 10:00 AM

Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls

| Attendees          | Agency                                   |
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| Brian Abare        | Village of South Glens Falls DPW         |
| Stu Baker          | Town of Queensbury Community Development |
| Dan Barusch        | Town of Lake George Planning Department  |
| Ed Bartholomew     | EDC of Warren County                     |
| Rob Cherry         | NYS DOT Region 1                         |
| Christina Doughney | CHA                                      |
| Ed Doughney        | Warren County DPW                        |
| Douglas Frost      | Village of Lake George                   |
| Robert Hansen      | CME                                      |
| Steve Haskins      | Washington County DPW                    |
| Maiken Holmes      | Warren County DPW                        |
| Tom Johnson        | The Chazen Companies                     |
| Wayne LaMothe      | Warren County Planning Department        |
| Laura Oswald       | Washington County Planning               |
| Dan Rourke         | Barton and Loguiduce                     |
| Scott Sopczyk      | GGFT                                     |
| Jeff Tennyson      | Warren County DPW                        |
| Mike Valentine     | Saratoga County Planning                 |
| Greg Wichser       | NYS DOT Region 1                         |

### Staff

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Aaron Frankenfeld

Kate Mance

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** - the meeting began at 10:00.
- 2. Visitors Issues** - none
- 3. Administrative Items**
  - A. Committee membership update - Aaron listed the new Policy Committee membership from Moreau, Kingsbury, Saratoga County, Warren County, and Washington County. Committee assignments from the Washington County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to A/GFTC have yet to be determined.
  - B. Proposed meeting calendar - Aaron reviewed a proposed calendar of TAC and Policy Committee meetings. All meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays; start times could vary for PC meetings but TAC meetings will begin at 10:00 AM.
- 4. Transit**
  - A. GGFT Update - Scott Sopczyk reported that GGFT ridership for 2015 was the highest annual total in the history of the system, up 10.2 % from the previous year. Ridership increases are partially attributable to greater utilization by SUNY Adirondack students and a healthy tourism season. Capital projects to rebuild some

of the bus engines and to convert the GGFT facility heating system from oil to natural gas are complete.

## 5. UPWP

- A. 2015-16 Work Program activities (developments since last meeting)
- 1) Dix Avenue reassessment - Kate reported that the study committee met on 12/16 to review data collection results. 2015 traffic volumes were not as high as had been anticipated within the 2000 study. That will result in changes to the recommendations that will be carried in the draft report; that report is expected by the end of January.
  - 2) CR 21 / CR 18 Intersection Analysis - Kate reported that the study is complete. Safety issues appear to be related to poor stop compliance. Recommendations are to continue to monitor the crash data for the location and consider implementing incremental improvements, such as additional signing, flashing beacons, and rumble stripes, as warranted.
  - 3) White Creek Watershed Infrastructure Assessment - Aaron reported that Fitzgerald Environmental Associates was under contract and had begun the data collection and the hydrology analysis. A meeting has been scheduled with the Salem Flood Committee for January 22. Project is on schedule for completion by 5/1/16.
  - 4) Exit 18 rezoning - Aaron reported that the technical work from CHA was complete. A draft report is under review by Town and A/GFTC staff, as well as by Warren County DPW and NYSDOT R1 staff. Comments are due to A/GFTC by 1/22. CHA will meet with owners of large land parcels in the area (early February targeted) and finalize the study once comments are received. Wayne LaMothe requested that the draft materials be sent to him.
- B. 2016 / 2017 Work Program outline -
- 1) Review - Aaron reviewed the outline of the draft work program. Incoming new funds from FHWA and FTA were unchanged from last year's amended figures, but the amount of the released carryover has increased., resulting in a larger proposed program. Federal agencies have encouraged efforts to spend down carryovers but not necessarily to eliminate them entirely. During the group discussion it was determined that the Counties have interest in A/GFTC assistance in collecting traffic count data, a portion of the Local Transportation Engineering and Planning Assistance program could be reserved for a solicitation process, and that a proposed Route 9 corridor study should extend northward to the intersection of Round Pond Road.
  - 2) Consideration of Release for Public Comment - A motion was made to release the draft UPWP (once it is complete) for a public review period.

**Moved by: Wayne LaMothe**

**Seconded by: Stu Baker**

**Motion Carried**

## 6.TIP

- A. Amendments and Modifications - Proposed administrative modifications for CR 31 in Moreau and CR 113 in Greenwich were discussed. Neither will require committee action.
- B. Project updates from sponsors - (developments since last meeting)
- Warren County - no new developments
  - Washington County - (Steve Haskins) - Fenimore Bridge painting project is complete, construction close-out ongoing.

- Saratoga County - no new developments.
- City of Glens Falls - (Ed Bartholomew) reported that consultant selection for the Fire Road project was underway.
- Town of Queensbury - no new developments.
- NYSDOT - no new project developments. Rob Cherry reported that Rosemary Powers, Chief Operating Officer, had left NYSDOT.

C. TIP Development Update -

- 1) Local project canvass results - Aaron summarized the projects that have been identified by local sponsors as a result of the limited solicitation, totaling \$37.4M. Approximately \$21M over 5 years is available for programming. The preservation target is still unclear. Greg Wichser noted that it appears as though sufficient flexibility is available to entertain the requested renewal projects provided that the total of those projects does not exceed the total of the planning targets. County sponsors noted that project roster were prepared with the assumption of a preservation mandate; should that mandate be eliminated, the project rosters would change. The committee agreed to request the exchange of NHPP allocations for STP off-system bridge funds. Some of the projects will have to be programmed in the post-TIP period due to insufficient funds.
- 2) Next steps - Aaron said that a subcommittee of local project sponsors and NYSDOT will review the requested program elements against available planning targets and develop a draft TIP that will be shared with the TAC at the April 20 meeting,

**7. Other Items** - Ed Bartholomew announced that the Lt. Governor will be outlining the Governor's budget proposal tomorrow at 10:30 at Crandall Library. Wayne LaMothe reported that a Department of State grant awarded to Warren County the IBI Group will be for a feasibility study of passenger rail improvements between North Creek and Rensselaer station will be conducted by the IBI Group.

**8. Next meeting / adjourn** - The next meeting will be scheduled for April 20 at 10:00 AM. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:42.

**Moved by: Wayne LaMothe**

**Seconded by: Ed Doughney**

**Meeting adjourned.**