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A/GFTC TAC Minutes

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 10:00 AM

Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls

Attendees	Representing
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
Lorenzo DiStefano	MYSDOT Region 1
Christina Doughney	CHA
Ed Doughney	Warren County DPW
Ben Fischer	Federal Highway Administration
Steve Godlewski	Creighton Manning Engineering
Steve Haskins	Washington County DPW
Maiken Holmes	Warren County DPW
Karen Hulihan	NYS DOT Region 1
Tom Johnson	The Chazen Companies
Wayne LaMothe	Warren County Planning
Gautam Mani	Federal Highway Administration
Fred Mastroianni	Greenman-Pedersen Inc.
Laura Oswald	Washington County Economic Development
Caroline Ross	Saratoga County Planning
Dan Rourke	Barton and Loguidice
Scott Sopczyk	GGFT
Mike Valentine	Saratoga County Planning
Greg Wichser	NYS DOT Region 1

Staff

Aaron Frankenfeld	A/GFTC
Kate Mance	A/GFTC

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. **Visitors Issues** - Ben Fischer of FHWA introduced Gautam Mani, the new Community Planner assigned to A/GFTC.

3. Transit

- A. GGFT Update - Scott Sopczyk reported that the purchase of three new replacement trolleys was moving forward.
- B. Rural mobility analysis - status of proposal review - Aaron reported the following:

- four proposals were received for the project
- proposal review identified team of Steadman Hill Consulting, CME, Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning, and Robin Way as the preferred candidate based upon the proposals; also, consultant met target cost of \$40,000.
- Interview will be conducted at 1:00 today; assuming all goes well, contract will be initiated; TAC members are welcome to attend, particularly those that have experience dealing with rural issues
- Still need NYSDOT approval before contract can be offered, but not anticipating any problems - MO has been very responsive to questions regarding FTA procurement issues
- work on the project is set to begin in September

4. UPWP

- A. White Creek Watershed Infrastructure Assessment - (Aaron)
 - TAC comment period was run concurrently with public comment period
 - FEA incorporated comments as reasonable into revised final, which is on the website now
 - Following public meeting for the study in Salem, subsequent Town meetings have resulted in the public demand to implement some of the alternatives in the report, notably requesting removal of the Archibald Street bridge deck
 - Waiting for Policy Committee ballots to approve the document as final; (ballots received from Chairman Henke, Supervisor Strough, Mayor Blais, Regional Director Sam Zhou,, and Supervisor Thomas) those ballots were requested back to staff by 7/29
- B. Dix Avenue Corridor Study Update - (Kate)
 - Project has been closed out; study update has been approved by the Policy Committee
- C. Aviation Road - QUFSD access study - (Aaron)
 - Barton and Loguidice was selected to conduct the study; Dan Rourke is the project manager
 - Draft interim report completed, summarizing the analysis network, queuing and LOS conditions, and crash analysis
 - Initial understanding was that we were being asked to evaluate a proposed access plan from the school; as it turns out, the school is looking to our consultant to formulate some recommendations rather than react to a plan
 - Initial work confirms some safety and operations issues - main intersection is LOS E/D AM-PM peak, a few local approaches are at LOS E; Burke Drive and main entrance exceed statewide expected rates for crashes
 - Draft has been circulated to the Study Advisory Committee for review; comments are due back to me by the end of the week (7/29)
 - Next step is to formulate draft recommendations for access patterns

Mike Valentine asked if there was any impact to the project budget given the change in scope. Aaron and Dan answered that there was not.

D. Traffic Count Program - (Kate)

- Working to coordinate A/GFTC count program so as to not overlap NYSDOT efforts
- NYSDOT updates counts on the local FA network on a three-year cycle
- Count program RFPs have been sampled from other NYS MPOs
- Need to engage County DsPW to determine gaps and needs
- Also need to determine if program is to include Saratoga County highways
- RFP to be developed in fall 2016 to allow contractor to mobilize in spring 2017

Rob Cherry asked about QA responsibilities. Kate replied that there were different models for and that responsibility was to be determined

E. Bicycle Map reprint - (Kate)

- A/GFTC's stock of regional bicycle maps is nearly depleted
- Map has been revised to include Rush Pond Way in Queensbury
- 10,000 copies will be ordered

Wayne LaMothe asked if the Ski Bowl MTB trails will be included on the map. Aaron and Kate responded that they are not; it is staff's belief that there are significant differences between Rush Pond Way and MTB trails at Ski Bowl and Gurney Lane that warrant different classification, and that the A/GFTC map is focused on depicted facilities that have end-to-end connectivity.

5. TIP

A. 2014-18 TIP

1) Amendments and Modifications (Aaron)

- limited activity on the current TIP since the new TIP was approved by the Policy Committee in June
- a few adjustments have been made to the transit program to enable GGFT to apply for FTA grants (preventative maintenance, hybrid module replacement , purchase of 3 trolleys)

2) Project updates from sponsors (developments since last meeting)

- Warren County - (Ed Doughney)
 - Blair Road bridge replacement project is complete; 7/5 walkthrough
 - County Route 44 bridge painting - PS&E within the next few days; targeting a 9/5 project letting
 - CR 13 and 31 bridge painting - bid documents are out; targeting a 9/17 letting
 - County Routes 17, 52, and 59 pavement preservation project is complete
 - West Mountain Road pavement preservation - PS&E underway; letting before October

- Bay Road pavement preservation - to be let in late fall, construction next spring
 - Washington County - (Steve Haskins)
 - Public meeting held for CR 113; not well attended; working towards CY 2017 construction
 - CR 10 - DPW and VTrans are both working on cultural resource issues on either side of the bridge
 - Center Falls and Lower Turnpike painting projects are awaiting NYSDOT design approval
 - NYSDOT - (Frank Bonafide)
 - The NHPP for Off System Bridge funding swap has been approved
 - Work to begin soon on Exit 18 rest area
 - Discussions ongoing for NYS 9N pavement repair project; hoping to group project with Northway paving project to receive better bid
 - The MOU listing elements of the State's transportation plan has been signed; there are differences between the MPO's TIPs and the project listing that will be resolved, including one supplemental project in A/GFTC area
- 3) Pavement Preservation Program recommendations - (Aaron)
- Applications were due June 10
 - 7 project applications were received, totaling \$4.621M requested (\$1.3M available)
 - Review committee representing Queensbury, Washington County, Saratoga County, NYSDOT and A/GFTC was assembled and met on 7/20 to review the applications
 - After consideration, committee decided on four projects:
 - Washington County Route 75 (Boulevard, County Line to Route 4, 1.06 miles), \$0.630M
 - Saratoga County Route 27 (Bluebird Road, Route 32 to County 28, 1.22 miles), \$0.574M
 - Sanford Street, Glens Falls (9L to City Line .66 miles), \$0.402M
 - Partial funding awarded to Warren County Route 23 (Gurney Lane Road) at \$0.155M; County has declined (ownership issues, scale of individual small project administration not justified by award)
 - Washington County Route 40 (\$0.187M, .5 miles) could be jointly administered with County Route 75 should the County choose to accept it; Steve Haskins has confirmed that it would
 - NYSDOT Region 1 has confirmed that the additional funds necessary to program these four projects can be reassigned from the 2018-19 setaside
 - TAC action required to program projects from regional setasides

A motion was made to program the four projects from the 2016-17 and 2018-19 pavement preservation program setasides.

Moved by: Wayne LaMothe Seconded by: Mike Valentine Motion carried.

- 4) 5310 FTA - (Kate)
 - A/GFTC-area projects prescreened by NYSDOT projects were received this morning after some delay
 - Applications will be distributed to review committee
 - Laura Oswald asked if this was a good fit for ongoing EOC efforts headed by Claire Murphy; Kate responded that the better avenue might be the rural mobility study noted previously
 - Mike Valentine asked about distribution of program notification. Kate replied that the State contacts previous applicants and A/GFTC follows up with its Coordinated Human Services Transportation Committee, PC, and TAC
- 5) Transportation Alternatives Program - Aaron noted that there was no word yet from NYSDOT MO on solicitation timing, Frank added that MO was working on program instructions and was attempting to move towards a two-year alternating solicitation cycle.
- 6) Bridge NY - Aaron noted that the program solicitation sent to A/GFTC was distributed to committee members with a September 9 application deadline. Frank added that culverts eligible but, in response to a staff question, new bridges where there currently are none are not.
- B. 2016-2021 TIP Development Update - Aaron
 - new TIP approved in June
 - NYSDOT R1 staff has entered the data from the TIP into the STIP
 - A/GFTC staff has reviewed the draft STIP and provided a letter to NYSDOT acknowledging that the contents of the TIP are included in the STIP
6. **Other Items** - Wayne LaMothe stated that the economic impact study of a potential service extension between the Saratoga North Creek Railroad and the Rensselaer train station led by the IBI Group has experienced some delay attributable to a lack of responsiveness from CP Rail staff. Frank noted similar experiences, possibly related to local staff retirements.
7. **Next Meeting and Adjourn** - the next meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 10:00.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 AM.

Moved by: Wayne LaMothe Seconded by: Laura Oswald Meeting adjourned.