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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE A/GFTC TAC April 14, 2010

Attendees

Members

Stu Baker

Mike Fiorillo

Willy Grimmke

Preston Jenkins

Bob Hansen

William Lamy

Jim Lindsay

Scott Sopczyk

Mike Valentine

Agency

Town of Queensbury

Village of Hudson Falls DPW

Washington County DPW

Town of Moreau

NYS DOT-Region 1

Warren County DPW

Town of Kingsbury

Greater Glens Falls Transit

Saratoga County Planning Department

Others

Mary Anne Mariotti

Peter Faith

Jeff Tennyson

John Wheatley

NYS DOT-Region 1

GPI

Warren County DPW

EDC of Warren County

Staff

Aaron Frankenfeld

Sarah Gebbie-Measeck

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Minutes of the Meeting

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – TAC Chair Willy Grimmke brought the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
2. **Visitor Issues** - None
3. **Administrative Items**
 - A. Self –Certification - Aaron – the draft Self-Certification was made available for committee review on the A/GFTC website. It is required as part of the TIP process. A motion was made to approve the Self-Certification for Policy Committee consideration.
MOVED BY: Mike Valentine SECONDED BY: Scott Sopczyk MOTION CARRIED
 - B. Long Range Plan – Aaron – A/GFTC received FTA and FHWA approval on the LRP's conformity designation. The LRP is now officially completed and approved.
4. **UPWP**
 - A. Consultant / Staff Activities
 - 1) Travel Demand Modeling – Aaron – A RFP was put out to upgrade and provide a more user friendly modeling program for the office. Warner Transportation Consulting was chosen as the consultant. There is a possibility that the office will migrate away from VISUM and to TransCAD. Bob Hansen asked if TransCAD data can easily be input into VISUM. It is assumed that the data can be interchanged.
 - 2) GIS Services / Website updates – Sarah – Fountain Spatial has created a TIP Project Viewer that is now available on the website under the Projects tab. It will be updated as the TIP is updated. A similar Google Map-based application will be created for our Traffic Counts data. Fountain Spatial also created a Transit

Ridership Application that we are testing the last bugs out of now. This will also evolve into a Pavement Scoring Application that the staff will use for local roads in the Federal Aid Eligible road network. There is potential to score other roads as requested. A/GFTC also recently revamped its current website, which includes hosting the Greater Glens Falls Transit website. It is hoped this will give GGFT more visibility and ability to post updated schedules and data as needed.

3) iPoolNorth – Sarah – iPoolNorth will have its one year anniversary on Earth Day, April 22nd. We will be challenging current iPoolNorth users to make one transportation difference during the week of Earth Day and pushing the message of iPoolNorth and the challenge to the public through the media. Mike Valentine suggested we take this message to the school districts and let children take the message home to their parents as well.

4) Local Traffic Engineering Assistance Program

- a. Lake George Gateway Corridor – Aaron – the two school studies in Glens Falls are done. There is currently a solicitation out for the Lake George Gateway Corridor Plan. Responses are due today.
- b. Solicitation – Aaron - Discussion ensued regarding taking on projects first come/first serve or soliciting for projects and then ranking them against each other. Aaron was concerned since the limit was raised to \$20,000 and local match was no longer required that we would be overwhelmed with projects, but the Lake George Gateway Corridor is the only one we've received so far. It was decided to stay with the first come/first serve idea.

B. Transit

1) GGFT Update – Scott – A few of the TDP recommendations have been implemented, including adding a midday run on Route 2 and extending Route 19 to the Village of Lake George more frequently. Will wait to implement other TDP recommendations until the State budget finalizes. The ARRA projects are proving difficult and tedious given the amount of money received. The smaller projects are taking longer than anticipated.

2) JARC and New Freedom solicitation – Aaron – DOT issued a solicitation for JARC (Job Access Reverse Commute) and New Freedom funds. If there are no proposals received from small urban areas, DOT will open up the solicitation to rural areas. Mike Valentine asked for an explanation of the programs. A/GFTC had awarded the full JARC allocation to GGFT in 2009. GGFT opted to not pursue the reimbursement award due to the administrative requirements attached to the funding and not being able to meet those requirements while also undertaking ARRA requirements.

3) NX Connector – Aaron – A/GFTC staff surveyed NX riders for feasibility of connecting the NX and GGFT Route 5 trips. A minimum number of positive responses were identified that would make the connection worthwhile. Discussion ensued about NX and transit services on the Northway.

5. TIP

A. Project Updates

1) Warren County – Jeff – Corinth Rd. is underway and the detour had to be implemented earlier than anticipated. Woolen Mill bridge will be demolished next week. The area near Tannery Rd bridge has been cleared for a temporary bridge. Bids have been received on the Alder Brook bridge. Contracts are being finalized on the Stimulus 1R paving projects (Glenwood Avenue and Corinth Road west of the Northway). Beach Rd is still in design and held up by DEC's indecision on the cost sharing agreement. DEC owns approximately 39% of the roadway and therefore 39% of the project costs. If DEC backs out of the project that portion of the project will not get done and therefore the project cost will decrease. Jeff asked if that funding will stay in the MPO or not - Aaron responded that that 39% was not necessarily programmed into the current TIP.

2) Washington County – Willy – The 1Rs went to bid and were awarded. The major drainage on the Whitehall bridges have been done. The Clinton Street bridge has been demolished. County Route 61 will have a design report in June or July. Working on incorporating the Lower Turnpike bridge into the project design report for County Route 12. Trying to get the demolition for Dewey's Bridge funded. County Route 10 is waiting for DOT's response on the project scope.

3) Saratoga County – Preston – The safety project at Route 9 and Spier Falls Rd is planned for a December completion. The lights were changed at the Route 9 and 197 intersection allowing for protected SB left turn phase. Traffic tickets have been issued and the population is starting to adjust their behavior, therefore making a safer intersection.

4) NYSDOT – Bob – The Department is on a week-to-week budget. All projects except the Crown Point bridge have been pushed to a April 29th letting date. Crown Point bridge is scheduled to be led on 4/15/10. DOT is paying ARRA and CHIPs bills, but holding payment on all other bills.

- B. Amendments and Modifications – Aaron – no new TIP amendments, but gave a list of the amendments that have been added since 1/1/10.
- I-87 resurfacing was extended to exit 24
 - South Street earmark added
 - Funds were added to the Alder Brook project
 - Right of Way was added to Beach Rd project
- C. Draft 2010-2015 TIP
- 1) Draft Roster of Projects – Aaron – although this our smallest program since 2003, this draft program prepared in conjunction with Region 1 staff and based upon the results of our Project Prioritization meeting addresses a number of substantial transportation needs.
- a. Review / Questions – Scott asked if JARC and New Freedom needed to be on the TIP. Aaron will look into that. Jeff pointed out that there was an oversight with not carrying over a previous project into this TIP. Middleton bridge was on the last TIP. It needs to be relocated on a trout stream, which is expensive and requires adhering to DEC regulations. There is a fair amount of funding flexibility that we will be able to put it on this TIP. Aaron will need the schedule from Warren County ASAP to put it on this TIP. Discussion about Harrington Rd bridge also came up. It was in the last TIP but not on this TIP. Aaron was under the impression that Warren County was going to obligate that during this TIP period. Warren County will get federal authorization by October 1st in order to finish it during this TIP period. Mike asked if \$1 million is enough for the bike/ped set aside. Aaron pointed out that we are moving from \$500,000 to \$1 million over a five year period by changing from two solicitations of \$250,000 to annual solicitations of \$200,000.
 - b. Illustrative Projects – Aaron noted that we can identify program needs in the TIP narrative, such as Exit 20 and functionally obsolete structures. We should also add in the TIP narrative the projects that were submitted for this TIP but were not able to be accommodated due to lack of funding.
 - c. Approval for Public Comment – Aaron hopes that this document will lend itself to public review more so than previous formats. Discussion ensued regarding the adequacy of time following the comment period to meaningfully address any public comment.

- d. Schedule – Aaron – TIP needs to be in Main Office by May 29th. There is discussion that NYMTC will be unable to meet that deadline, so if we are a few days late (for example, if public comment generates the need for significant revisions) we won't be holding up the STIP. A motion was made to accept the 2010-2015 TIP with changes made as discussed.

MOVED BY: *Jim Lindsay* **SECONDED BY:** *Bob Hansen* **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Other Items - None

- 7. Next meeting schedule and adjourn** – Aaron – Next TAC meeting will be planned for late June. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED BY: *Jim Lindsay* **SECONDED BY:** *Stu Baker* **MOTION CARRIED**