



# Adirondack / Glens Falls Transportation Council

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE A/GFTC TAC February 28, 2007**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>
<b>Members</b>			
Blanche Alter	Town of Queensbury	761-8221	745-4437
Michael Fiorillo	Village of Hudson Falls	747-4544	747-5597
Mark Galough	Washington Cty.Planning	746-2290	
Willy Grimmke	Washington County DPW	746-2440	746-2441
Tom Kearney	FHWA-NY	431-4125	431-4121
Wayne LaMothe	Warren County Planning	761-6410	761-6411
William Lamy	Warren County DPW	761-6556	623-2772
Mayor Bob Phinney	South Glens Falls	793-1455	793-3063
David Rettig	NYS DOT	388-0456	388-0430
Scott Sopczyk	GGFT	792-1086	792-7952
Mike Valentine	Saratoga County Planning	884-4705	884-4780
Walter Young	LCLGRP	668-5773	668-5774
<b>Others</b>			
Lee Ecker	Clough Harbour & Assoc	453-3984	
Len Fosbrook	EDC Warren County	761-6007	761-9053
Larry Mulvaney	NYS DOT	388-0432	
Lisa Penistan	Warren County DPW	761-6556	623-2772
<b>Staff</b>			
Aaron Frankenfeld	A/GFTC	746-2199	746-2441
Kristina Hong	A/GFTC	746-2199	746-2441

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

- 1. Welcome & Introductions** –TAC Chair Willy Grimmke and called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM with ten voting members present.
- 2. Visitor Issues** – Lee Ecker of Clough Harbour & Associates was in attendance, and will do a presentation on the Fort Edward Industrial Access study at this group's request.
- 3. Administrative Items** –A. *Approval of last meeting's minutes*

A motion was made to approve the January 10th meeting minutes.

**MOVED BY:** *Mayor Phinnney* **SECONDED BY:** *Bill Lamy* **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4. Fort Edward Industrial Access study – Lee Ecker of Clough Harbour & Associates**

A request at the January 10 meeting for a presentation detailing the study for Fort Edward's Industrial Park, was given by Lee Ecker of CHA. The presentation detailed the background of the study, undertaken by the Town of Fort Edward, to find solutions and evaluate alternatives for access to the Industrial Park. Lee answered questions about current occupancy, ownership, future development and the dewatering facility.

## **5. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

*Due to time constraints, discussion of ongoing UPWP tasks was limited.*

- A. *Transit Report GGFT*- Scott Sopczyk: GGFT has submitted its five year capital program for inclusion in the upcoming TIP. 5310 procedure was discussed. Staggered bus procurement was suggested to smooth out the budget, but Scott noted that buying vehicles in large groups was advantageous for pricing.
- B. *Consultant Projects, Aaron*
2. Aviation Road Corridor Study  
A possible expansion of scope of this project to include Aviation Road westward to West Mountain Road was raised. The WMR intersection has an elevated accident occurrence. The committee agreed that it is worth investigation given the reasonable fee offered by WSA.
- C. *Staff Activities, Aaron*
- Problems between Exit 20 and 149 persist and officials in Warren County believe that the area warrants further consideration. We can add this to our draft UPWP but another planning study may need to be removed as a result of limited staff resources. The committee directed staff to recommend a revision to the draft TIP to the Policy Committee.
  - Scott and Aaron had a meeting with Washington County at its request to discuss analysis of human services transportation. A similar meeting with Warren County's department heads has been scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- D. *UPWP*  
The draft has been sent to committee members and delivered to public offices for a 30 day public comment period. It is also available on our website.

## **6. TIP**

### *A. Project Updates*

*Due to time constraints there were no reported project updates.*

### *B. 2007-2012 TIP Development*

#### *1. Preliminary list of Projects*

A draft of the 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program's preliminary listing of projects was distributed. Project dates and accuracy were reviewed. Discussions included:

#### Saratoga County projects

- The bridge between Hadley and Luzerne WAR 144 is no longer on the TIP because it is not HBRR-eligible.

#### Warren County

- Project 175382 and 175557, Routes 9 and 254 congestion improvements and Quaker Road signal coordination saw a significant cost increase, which limits the amount of funds to be carried forward. Additionally, the signal coordination portion seems incomplete. NYSDOT, Warren County, and the Town of Queensbury are working to resolve the situation.
- Exit 18/Corinth Road (WAR 02 and 03) is still Warren County's main priority. Cost increases are included in the obligated column of the draft. The eligibility of Senator Betty Little's earmark was raised as the funds are SDF and potentially not applicable to off-system projects. It is Aaron's understanding Bob Hansen had suggested applying these funds towards the local match of the NHS-eligible segment of the corridor. Dave Rettig concurred that this was likely an eligible application.

- Beach Road reconstruction (Project 175728) currently comprises the county owned portions of the roadway on either side of the state park. Warren County is currently in discussion with DEC about combining the section of the highway (within the state park) with the outer portions. More information on STP funds (programmed vs. allocated) is needed to determine if there is room in the TIP for an expanded Beach Road project. Bill Lamy stated that he believed that Beach Road would be considered to be a higher priority within Warren County than the second section of Corinth Road west of Big Bay Room.

Washington County

- The resurfacing on Route 22 and the armor coating on Route 196 should be listed as Post-TIP, not "deleted."

*Bridge Projects*

- CR 61 (Buffum's) is currently not HBRR-eligible despite its poor condition. Willy noted that Buffum's is a higher priority than Shushan and would like to reverse the dates for those projects. As non-eligible projects cannot be programmed in the first three years, the County will wait until a new inspection report is available before requesting a TIP amendment.
- Additionally, CR 10 over the Poultney in Whitehall is currently not HBRR-eligible, but Washington County is working with Vermont to align inspection scheduling as maintenance and rehabilitation for this structure is a shared cost.

A motion was made to approve the reviewed projects as the contents of the draft TIP for Policy Committee consideration pending additional review from NYSDOT and A/GFTC staff.

**MOVED BY:** Wayne LaMothe **SECONDED BY:** Mike Valentine **MOTION CARRIED**

7. **Next meeting/adjourn** – The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom at Washington County Municipal Center.** Wayne LaMothe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 pm.