



Adirondack / Glens Falls Transportation Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE A/GFTC TAC May 24, 2007

Attendees	Agency	Phone	Fax
Members			
Stuart Baker	Town of Queensbury	761-8222	745-4437
Michael Fiorillo	Village of Hudson Falls	747-4544	747-5597
Willy Grimmke	Washington County DPW	746-2440	746-2441
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 Planning	884-4705	884-4780
Others			
Frank Bonafide	NYS DOT	388-0424	388-0430
Pat Fisher	747-3011		
Lisa Penistan	Warren County DPW	761-6556	623-2772
Steve Szanto	Creighton Manning	446-0396	
Staff			
Aaron Frankenfeld	A/GFTC	746-2199	746-2441
Kristina Hong	A/GFTC	746-2199	746-2441
Monika Bulman	A/GFTC	746-2199	746-2441

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions –TAC Chair Willy Grimmke called the meeting to order at 1:37.

2. Visitor Issues – None

3. Administrative Items –A. Approval of last meeting's minutes

A motion was made to approve the April 24th meeting minutes.

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

4. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- A. *On-call engineering services contracts, Aaron*
Received 11 responses to the RFP; the 3 contracts were awarded to Creighton Manning, RSG, and Chazen. These are for individual projects with a 10K cap including 20% minimum local match.
- B. *Aviation Road and Access Management studies, Aaron*
Both of these studies are moving along; a revised existing conditions report which includes the westward extension out to West Mountain Road for Aviation Road has been received; the graphics are still missing; once they are received the document will be posted online.
There will be a Steering Committee meeting for the Access Management Study Tues., May 29 at 9 am. A final cut of the educational slide show should be ready; this slide show will be made available to planning and zoning members. Letters have been sent out to planning and zoning

boards asking for their consideration in granting training credits for their board members.

5. TIP

A. *2007-2012 Draft TIP, Aaron (handouts)*

At the last meeting we came away with an understanding that we were carrying a significant amount of over-programming in this area, some of which was front loaded in the first 3 years of the TIP. This practice was deemed unacceptable by the Main Office. Changes to the TIP are necessary that involve moving some obligations out of the 3 SFY and 5 SFY year periods. The Region sent some draft proposals and Aaron shared them with the project sponsors. Comments regarding the proposals have been received.

1. *Proposed changes to NYSDOT projects and discussion- Frank Bonafide*

Because projects are not always let when scheduled in the TIP there has been a snowball effect. In the first part of the 5 year program there are a lot of local projects. The intent is to balance the program to the actual yearly allocations. Expenditures need to be spread evenly through the years. Mr. Bonafide went back to his database to balance the fund sources in 2005-2010 program and then the new five year period 2007-2012. Hopefully there will be minimal impact to projects so the first attempt was made to move things back by a few months but some projects needed to be pushed back more. There is some flexibility within fund sources but net over-programming is no longer allowed. Mr. Bonafide referred to the handout material. The big question remains, "How much can the state afford to reimburse the counties for their expenditures?" Local projects were reviewed beginning with Washington County on the handout titled *Planned Obligation Moves to Balance Program*. A correction to the NHS project listing was made, Pin #124814 should be for Rte 197 not 149.

Willy Grimmke identified HBRR projects 175518 (Saunders and Division) and 175515 (Clinton St.) as potential problems. Both of these projects are over the CP rail and Mr. Grimmke feels there are many people who have a vested interest in them. These bridges represent approx. \$3mil. in federal funds. Another project of concern to Mr. Grimmke is the longevity of County Rt 61 (Buffum's) over the Battenkill. This is not in the 3 year TIP because of a suspect inspection. On Truthville, the County just held a public meeting that indicated construction would be later this year. Willy would prefer that Truthville and Buffum's remain in the program as scheduled.

Bill Lamy reported that the design for both of his bridges (WAR 126) and (WAR 104) has been completed to bid them together and put in one temporary bridge to serve as a detour while they are both under construction. One of the bridges was delayed on the adjusted TIP. The suggestion was made to move both bridges out or to move WAR 120 out. Harrington Road will be moved out of the 3 year TIP. Middleton has an 18 month delay.

Exit 18 project is going forward as scheduled which is a major concession by DOT.

Discussion took place regarding the safety of some of the bridges. The result: Buffum's will be brought back in, conceding the Truthville delay. Harrington Road was pushed out and this should allow the two Stony Creek structures to be coordinated as scheduled. Shushan is being kicked out of 2009 to 2012.

Buffum's will be reintroduced via committee action as soon as possible. A project has to be eligible for HBRR funding before a TIP amendment can take place. (Note: Buffum's has since been red-flagged due to poor condition rating – AF).

Aaron commented on 197 over the Hudson being brought into the 3 year TIP by DOT. This is a \$6 Mil NHS job. Aaron noted that it was hoped that this was done for the sake of project coordination because moving it forward was contrary to the fiscal constraint exercise.

No projects were added or deleted from the TIP so Dave Rettig felt it was not necessary to have another public comment period.

Warren County Woolen Mill Bridge Amendment Request was necessary because of the addition of a temporary pedestrian bridge, some alteration of an abutment wing wall, some realignments, etc. The current amount listed on the TIP was an estimated amount when the TIP was updated. The new amount is the actual consultant agreement amount.

A motion was made to approve the TIP amendment request by Warren County.

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

DOT also had a TIP amendment request involving switching SDF to STP conversion. \$2.1 mil for paving on Rte 8 in Warren County.

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

A motion was made to approve the changes discussed at today's meeting.

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

- 6. Next meeting/adjourn –** A Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for June 13 at 10 am. The next TAC will be July 24 at 10 am.

Mike Valentine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:02.