



# Adirondack / Glens Falls Transportation Council

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE A/GFTC TAC May 19, 2009**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>
<b><u>Members</u></b>			
Stu Baker	Town of Queensbury	761-8222	745-4437
Brian Brockway	Town of Fort Edward	747-5501	746-1071
Chris DeBolt	Wash. County Planning	746-2290	746-2293
Mike Fiorillo	Village of Hudson Falls	747-5426	747-5597
Willy Grimmke	Wash. County DPW	746-2442	746-2441
Bob Hansen	NYS DOT-Region 1	388-0456	388-0430
Preston Jenkins	Town of Moreau	792-1802	792-1062
Jim Lindsay	Town of Kingsbury	747-2188	747-9115
Scott Sopczyk	GGFT	792-1086	792-7952
Joe Sullivan	City of Glens Falls, DPW	761-3834	
Steven Sweeney	NYS Canal Corp.	471-5033	471-5035
<b><u>Others</u></b>			
Mary Anne Mariotti	NYS DOT-Region 1	388-0439	388-0430
Jeff Tennyson	Warren County DPW	761-6556	623-2772
<b><u>Staff</u></b>			
Aaron Frankenfeld	A/GFTC	746-2199	746-2441
Sarah Gebbie-Measeck	A/GFTC	746-2199	746-2441
Monika Bulman	A/GFTC	746-2199	746-2441

### ***Minutes of the Meeting***

- 1. Welcome & Introductions** –TAC Vice Chair Willy Grimmke called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
- 2. Visitor Issues – None**
- 3. Administrative Items –**

#### ***A. Approval of last meeting's minutes***

A motion was made to approve the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes

**MOVED BY: Joe Sullivan    SECONDED BY: Stu Baker    MOTION CARRIED**

***B. NYSDEC nonattainment designation recommendation, Aaron:***  
*Warren and Washington County have been proposed for ozone nonattainment designation based upon a monitor reading located in Stillwater. Aaron drafted technical arguments to oppose this recommendation especially since we have an almost rural population density. The Census data being used to designate nonattainment areas also appears to be misapplied.*

*The designation recommendation goes into effect next year and until then Corinth Road and the Quaker Road projects that had once been proposed are exempt. Washington County passed a resolution opposing the recommendation and sent it to the congressional delegation. Warren County indicated they would follow the path Washington County has taken and a motion was made to present to the Policy Committee for approval the opposition of the NYSDEC nonattainment designation recommendation.*

**MOVED BY: Stu Baker SECONDED BY: Chris DeBolt MOTION CARRIED**

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

##### **A. Transit**

##### **1. GGFT Update, Scott Sopczyk**

*Mr. Sopczyk received a call from the FTA Regional Office with a grant number for a stimulus project so funds can start to be obligated. There is a meeting tonight to discuss the physical relocation of the GGFT terminal to a nearby location on Ridge St just south of the existing terminal.*

##### **2. Transit Development Plan, Scott Sopczyk**

*Very close to developing and producing a draft recommendation. Conceptually what we want to accomplish is the elimination or reduction of unproductive feeder routes and increase the service on Glen St., Corinth Rd., So. Glens Falls, Bay Rd., Ft. Edward runs. The hope is to increase service without increased cost. There has been reasonable public input and the TDP is moving along.*

##### **3. CDTA/GGFT service connection (NX), Nothing new on this**

##### **4. 5316/5317 solicitation, Aaron**

*The application deadline for FTA for program 521/5317 was last Thursday. GGFT submitted an application for \$43K for sustaining some of the evening services that had been utilizing another funding source that has since run out. Also some of the money will go towards the coordination service initiative on Bay Road. A motion was made to endorse GGFT's application.*

**MOVED BY: Stu Baker SECONDED BY: Jeff Tennyson MOTION CARRIED**

##### **5. Ridesharing software demonstration - Sarah:**

*For Earth Day a new web site was launched called iPoolNorth.org and it coordinates with the Capital District car pooling web site, iPool2. The objective of this site is to allow people interested in ridesharing to log into the site and find a commute partner. It is very easy to use and to date 37 users have signed up and the monthly report given to A/GFTC indicates the site is averaging one match per search. Seven users are in communication. Hopefully the planned advertising blitz will result in more users/matches. Mr. Sopczyk asked if this would be useful for patients getting to medical office visits.*

##### **B. Consultant / Staff Activities**

##### **1. GIS Services, Aaron**

*Fountains Spatial, the consultant we hired, is updating and improving our in-house data system, developing desktop data tracker, getting some handheld data collection to repeat the FTA passenger survey and to establish a web based application we can use to share data with the public.*

*Hope to have three web google maps available on our web site. One will deal with data, one will deal with conditions (bridges, pavement), one will deal with TIP projects.*

*Mr. Hansen asked what the background for the database was - Aaron said it was satellite imagery. We were encouraged by our consultant to go with Google Maps because it is an interface that many web users are familiar with. Ms. Mariotti expressed her concerns with the compatibility of this program with public and private use.*

2. *Exit 20 Corridor Management Plan, Aaron*  
*A committee meeting is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am at the Warren County Municipal Center, Room 6-103 to review the draft final report prepared by Creighton Manning Engineering. Some recommendations: Access management; back access off of Exit 20 north bound; interchange modification; improvements with signalized intersections. After the meeting on the 22nd a third public meeting will be held to present the findings of the study.*
3. *Abe Wing / Big Cross Pedestrian Circulation Assessments, Aaron*  
*These projects were selected through our on-call consulting services agreement with Resource Systems Group, Inc. A request for letter of interest was sent to our consultants and RSG had the most appealing approach. They have a certified Safe Routes to School trainer on their staff and will engage the public during a regularly scheduled school meeting. Abe Wing had an interest in having some of the pedestrian circulation issues reviewed (drop off zones, speed, bike facilities, traffic signal operations. Data collection will be done at Abe Wing on May 21st. Big Cross also expressed an interest in using our on-call engineering consultant. The local match previously needed for these types of projects has been waived.*

## **5. TIP**

- A. *Amendments and Modifications (handout), Aaron*  
*DOT requested that we list two enhancement projects: West Brook Conservation Initiative and Dix Bridge Rehabilitation. Adding these requires no committee action.*

### *ARRA (Stimulus) Projects*

*A new request is the Batten Kill RR over NYS 372 (picture handout-illustrates a clearance issue with the structure); Mr. Hansen pointed out that the Governor passed these stimulus projects down to the Regional Office for consideration only. The projects need to be ready to go. Mr. Grimmke explained how he came up with the cost for this project and after some discussion it was decided to increase the cost to \$3M. The motion was made to present to the Policy Committee this project for addition to the TIP after a 30 day comment period is completed. Doing so does not guarantee that this project will receive ARRA funding.*

**MOVED BY: Joe Sullivan    SECONDED BY: Scott Sopczyk    MOTION CARRIED**

*1R Paving Projects were previously approved and require no formal amendment. Mr. Hansen distributed a handout.*

*Safety Projects: County Rte. 12, Granville was added to the TIP via administrative modification, having been derived from a regional setaside.*

*Spier Falls Road/Rte. 9*

*Mr. Hansen said that the main office has been pushing for the use of SHIP funds. Everyone appears to be having difficulty finding candidates for this funding source. There are safety needs out there but no clear local candidates other than County Route 12 project (noted above) have emerged. This project includes a state to federal shift of funding, so this needs a public comment period, Policy Committee approval and an amendment.*

*A motion was made to release the proposed Spier Falls Road/Route 9 Project amendment for public comment.*

**MOVED BY: Mike Fiorillo SECONDED BY: Stu Baker MOTION CARRIED**

*NYSDOT Bridge 5-7 Repairs letter was distributed and a motion was made to release the proposed amendment for public comment.*

**MOVED BY: Scott Sopczyk SECONDED BY: Mike Fiorillo MOTION CARRIED**

*B. Project Updates, It was proposed to forego project updates, but*

*1. Warren County, Jeff Tennyson did want to report the following to the Committee: There are almost weekly meetings now with the Town of Queensbury regarding Corinth Road; the utility issues are still being worked out; have concerns about being ready for the September deadline for funding; should know by July if the September deadline will be met.*

**6. Other Items**

- Annual MPO Conference June 4-5, Aaron relayed the information about the conference to the Committee*
- Mr. Sopczyk announced there would be a NYPTA meeting at the Queensbury Hotel June 10-12.*

**7. Next meeting and adjourn**, the next meeting TBA; adjournment took place at 2:40 pm