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A/GFTC TAC Minutes DRAFT
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 10:00 AM
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls

Attendees	Representing
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
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
Laura Oswald	Washington County Economic Development
Dan Rourke	Barton and Loguidice
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 - none**
3. **Transit**
 - A. GGFT Update - no report
 - B. Rural mobility analysis - (Kate):
 - contract offered to team led by Steadman Hill Consulting
 - data provided by staff to consultant includes base GIS layers, contact list, existing data
 - preliminary stakeholder list identified, CME making contacts to conduct surveying
 - the first advisory committee meeting will be scheduled for a date about one month from now in order to provide time for the consultant team to provide initial assessment of data
4. **UPWP**
 - A. Aviation Road - QUFSD access study - (Aaron):
 - draft interim report approved with minor comments

- contrary to what was stated at the last meeting, consultant has informed A/GFTC that some cost increases due to scope change could be expected
- meeting was held on 9/21 to review alternatives; credit to B&L for developing creative alternatives; some of which were eliminated by Town and School officials
- follow up meeting was held yesterday to review new alternatives based upon feedback at first meeting, including:
 - installation of WB RTL into campus along with upgraded signal
 - new signalized intersection at Cottage Hill Road / new school access
 - combination of those concepts
- draft report to carry recommendation of upgrades to existing access as well as new signalized access for high school
- approval sequence would have this committee considering draft report for public comment at next meeting

B. Traffic Count Program - (Kate):

- Significant work done on GIS layer created to identify and affirm priority count locations
- Not enough known at this time to develop RFP
- Eventually will seek input from County DPWs on refined locations, and hope to have Counties provide GPS data for locations (potential source of local match)

Mike Valentine asked if Tom Speziale would be contacted. Aaron and Kate replied that the services would indeed be offered to Saratoga County, despite appearing to have had success in maintaining its own count program. Rob Cherry asked about potential QA/QC responsibility for consistency with State standards for data collection and reporting. Kate stated that that was unknown at this point, given that NYS had not yet arrived on a preferred reporting platform for future use. Frank Bonafide suggested that count location selection consider crash data in order to properly analyze safety issues.

C. Update on other UPWP tasks -(Aaron): Review of status of programmed projects:

- Two year cycle for bridge preservation review suggested, skipping this year
- Route 9 study - on hold to avoid conflation with EDC effort, possibly build from conclusions / data collection
- Traffic signal optimization - on hold, staff priority, but concerned about implementation
- Climate Change Adaptation Planning - White Creek watershed study complete
- Canalway trail connection - Kingsbury / Fort Edward - at the suggestion of Kingsbury supervisor, on-hold pending resolution of dewatering facility access road issue
- ITS architecture - on-hold; no need yet articulated

- Performance - based planning transition strategy - awaiting still incomplete rulemaking (possibly November 16 for bridges and pavement)
 - Travel demand modeling and GIS efforts linked to performance-based planning recommendations
 - Annual pavement scoring has been initiated by CME
 - Can likely advance website upgrade, Environmental Justice review update
- D. 2017-18 UPWP solicitation - (Aaron):
- 16-17 program solicitation was distributed last week for your review
 - looking for comments as to possible inclusion or deletions, and to start the discussion about any potential program requests that we can expect to receive
 - Status of projects listed previously suggest considerable program carryover of incomplete tasks into next year
 - MPOs can produce a two-year program; past experience suggest a comparable administrative load associated with 1- or 2-year program
 - 2-year program may provide some flexibility to municipalities that have longer-term concepts

Wayne LaMothe suggested that this may be an opportunity to retry the 2-year approach. The committee concurred. No changes were suggested to the solicitation. Staff will therefore issue a two-year call for projects.

5. TIP

A. 2016-21 TIP

- 1) Project updates from sponsors (developments since last meeting)
- Warren County (Maiken Holmes):
 - Blair Road bridge project is being closed out
 - Palisades Road bridge - design approval expected in December
 - West Brook sidewalks - project letting in December, construction in spring 2017
 - CR 44 bridge painting - bid opening 10/19
 - Bridge painting and asbestos removal project - bids were opened in August, construction in spring 2017
 - West Mountain Road pavement preservation - bid opening 10/20, construction in spring 2017
 - Bay Road pavement preservation - DAD finalized, letting in spring 2017
 - Washington County (Steve Haskins): no significant developments since last meeting. In response to a question from Frank Bonafide, no recent correspondence from VTrans has been received regarding CR 10 over the Poultney.
 - City of Glens Falls (Ed Bartholomew): public workshop recently held for Fire Road; project would likely be progressed from north to south

- NYSDOT: Karen Hulihan distributed the regional TIP performance update; no lagging projects were indicated. In response to a question from Wayne LaMothe, the Lake George Gateway Project is largely complete and will be wrapped up in spring 2017. Discussion ensued regarding project delays resulting from tribal reviews.
- 2) Amendments and Modifications
 - i. Wright's Ferry Rail Crossing - Putnam - Frank Bonafide provided background on the request and explained that it was for a new project, not a schedule change. In response to a question from Wayne LaMothe, Aaron explained that a new project, by rule, requires public comment and Policy Committee approval.

A motion was made to approve the requested TIP amendment for public review and comment prior to Policy Committee consideration.

Moved by: Wayne LaMothe: Seconded by: Stu Baker Motion carried.

- 3) 5310 FTA - Projects previously approved by A/GFTC committees have been added to the TIP; no further A/GFTC staff activity is required.
 - 4) eSTIP - Aaron noted that it appears as though the new STIP has not been made available for editing on eSTIP. Frank Bonafide reported that the new STIP is not yet approved by FHWA.
 - 5) Transportation Alternatives Program - Kate reported on potential project sponsors and other interested parties that have contacted staff. Frank Bonafide stated that there had been some glitches with the online project application process and encouraged potential applicants to not wait until the deadline to submit projects.
 - 6) Bridge NY - nothing yet to report on the statewide solicitation.
6. **Other Items** - Wayne LaMothe reported that AMTRAK was now considered as a non-participant in the IBI rail service analysis due to an apparent need for a non-disclosure agreement that will not be signed by Warren County; as a result, the project is being held up
 7. **Next Meeting and Adjourn**
The next meeting scheduled for December 14

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:22.

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