



## Adirondack / Glens Falls Transportation Council

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Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (draft)  
Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Attendees	Agency
Brian Abare	Village of South Glens Falls
Ed Bartholomew	EDCWC
Frank Bonafide	NYS DOT Region 1
Bryan Cross	NYS DOT Region 1
Chris DeBolt	Washington County Planning Department
Christina Doughney	CHA
Ed Doughney	Warren County DPW
Ben Fischer	FHWA
Karen Hulihan	NYS DOT Region 1
Wayne LaMothe	Warren County Planning Department
Fred Mastroianni	Greenman - Pedersen, Inc.
Ron Shaffer	NYS DOT Region 1
Dan Rourke	Barton and Loguidice
Jeff Tennyson	Warren County DPW
Mike Valentine	Saratoga County Planning Department

### A/GFTC Staff

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Aaron Frankenfeld

Kate Mance

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** - Aaron called the meeting to order at 1:40.
- 2. Visitor Issues** - none
- 3. Items From Last Meeting** - Exit 20 Corridor - Staff remains on hold regarding next steps on the request for an updated study of Exit 20. Aaron attended two meetings with Town officials and economic development interests to discuss hybrid alternatives related to the recommendations contained within the original study, and has suggested that the Town consider pursuing completion of a project design process to arrive at final alternative. At last word, Supervisor Strough had planned to contact other County officials to determine interest in working to address the issue. A/GFTC staff is prepared to advance an initiative given additional input from the Town.
- 4. UPWP**
  - A. Completed / Ongoing Activities**
    - 1) Exit 17 Land Use Study - Aaron - a revised draft was sent to A/GFTC by CME last week. Staff has not yet had an opportunity to review. It will be interesting to see how much urgency is attached to the completion of this study now that the sewer referendum in Moreau was defeated. It is estimated that completion of this effort

is still at least 2 months out given the need for a public meeting and a public comment period.

- 2) Bike / Ped Plan Update - Kate - The draft document contains several enhancements over the existing document, including revised design standards, an updated bicycle priority network, a project development flowchart, and an expanded pedestrian section that includes pedestrian activity generator maps. The committee was asked to consider a concurrent review period along with the public comment period. A motion was made to release the document for a 45-day public comment period.

**Moved By: Wayne LaMothe    Seconded by: Ed Doughney                      Motion carried**

- 3) On-call assistance projects
  - a. Jackson Heights ES traffic study - Aaron - A request for letters of interest has been distributed to the participating consultants for a traffic study for the area around Jackson Heights Elementary School, as requested by the Principal and Mayor Diamond. Responses are due to A/GFTC by 4/17. This is similar to past studies produced for other schools in Glens Falls and Greenwich. Wayne LaMothe asked about the implementation history of those prior studies. Aaron noted the school districts have advanced many of the recommendations, including parking modifications, sidewalk construction, changes in drop-off zones, and circulation changes. Mike Valentine asked if any those prior studies had led to any Safe Routes to School program applications; Aaron replied that they had not.
- 4) Town of Warrensburg study requests - Kate reported on two initiatives under consideration in response to requests from the Town. The first involves an initial crash analysis that appears to confirm an elevated incidence of crashes occurring at NYS 418 and River Street. NYSDOT R1 staff has reviewed the data and arrived at a similar conclusion. Ed Doughney suggested that sight distance is a potential contributing factor. Secondly, the Town is also requesting assistance in advancing a streetscape design for River Street. A motion was made directing staff to pursue procurement of consulting services on behalf of Warrensburg pending receipt of a project request.

**Moved By: Wayne LaMothe    Seconded by: Chris DeBolt                      Motion carried**

- 5) CHP2LWP Smart Growth Assessment - Kate - Staff is assisting the Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play Program to procure consulting services to assist with two smart growth assessments it will be conducting, one for the Town of Lake George and one for the Town of Fort Edward. Should these assessment prove to be successful, we may wish to consider partnering on future efforts.
- B. FTA MPP Adjustment - Aaron - a revised FTA MPP allocation for New York State has been released via the Federal Register. A/GFTC's share of this increase is \$533. A UPWP amendment is required for any financial changes to the FTA program. A motion was made to open the public comment period for the UPWP amendment.

**Moved By: Mike Valentine    Seconded by: Frank Bonafide                      Motion carried**

## 5. Transit

- A. GGFT Update - Aaron shared the update originally supplied for the 3/14 Policy Committee meeting.
- B. FTA 5310 - still nothing firm from NYSDOT on a solicitation. A working model of the application is expected to be delivered to the MPOs this week.
- C. AGC Sustainable Communities Planning Project - Aaron - GGFT and A/GFTC are working with Dr. Ann Ruzow Holland and the Adirondack Gateway Council on the transportation and housing element of the AGC Sustainable Communities Planning Grant. A meeting was held in March to review related work to date and to formulate work efforts; additional staff time will be devoted to this as the effort moves forward. It is anticipated that the data collected through this effort will serve as a foundation for the Rural Transportation Study project listed in the UPWP.

## 6. TIP

- A. Amendments and Modifications - Aaron - no actions required. A request to delay the CR10 bridge of the Poultney (to account for Vermont's schedule) is anticipated from Washington County.
- B. Project updates from sponsors
  - Warren County - Ed Doughney reported the following: Construction on Hicks Road has resumed; completion is anticipated in June. Valley Road - FHWA concurrence has been received for the scope to include replacement of two structures; the primary structure and locally-owned bridge to be used as a detour. The Draft Design Report for Blair Road has been submitted; a May 2015 letting is anticipated. A beyond preservation scope is under consideration for Palisades Road over Brant Lake inlet. The Route 149 sidewalk MTC project will be completed during this FFY; the Cameron and Lawton access trails and the Bikeway intersection striping projects also will be completed in 2014. Phase I of the West Brook sidewalk is being done in-house.
  - NYSDOT - Karen Hulihan distributed the Regional Director commitment list. Frank Bonafide reported that Beach Road will be open for Memorial Day. Brian Abare raised concerns about the pavement quality on the newly rehabilitated portion of Route 9 in SGF (Frank said that he would follow up) as well as operational concerns with the left turn on the southern approach to 5th and Main. Aaron offered to transmit these issues to Mark Kennedy pending receipt of a summary of the issues.
- C. Preservation Program
  - 1) Bridge paint and pavement preservation candidates - Aaron - applications received were tallied and presented in relation to available funding. There are sufficient funds to program all of the bridge paint candidates that were submitted, but there is a significant shortfall in pavement funding. After some discussion about partial funding of one candidate in Saratoga County as well as the timeliness and unit costs of some of the proposed treatments, the committee decided to fully fund all 9 of the bridge paint candidates and 8 out of the 10 pavement projects and reserve the balance for potential cost increases for those projects. A motion was made to approve the roster of projects, allowing for additional discussion among NYSDOT and project sponsors regarding scope and costs.

**Moved By: Wayne LaMothe   Seconded by: Mike Valentine   Motion carried**

2) Draft RFP for bridge asset management plans - Aaron - the draft RFP has been provided for committee review. The intent is to provide information to the Counties. It will not yield a firm prioritization schedule. Chris DeBolt asked if this was meant to be an ongoing effort or a one-time snapshot of data. As it written, the draft appears to ask for a snapshot. Ed Doughney suggested revising the draft to include a renewal clause without a fixed timetable.

7. **Other Items / Adjourn** - Wayne LaMothe raised the issue of a Scenic Byway redesignation that had been submitted to NYSDOT in 2012; Frank Bonafide agreed to follow up pending receipt from Wayne of additional information. Mike Valentine asked if any additional discussion of the NYS 9N issues raised at a previous meeting had transpired. Aaron replied that nothing to his knowledge had taken place. The next meeting will be on June 18th. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:32.

**Moved By: Mike Valentine**      **Seconded by: Jeff Tennyson**      *Motion carried*