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A/GFTC TAC Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

10:00 AM

Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls

Attendees	Representing
Brian Abare	Village of South Glens Falls
Sarah Bowman	CHA
Stu Baker	Town of Queensbury Community Development
Ed Bartholomew	EDC of Warren County
Dan Barusch	Town of Lake George
Shannon Bush	The Chazen Companies
Rob Cherry	NYS DOT Region 1
Bryan Cross	NYS DOT Region 1
Ed Doughney	Warren County DPW
Steve Godlewski	Creighton Manning Engineering
Maiken Holmes	Warren County DPW
Karen Hulihan	NYS DOT Region 1
Wayne LaMothe	Warren County Planning
Dan Rourke	Barton and Loguidice
Laura Sanda	McFarland Johnson
Ed Snyder	Greenman Pedersen, Inc.
Scott Sopczyk	Greater Glens Falls Transit
Jeff Tennyson	Warren County DPW
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

3. Administrative Items

- A. Draft Meeting Calendar - 2017 - (Aaron) - please review the attached draft meeting schedule and notify us of any institutional conflicts; these are all 2nd Wednesdays except for January 18
- B. On-call contracts - (Aaron) - contracts with CME, CHA and RSG expire at the end of the year; A/GFTC has option to renew and will do so with CME and CHA. We weren't able to find work for RSG; like to open that one up for solicitation. No objections to this approach.
- C. ADA Transition Plan training - (Aaron) - FHWA will be conducting ADA Transition Plan Training on January 9th here in this room from 9-4:30. PDHs

and CMs are available to attendees. Space is available. Transition Plan assistance is available to A/GFTC municipalities through the UPWP.

4. Transit

- A. GGFT Update - (Scott Sopczyk): GGFT recently ordered three replacement trolleys, similar to the last two in that they are slightly larger than previous vehicles; \$26,000 was recently programmed towards facility improvements with a ten-year service life; despite system ridership being down approximately 5.6% from last year, 2016 ridership was still the 2nd highest on record and up from 2014.
- B. Rural mobility analysis - (Kate):
 - consultant team (led by Steadman Hill Consulting (SHC)) has progressed stakeholder interviews
 - committee meeting was held in early December, as well as a targeted stakeholder meeting with Washington County public agencies
 - primary limitations expressed were ride eligibility and passenger capacity
 - SHC working to complete analysis matrix and interim report
 - public outreach approach has been revised to engage the public during the alternatives analysis

Mike Valentine asked if any outreach had been directed towards agencies in Moreau; Kate replied that the Moreau Community Center has been contacted. Rob Cherry asked about the timing of the public outreach; ensuing discussion concluded that engagement at either before or after recommendations had advantages. The next committee meeting is planned for either the end of January or early February.
- C. Online Route Map - (Aaron) GGFT recently informed us that the online route viewer was not functioning properly. Spoke with the application vendor (VHB); they determined that it was changes to Google software that rendered the application obsolete. Staff has determined that it can be fixed with an ESRI-based substitution and would prefer to break the cycle of consultant dependency (and licensing fees) with this application. Warren County GIS will be assisting with the development of the replacement app; should be ready by end of January.

5. UPWP

- A. Aviation Road - QUFSD access study - (Aaron) - Committee meeting was held on 10/18; preferred alternatives were refined to include a new signal that could incorporate a right turn lane at the existing school entrance, eventual installation of that right turn lane, and a new signalized intersection of Cottage Hill Road and a school driveway. Total cost of all expected to be \$500-550k. CHA sent refined internal circulation renderings to Barton and Loguidice at the end of November.; they expect to have a final draft to the study group at the beginning of January.
- B. Traffic Count Program - (Kate) - work has progressed on the GIS layer that will be used to identify count locations; Scott Tracy at Washington County DPW has spent time to review and has returned a number of good recommendations for revised locations; Washington County has also agreed

to collect GPS data for those locations. NYSDOT will be contacted for feedback; targeting February for an RFP date. Preliminary analysis yields approximately 300 count sites, mostly rural county roads, to be collected over a three-year cycle.

C. Update on other UPWP tasks - (Aaron) - annual pavement scoring results have been transmitted to staff from CME. In 2016, over 90% of the local federal aid eligible roadway system lane mileage had a surface score of 7 or better, with an average score of 8 out of 10. Rob Cherry asked if evaluation staff was consistent from year to year. CME retains at least one staffer from the previous year to maintain consistency with evaluations.

D. 2017-19 UPWP - (Aaron) -

1) NYSDOT guidance and funding estimate - guidance letter was received from NYSDOT on 11/8; no change to federal planning emphasis areas:

- transition to performance based planning - still awaiting federal rulemaking
- models of regional cooperation - largely addressed by participation in NYSAMPO
- ladders of opportunity (access to essential services) - addressed by ongoing rural mobility analysis

Other emphasis areas include reduction of carryover balances and documentation of local match - two constraints on our program are cost-carrying capacity of host agency and ability to generate in-kind match.

Funding estimate: FAST ACT was supposed to provide additional planning funds to MPOS, which it did, but NYSDOT has decided to avail only 93% of those funds to MPOs to coincide with obligation authority (we generally see OA used on the capital side, but it is a new constraint on the planning fund side). As a result, new incoming funds are slightly less (\$8,700 in PL (2.7%) but around 500 (1.2%) more in FTA) - not problematic - for the purpose of preparing a two-year program, we will project those numbers out to the 2nd year at no increase.

2) Program solicitation results - new project candidates project solicitation was issued on 11/1 with a requested deadline of 12/12; Project requests in order that they were received:

- The Town of Lake George seeks assistance to identify a bikeway extension from the existing terminus at Beach Road northward through the Village, as well as identify any needed improvements, attempt to quantify usage, and arrive at a preferred alternative.
- The Town of Johnsbury would like to explore potential non-motorized transportation improvements between destinations in the Hamlet of North Creek, particularly to Ski Bowl Park.

- The City of Glens Falls would like to do some preliminary planning for non-motorized improvements along Murray Street from Hudson Avenue to Pruyn's Island, possibly considering a road-diet / complete streets implementation. Wayne LaMothe noted that this was a continuation of earlier efforts dating back to the Exit 18 study. The recent LWRP report prepared by Elan Planning and Design was also noted as a support document.
- The Village of Greenwich is interested in a streetscaping project that would include modifications to surface parking, and are looking for a parking analysis to help inform that conceptual design.
- The Town of Queensbury seeks planning assistance to develop a conceptual design for a bikeway connection between a Halfway Brook Trail and the Hudson Pointe development. The establishment of a north-south bicycle facility west of I-87 is a long-standing Town and MPO priority
- Saratoga County is interested in pursuing conversion of an abandoned rail line in Moreau and SGF into a rail-trail. IDA currently owns the right-of-way.

Jeff Tennyson suggested a parking study for the Lake George Village Area as a possible candidate. Dan Barusch added that the Town of Lake George was working on expanding parking options and that a parking study was the Town's second UPWP priority. Wayne LaMothe suggested that second project solicitation be conducted after the first year of the two-year program to help prioritize that second year. Aaron noted that that could be done as part of the required administrative update. The committee agreed with the suggestion.

6. TIP

A. 2016-21 TIP

1) Project updates from local sponsors (developments on active projects since last meeting)

- Warren County - (Ed Doughney) -
 - Public information meeting on Palisades Road Bridge to be held in January; may be controversial due to ROW and encroachments; design approval sought by late January.
 - CR 44 and 13/31 bridge painting projects in March or April
 - Bridge painting / asbestos removal project - state / local agreement in by end of December.
 - West Mountain Road pavement preservation project awarded to Peckham, construction in spring 2017, CI bu consultant.
 - Bay Road pavement preservation project - design approval due this month, PS&E in January, letting in Feb / March.

- Washington County - no report
 - City of Glens Falls - (Ed Bartholomew) - Fire Road TAP project will be out for bid in March and completed during CY 2017
 - Pavement preservation - Karen Hulihan noted that considerable time has elapsed since the Town of Moreau has been in touch with NYSDOT. Delivery schedule has been adjusted. Aaron offered to facilitate a meeting.
- 2) NYSDOT report - Rob Cherry noted that Region 1 and the municipalities within are continue to be at or near the top Regions in the state in terms of local project delivery. Scott Sopczyk requested coordination with GGFT with regard to the NYS 9N repair project to identify potential service adjustments.
- 3) Transportation Alternatives Program (Rob Cherry) - Applications were due in November; review and ranking was conducted, results sent to Main Office; no timetable for announcement.
7. **Other Items of Interest** - Kate noted the ongoing work by VHB on the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Wayne LaMothe reported on the first meeting of the study to analyze the potential benefits of establishing commuter rail service between North Creek and Rensselaer Station, and that some resistance was evident for the larger rail operators to consider service changes. Mike Valentine provided a reminder of the upcoming Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference to be held on January 25, 2016 at the Saratoga Springs City Center,
8. **Next Meeting and Adjourn** - Next meeting for January 18 at 10:00 AM.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:50.

*Moved by: Wayne LaMothe: Seconded by: Scott Sopczyk
Meeting adjourned.*