



Adirondack / Glens Falls Transportation Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE A/GFTC TAC September 25, 2007

Attendees	Agency	Phone	Fax
Members			
Mayor LeRoy Akins	City of Glens Falls	761-3804	761-0234
Mark Galough	Wash. County Planning	746-2290	
Dale Granger	City of Glens Falls, DPW	761-3834	
Willy Grimmke	Washington County DPW	746-2440	746-2441
Harry Gutheil	Town of Moreau	792-1802	792-1062
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 County Planning	884-4705	884-4780
Walter Young	LC/LGRP B	668-5773	668-5774
Others			
Jeff Tennyson	Warren County DPW	761-6556	623-2772
John Wheatley	EDC Warren County	761-6007	
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 10:05.

2. Visitor Issues – None

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

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

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

B. Host agency agreement-Aaron, A/GFTC has opted to renew the host agency agreement with the LC/LGRP B for four years beginning in 2008. The LC/LGRP B has also passed a resolution in support of this and has forwarded it to DOT. No additional administrative action is needed.

4. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

a. Aviation Road, Aaron

Since the last meeting, there have been two study advisory committee meetings. The public work session held at the Ramada Inn was well attended (60+ people). The presentation to the public was a segment by segment and intersection by intersection look at the alternatives available based on the feedback received from the consultants. Aaron distributed a copy of the alternatives presented at the meeting for members to look over. The consultants are working on traffic projections, a build out

analysis, etc. Roundabouts are being proposed. The study goes to West Mountain Road/Aviation Road intersection at the request of the County. Suggestions regarding the high accident rates at WMR included additional advisory signage, narrowing the striping, flashers on the other side of the road, traffic signal.

b. Access Management, Aaron

RSG is working on the revisions to the access management guidebook. Most of the technical documentation is already in place. The educational slideshow is complete. Aaron and Bob Chamberlin will present the topic at the Region 1 Planning and Land Use Conference on October 3rd. The same topic will be discussed at the Saratoga Planning Conference on January 30th. Aaron gave examples of some of the locations with access issues (sight distance, approach angle) and the possibility of using medians in some areas.

c. HSTP, Aaron

Not much has been done on this since the last meeting. Draft of the introductory material is in place. Scott Sopczyk has had an opportunity to review the draft. Pete Rae will also review the draft. A meeting with Washington County has been set up for Friday, September 28. The services that need to be improved will need to be prioritized and a project selection methodology needs to be developed.

d. Long Range Plan, Aaron (handouts)

A completed draft of the public survey results was distributed. The responses to the survey questions are graphically represented. Mr. Sopczyk and Mr. Rettig have had an opportunity to review the draft. Committee members were requested to look over the draft. Aaron went over some of the results. Currently staff is working on pavement condition analysis, bridge condition analysis (draft handout). A mistake located on the top graph, locally owned bridges in Washington County are shown as being 27% deficient but should be 24%.

e. Make the Connection applications, Aaron

This was the bike/pedestrian spot improvement. We had \$200K in unmatched federal funds available for this round of funding. Every other year this program will be available. Four applications were received: the Village of So. Glens Falls, the City of Glens Falls, Warren County Park and Recreation and the Village of Whitehall. Scott Sopczyk, Mike Valentine, Willy Grimmke and Aaron will review the applications and make a determination. This meeting will take place after the TAC. Once the selections are made, another meeting will be set up with the project sponsors and Region 1 reps.

5. TIP

A. Status of TIP/STIP, Aaron

Notification was received this week that air quality conformity has been determined for the TIP.

B. Amendments, (handouts) Aaron

Whitehall RR bridges-when we went through the project selection portion of developing the TIP, the Region came to us with some revised numbers as to what was affordable. The two bridges in Whitehall are being reconstructed to provide vertical clearance for double stacked freight cars on the Canadian Rail. These two projects are being reinstated. This does not impact anyone else's bridge schedule.

A motion was made to approve the Amendment Request by Washington County
MOVED BY: *Mayor Phinney* **SECONDED BY:** *Dave Rettig* **MOTION CARRIED**

NYS RT. 197 bridge over the Hudson-this probably qualifies in TIP jargon as a significant scope change to an existing project. What is being proposed by the Region is to rehabilitate rather than replace the 197 bridge over the Hudson River (East Branch). The question raised, are we allowed to federally fund a rehabilitation of a functionally obsolete (FO) structure that doesn't fix the FO? The question was asked why is there a scope change now? It was decided to table this amendment until the next TAC meeting in November. Mr. Rettig will bring Mary Ricard to our next TAC meeting to answer questions.

C. *Project Updates*

a. *Warren County, Bill Lamy*

Corinth Road, have actively been pursuing the acquisition of right away. As soon as the master agreement is processed completely by the State, payments can be made and property can be procured. If everything goes as planned, bidding should take place and construction should start in the spring.

Quaker Road Signals, A meeting was held with Frank Bonafide and other staff at DOT and the agreement was made that they would go out and check the signals and hardware/software. What is currently in place needs to be reprogrammed. DOT volunteered to work with local representatives who have maintained the signal lights in the past.

Beach Road Project, a second public informational meeting was held, received comments and sometime before the end of the month an alternative plan should be received from the consultant. This plan will be presented to the public.

Bridges, busy trying to get master agreements updated, getting cash flow in place and just have some minor engineering work to do on some of the bridges. On October 1 consultant selection will take place on Alder Brook Bridge.

b. *Washington County, Willy Grimmke*

CR 42, moving along

Covered Bridges, they are complete; had the ribbon cutting on August 4th.

Whitehall Bridges, is preparing to send design approval

CR 12, is on hold because of schedule delay but hope to work with DOT for an amendment to our agreement.

c. *Town of Moreau/Saratoga County*

Mr. Gutheil asked if there was any news regarding the Round Lake Bypass. Mr. Gutheil realized that this a questions for the other MPO. Mr. Rettig reported that DOT is trying to award it.

d. *Glens Falls, Dale Granger*

The roundabout is just about done; the trees are finally in. Mr. Granger thanked everyone for their assistance on this project.

e. *Queensbury, no representation*

Mr. Wheatley had a question regarding the status of the eastern part of Quaker Road. The project had been on the capital program but had to be deferred because of rising costs of other

projects. Mr. Wheatley also asked what is happening with Exit 20: A study will take place once Aviation Road and Access Management projects are complete. Data collection at Exit 20 should take place next year during peak traffic season.

f. NYSDOT, Dave Rettig

The deadline to registration for the October 3rd Transportation Land Use Conference in Schenectady has been extended. The number of people registered is smaller than anticipated. Mr. Rettig suggested calling Pat, his secretary, to register. The legislation that was recently signed that has to do with congestion pricing in NY requires a form of program update. The Department is attempting to get some input from MPOs on how to handle this. It is not clear what "new program" means in the legislation. This should take place by March. The STIP is very late and needs to get out for public review by October 5th. There are political issues at NYMTC that are delaying their TIP. Not delaying the design portion of the HBRR projects may turn out to be good strategy, as it is not unreasonable to expect the possibility of a larger bridge program that may allow delayed projects to be accelerated.

g. Greater Glens Falls Transit, Scott Sopczyk (agenda omission)

Ridership on the trolleys was up 20%; overall ridership through the end of August was up by 5%. Will be replacing small buses in 2008 and larger buses in 2009. Funding appropriations are in place for this. Still waiting on results from the community services for transportation grant applications. This would provide funding for operating some evening hour transportation services.

h. Other - Mark Galough- the bio-diesel facility in Hampton is going through the final permitting process. Peckham has purchased a facility at the intersection of 149 and the Canal. They have applied for funding and gone before the Town Planning Board on several occasions. Anticipate increased traffic, certainly rail traffic, at that facility. At the Industrial Park at the airport there are currently 3 buildings under construction on the Kingsbury side and another one should be obtaining a building permit in the next two weeks.

Mr. Wheatley-the Queensbury Industrial Road construction has started.

5. Next meeting and adjourn- Next meeting will be held on November 13 at 10am.

Mayor Phinney made a motion to adjourn at 11:26 .