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A/GFTC Planning Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Zoom Meeting – all participation from remote locations

Attendees (voting members or proxy in bold)	Representing
Stu Baker	Town of Queensbury Community Development
James Bosley	Greater Glens Falls Transit
Mike Breault	Washington County DPW
Joe Cimino	CHA
Deb Donohue	Washington County DPW
Ed Doughney	Warren County DPW
Allison Gaddy	Lake Champlain–Lake George Regional Planning Board
Steve Godlewski	Creighton Manning Engineering
Harry Gutheil, Jr.	Mayor, Village of South Glens Falls
Kevin Hajos	Warren County DPW
Maiken Holmes	Warren County DPW
Wayne LaMothe	Warren County Planning
Stephanie Long	NYS DOT Region 1
Emily Maciejak	Federal Transit Administration
Laura Oswald	Washington County EDC
Dan Rourke	Barton and Loguidice
Laura Sanda	McFarland Johnson
Scott Sopczyk	Greater Glens Falls Transit
John Strough	Supervisor, Town of Queensbury
Mike Valentine	Saratoga County Planning Department
Lisa Wallin	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying
Greg Wichser	NYS DOT Region 1
Tim Zinn	Washington County DPW

Staff

Aaron Frankenfeld	A/GFTC
Jack Mance	A/GFTC

- 1. Visitor Issues** – no visitors present
- 2. In-kind Service Rates Updates** – Aaron reminded committee members and their representatives to please return the updated in-kind service rate information forms (previously e-mailed to participants).
- 3. Public Transportation Update** – Scott Sopczyk reported on ongoing operations as impacted by Covid-19 as well as noting progress in developing a framework for a potential bikeshare trial service.

4. UPWP

- A. Ongoing projects - Jack reported on the following:
- 1) Chestertown pedestrian connection – preferred alternative, concept map and cross sections have been developed by our consultant (Creighton Manning); draft report will be updated following committee review
 - 2) Greenwich zoning and code review – the six proposals received have been reviewed; proposal from The Chazen Companies was the unanimous top choice of selection committee members; the project agreement has been signed, a kickoff meeting is anticipated in early February. Mayor Gutheil asked about the project cost; Jack replied that the proposal cost was \$20,000.
 - 3) Traffic counts – final counts submitted in November, completing the 4-year cycle of counts for the entire county highway systems in Warren and Washington County
 - 4) Queensbury / NYSEDA Adaptive Signal Control study – waiting for the Town to schedule a kick-off meeting
 - 5) Planning and engineering assistance contracts - contracts expire in February, RFP will be out next week
- B. Regional Bicycle plan update
- 1) Consideration of approval for release for public comment – Jack summarized the contents of the draft bicycle plan, previously emailed to committee participants.

A motion was made to approve the draft Regional Bicycle Plan for release for public comment prior to Policy Committee consideration.

Moved by: Stu Baker

Seconded by: Laura Oswald

Motion carried.

C. 2021-2022 UPWP

- 1) Summary – Aaron summarized the draft UPWP, previously e-mailed to committee participants, and noted the following:
 - New funds are down about a ½ % - \$316,200 new from FHWA, \$46,472 new from FTA
 - Carryover balances of based on expenditures through December 2020 are estimated to be \$68,000 FHWA and \$17,000 FTA by the end of March 2021
 - Total program with state and local match requirements is \$543,362
 - Indirect costs including rent and host agency fees are unchanged
 - Internal salaries and fringe up only \$350 total
 - Budget reductions to the following: cable communications, utilities, travel and training, equipment / software, upper limit of salary sharing to external partners
 - Carryover projects, listed in the previous work program but not yet completed, include the Village of Greenwich code revisions, Salem bike/ped connection, and the Town of Queensbury NYSEDA grant support

- New projects for 2021 include:
 - Enhancement of Google Transit database
 - Town of Greenwich multi-use trail concept to connect Village with reservoir recreation area
 - Corridor study traffic forecasting review – initial focus is the Exit 18 corridor
 - Bay Street / Glen Street intersection analysis
 - Enhanced participation on capital project outreach – help with publicity, facilitation on transformative TIP projects

Mike Valentine asked about the proposed Bay / Glen Street intersection analysis and whether that was driven by a specific development proposal. Aaron was not aware of a specific project link. Mike Valentine asked if the funding reduction would impede delivery of the work program; Aaron replied that no project requests were turned down as a result of the reduced funds.

2) Consideration of approval release for public comment

A motion was made to approve the draft UPWP for release for public comment prior to Policy Committee consideration.

Moved by: Mike Valentine

Seconded by: Stu Baker

Motion carried.

5. TIP

A. Updates from project sponsors

- 1) Warren County – Ed Doughney noted developments with the CR 7 bridge replacement, Johnsbury bridge replacements, Olmstedville Road reconstruction, and East River Drive and Call Street pavement rehabilitation projects.
- 2) Washington County – Mike Breault noted developments with the Shushan Bridge and CR 35/36 pavement rehabilitation projects. Tim Zinn reported that bidding process for the Church Street bridge would begin soon.
- 3) Saratoga County – no changes to report.
- 4) City of Glens Falls – no report
- 5) NYSDOT – Greg Wichser reported on the Exit 17 bridge / interchange project, with an anticipated letting of May / June 2021, and the Route 4 over Slocum Creek project, noting multiple competitive bids and a resulting cost savings. The multi-site paving project should be constructed this season. Mayor Gutheil asked about any anticipated capacity improvements on Route 9 between Exit 17 and NYS 197. Greg replied that the scope of the project was limited to the bridge and interchange, which should not affect capacity negatively and may even have a capacity benefit. The project scope is not specifically intended to address corridor capacity. The Town is encouraged to continue consideration of land use policies and incentives that would help set aside right-of-way for a possible future roadway expansion. Mayor Gutheil further noted the need for coordination between NYSDOT and the Town regarding placement of the sewer line extension. Greg noted that the sewer facility would be within the right-of-way but outside of the pavement. Mike Valentine noted support for continued discussion of the land-banking concept and

how to influence that process through local zoning. Aaron referred the committee to the 2014 analysis of this corridor done by Creighton Manning for A/GFTC that included a number of related zoning and land use recommendations. Greg noted possible Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program eligibility for the corridor. Greg also noted that an internal preliminary discussion was just getting underway to evaluate challenges associated with replacing the US Route 4 bridge over the Hudson River at Northumberland.

B. TIP Amendment requests

- 1) Summary – Aaron reported that the TIP amendment summary was sent out to voting members in advance; there are 5 requested amendments in total:
 - NYSDOT is seeking a new project to replace the bridge carrying CR 11 over I-87 at Exit 24. Initial design is to be progressed with State funds, and \$5.500M in federal NHPP is requested for final design, construction, and construction inspection, with construction anticipated for FFY 21-22. Program capacity will be created by deferral of another project outside of A/GFTC.

A motion was made to approve the NYSDOT TIP Amendment Request for release for public comment prior to Policy Committee consideration.

Moved by: Stu Baker

Seconded by: Mike Valentine

Motion carried.

- Warren County has requested amendments to three projects: PIN 176144 (Olmstedville reconstruction), \$1.649M in additional C/CI; PIN 176145 Oxbow Hill / Moon Hill Road, \$1.450M in additional C/CI; PIN 176146 East River Drive / Call Street, \$1.465M in C/CI
- Washington County has requested an additional \$0.988M in additional C/CI to advance 176152 CR 35/36 in the Town of Kingsbury
- Sponsors have experienced significant anticipated project cost increases
- Recall that these projects were pushed out to FFY 21-22 for program deliverability. Sponsors have requested reintroduction into FFY 20-21.
- The proposed solutions, developed in consultation with NYSDOT -
 - Approve \$ and schedule acceleration (FFY 20-21 from 21-22) for Oxbow Hill /Moon Hill and East River / Call Street
 - Approve \$ for Olmstedville Rd but leave project in 21/22, allowing the County to address ongoing considerations
 - Approve \$ and schedule reintroduction for CR 35/36
 - As partial offset for these, Washington County has agreed to defer the CR 74 and Hickory Hill Road bridge replacements (\$0.742M) for one FFY to 2022-23
- The Warren County project request all exceed \$1.0M each in additional funds and therefore require Policy Committee approval; that in turns a required public comment period in advance.

- The Washington County project request is under \$1.0M and can therefore be approved by the Planning Committee.

Laura Oswald asked if the project cost reduction noted by Greg Wichser earlier is a continuing trend, possibly mitigating future project cost increases that often accompany project delays. Ed Doughney noted that the project costs increased considered here are not the result of increased item costs but rather expanded scopes. He also reported that some favorable returns have been observed with local paving projects, but those are often preservation or rehabilitation rather than reconstruction projects. Greg reported that NYSDOT's recent experience with highway work shows relatively flat project costs, and suggested that the bridge projects savings could be attributed to a relative scarcity of ongoing private sector construction. Mike Valentine asked for a summary of the recommendations of projects and schedules; Aaron replied with that summary. Ed Doughney clarified that ROW, not design, considerations associated with the Olmstedville Road project do not merit an accelerated schedule and that the County concurs with proposed project schedules.

A motion was made to approve the Warren County TIP Amendment Requests for release for public comment prior to Policy Committee consideration, and also to approve the Washington County TIP Amendment Request.

Moved by: Laura Oswald

Seconded by: Greg Wichser

Motion carried.

6. **Other Items of Interest** – Aaron noted pending changes to Policy Committee membership. A representation form update has been sent to Warren County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Rachel Seeber for her completion. Also, Town of Moreau Supervisor Todd Kusnierz is the new Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.
7. **Next Meeting and Adjourn** – next meeting – April 14 (Planning Committee)
February 17 (Policy Committee)

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:02.

Moved by: Mike Valentine

Seconded by: unanimous

Meeting adjourned.