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To: A/GFTC Municipalities and Partnering Organizations

From: Aaron Frankenfeld 

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Re: **Transportation Planning Program Solicitation**

The Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council is currently developing its annual work program for the upcoming State Fiscal Year (April 2023– March 2024). The goal of the A/GFTC program is to work with member municipalities and the public to maximize the value and performance of the regional surface transportation system through the collaborative identification and implementation of plans, policies, and improvements that consider all modes of travel.

The annual update to the work program allows A/GFTC to entertain new priorities that may have emerged over the past year and reconsider candidates previously submitted but not executed due to resource limitations. A/GFTC is requesting project candidates for 2023-2024 that fall within the following program categories:

- **Traffic Studies:** These examine the operation of a roadway or intersection(s), including traffic patterns, signal timing, lane and intersection configuration, land use, and may also include bicycle/pedestrian considerations. Traffic studies are typically conducted in anticipation of planned major investments such as a significant reconstruction of an existing highway, but can also be conducted to identify smaller or incremental improvements that improve the operation of the roadway. Transformative projects such as corridor and intersection reconstructions have emerged from A/GFTC corridor studies.
- **Regional Studies:** Project candidates that seek to address transportation issues that have a regional impact will also be considered. Previous and ongoing area-wide studies include the Rural Workforce Mobility Plan, the Transit Development Plan, and the development of an Access Management Guide for local municipalities and planning boards.
- **Local Transportation Planning and Engineering Assistance Program:** A/GFTC can provide access to transportation planning and engineering consultants for eligible municipal transportation projects at no cash expense to the municipality. Under this program, contracts with consultants (retained and reimbursed by A/GFTC) cannot exceed \$20,000. Previous studies conducted have include intersection safety and operations analyses, conceptual designs of bicycle and pedestrian and streetscaping improvements, a residential traffic calming demonstration project, and school access and campus circulation studies. For SFY 23-24, A/GFTC staff is requesting that candidates for this program be presented in advance through this solicitation.
- **Road Safety Assessments (RSAs):** RSAs are examinations of how safely an existing or planned transportation facility (i.e. road, intersection, sidewalk, multiuse path, or land use development) performs. Safety issues are analyzed by peers and recommendations for improvements are made to the infrastructure owners. Upon

request, A/GFTC will help municipalities identify potential candidates and provide staff resources and consulting engineering expertise as necessary to assist with analyses.

- **Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Feasibility Studies:** Staff will work with interested municipalities to assess existing infrastructure and formulate municipal bicycle and pedestrian improvement plans. This can include the development of preliminary concept alternatives, as well as studies of a single, preferred concept, including right-of-way surveys, wetland delineation, detailed cost estimates, or other elements necessary to determine feasibility. The goal is to provide municipalities with a realistic assessment of the feasibility to build and/or improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. These studies are not intended to act as design documents for construction.
- **Complete Streets and ADA Transition Plans:** Assistance is available for planning efforts to implement Complete Streets policies within local land use codes. These could include revisions to Street and Roadway Standards, Zoning, Site Plan Review, and/or Subdivision Ordinances. A/GFTC assistance is also available for concept planning for complete street improvements such as bike lanes and road diets. In addition, A/GFTC can help municipalities to complete transition plans for public rights-of-way in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Infrastructure Resiliency Plans:** Staff will work with interested municipalities to identify and quantify transportation infrastructure, including bridges and culverts, that may be vulnerable to severe weather events, flooding, or washouts, and to develop strategies to assist municipalities in pursuing related improvements.

The A/GFTC Planning Committee will consider program requests for eligibility and consistency with A/GFTC's Planning Principles prior to formulation of the work program. Any program requests must be received from the sponsoring municipality's chief elected official. **Please submit any written requests or suggestions to A/GFTC staff via email to Aaron Frankenfeld (aaron@agftc.org) or Jack Mance (jack@agftc.org) by Monday, December 12, 2022.**

Previously submitted requests that have yet to be initiated should be resubmitted by the sponsoring municipality to affirm continued interest. Project requests received after December 12, 2022 will only be considered as time and remaining resources allow. Thank you for your consideration.