

A/GFTC Planning Committee meeting minutes

Remote Access via Zoom

October 9, 2024

10:30 AM

- Welcome / Acknowledgment of Attendees** - Aaron started the meeting at 10:30 AM and note the following participants:

Stu Baker	Town of Queensbury
Chris Belden	Town of Bolton
Joe Cimino	CHA
Deb Donohue	Washington County DPW
Pat Dowd	City of Glens Falls
Ethan Gaddy	Warren County Planning
Samuel J. Hall	Supervisor, Town of Fort Ann
Maiken Holmes	Warren County DPW
Kim Lambert	Saratoga County Planning
Stephanie Long	NYS DOT Region 1
Randy Milano	NYS DOT Region 1
Kristen Morris	NYS DOT Region 1
David Nelson	Warren County Planning
Laura Oswald	Washington County EDC
Bob Rice	Creighton Manning Engineering
Dan Rourke	Barton & Loguidice
Laura Sanda	McFarland Johnson
Jeremy Schneible	City of Glens Falls
John Strough	Supervisor, Town of Queensbury
Jesse Vogl	LaBella Associates
Lisa Wallin	MJ Team
Greg Wichser	RPPM, NYSDOT Region 1
Tim Zinn	Washington County DPW
Aaron Frankenfeld	A/GFTC
Jack Mance	A/GFTC

- Approval of August 2024 minutes** – August minutes were sent to attendees following the meeting and redistributed to this committee last week. The committee had no additional comments.

A motion was made to approve the August 2024 meeting minutes as final.

Moved by: Stu Baker

Seconded by: Laura Oswald

Minutes approved

- CDTA update** – no update.
- Unified Planning Work Program project updates - developments since last meeting** – Jack Mance provided updates on the following ongoing projects:

- **GFSD Access Study, Fort Ann / Empire State Trail Wayfinding, Glens Falls – Hudson Avenue Pedestrian Improvements, and Argyle Pedestrian Plan** have been completed.
- **Greenwich Bike / Ped Plan (LaBella)** - ~ 60% complete; public outreach conducted in July; steering committee met in September; next meeting anticipated in November to identify recommendations
- **Warrenburg Main Street Corridor Plan (MJ)** - ~15% complete; Existing Conditions report and Issue Summary circulated to Steering Committee in advance of its 10/10 meeting
- **Granville Complete Streets – CR 24 and D&H Trail (B&L)** - ~10% complete; kick-off meeting held in August; existing conditions assessment underway
- **Queensbury Bicycling and Pedestrian Connections (B&L)** - ~10% complete; kick-off meeting held on 10/2; additional information is needed from SUNY ADK to articulate specific concerns
- **South Glens Falls Route 9 Corridor Study (consultant TBD)** – project scoping meeting was held with the Village and NYSDOT in late September; RFP just released
- **City of Glens Falls Bicycling Improvement Plan (staff)** - ~10% complete; literature review underway
- **CDTA Stops Access Improvements Plan (consultant TBD)** - ~5% complete, awaiting ridership data from CDTA

Additionally, the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) project administered by LC-LGRP is progressing. Creighton Manning is working to formulate recommendations following public outreach. The Adirondack Cycling Advocates are hosting a seminar on the economic benefits of bicycling improvements on 11/7 at 2:30 PM at the Queensbury Hotel.

5. **2025 - 26 UPWP – discussion of draft solicitation** – Aaron reported that the draft of the annual solicitation was distributed last week for committee review. While largely unchanged categorically, Jack has updated the letter with links to sample projects and we're now asking for basic amount of information in the requests; previously solicitations have resulted in some unclear requests. Staff would like to have these back to us in advance of the December planning committee meeting. No additional comments or suggestions were offered on the draft solicitation. As a result, it will be distributed regionally tomorrow. Jack added that staff can assist with the formulation of program applications.
6. **Transportation Improvement Program – developments since last meeting**
 - A. TIP amendments and modifications – none; several small modifications were made at the staff level in late September following consultation with project sponsors to adjust schedules; none of those required committee action
 - B. Local project sponsor updates
 - 1) Warren County – Maiken Holmes reported that construction of the Peaceful Valley Road culvert project is completed. Other projects are progressing but there are no major updates.
 - 2) Washington County – Tim Zinn reported that five bridge projects were in the design phase. The CR 37 paving project is anticipated to be completed during this construction season. A design contract has been awarded for the Bridge NY – Goodman Road bridge project.
 - 3) Saratoga County – Kim Lambert reported the CR 24 culvert should be completed by 11/1.
 - 4) City of Glens Falls – Jeremy Schneible reported that Webster Avenue is well underway. Underground utility work is progressing. Pavement and bike/ped improvements will begin in the spring of 2025.

- C. NYSDOT updates – Greg Wichser reported that the I-87 bridges over Route 9 are substantially complete. Lorenzo DiStefano has officially retired; Guy Tedesco has assumed Lorenzo’s responsibilities. Capital program update instructions are expected very soon. A similar level of programming capacity to the past round is anticipated. Greg encouraged local sponsors to consider requests related to Pedestrian Safety Action Plan systemic improvements. Jack asked if PSAP – related funds could be used to offset A/GFTC’s Make the Connection solicitation if applicable. Greg confirmed that this was potentially beneficial strategy. Joe Cimino asked if PSAP could be used for a new facility. Greg replied that a new crossing facility is eligible for PSAP but new linear sidewalks would not qualify.

7. **Other Items of Interest** - none offered.

8. **Next Meeting – December 11**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Moved by: Nick Bodkin

Seconded by: Sam Hall

Meeting adjourned