

Meeting Summary
Planning Committee Meeting
January 25, 2019 at 9:15AM
255 Main Street, Goshen, NY
Legislative Statutory Committee Room

Meeting Participants

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Organization:</i>
Wayne Booth	Orange County, Director of Operations
Julie Richmond	Orange County Planning
Rob Parrington	Orange County Planning
Ashlee Long	Orange County Planning
Lauren Burns	Orange County Planning
Travis Ewald	Orange County Department of Public Works
Ryan McGuire	Orange County Department of Public Works
Michael Amodeo	Orange County Department of Parks
Sandra Jobson	NYSDOT, Region 8
Nicole Farmer	NYSDOT, Region 8
Orietta Trocard	NYSDOT, Region 8
Dania Anziani	NYSDOT, Region 8
Jacob Tawil	City of Middletown
Chris Gross	City of Middletown
Jack Farr	City of Port Jervis
Jason Morris	City of Newburgh
Chad Wade	City of Newburgh
Mike Sweeton	Town of Warwick
Charles Carnes	Town of Crawford
Steve Moreau	Town of New Windsor
Jim Presutti	Town of Newburgh
Scott Manly	Town of Newburgh
John Revella	Village of Walden
Gedalye Szegedin	Village of Kiryas Joel
Al Fusco	Fusco Engineering
Glenn Gidaly	Barton & Loguidice

On the Phone:

David Lake	MHSTCC
Oluseye Folarin	MTA

Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Booth called the meeting to order and announced that this would be his last OCTC meeting. The Committee thanked him for his years of service. The meeting began with introductions.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Mr. Booth asked if there was any public comment; there was none.

Approve December 18, 2018 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was accepted as drafted.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2017-2021

TIP Amendment OCTC17-09

Ms. Long presented TIP Amendment OCTC17-09 to the Committee, including one project that was introduced to the Committee in December and four new actions. PIN 876212 (Bridge NY Project) is an Orange County sponsored project in the Village of Otisville. This project is being added to the TIP with its own funding and does not count against regional planning targets. Two projects – PIN 875944 (Sidewalks in Sugar Loaf) and PIN 875948 (Oak Avenue maintenance surface treatments) are being deleted from the TIP. Two Transit PINs - 8TRO90 (Section 5307 funding for commuter bus purchases) and 8TRO91 (Capital purchases using funds from the state modernization and enhancement program) are being added to the TIP.

TIP Administrative Modification OCTC17-V

Ms. Long introduced TIP Administrative Modification OCTC17-V to the Committee. OCTC-V includes two projects – PIN 875598 (Heritage Trail Segment 2) and PIN 876016 (Mearns Avenue reconstruction). PIN 875598 is increasing funding for the construction phase in FFY 2019 using HPP funding from transfer NYDEMO #635 from PIN 875944. PIN 876016 is increasing funding for the construction phase in FFY 2019 using an HPP transfer NY DEMO #298 from PIN 845948.

Mr. Sweeton asked about HPP allocation without Congressional approval. Ms. Jobson replied that it was a decision from NYSDOT's Main Office in Albany and she would get back the Committee on language that allows HPP money to move without congressional action. Mr. Sweeton asked if the same could be applied to Safe Routes to School funding.

Local Project Sponsor Updates

PIN 875664 – Route 6 Bridge Replacement over the Neversink River. Mr. Farr updated the Committee that the land acquisition case was ruled in favor of Port Jervis, and work on the sidewalks will begin in mid-April.

PIN 876002 - Mr. Sweeton updated the Committee on the Warwick bicycle/ pedestrian trail project. The project is still on track, but it does not have enough funds to complete it. The Town is still looking for additional funding. Ms. Long informed the Committee that the Environmental Service Bureau of NYSDOT looked over the scope of the project and did not think it would be eligible for CMAQ funds, but MPO staff will continue to work with local sponsors to find an offset.

PIN 875944 – Mr. Fusco updated the Committee on the Sidewalks in Sugar Loaf project that is being deleted from the TIP in Amendment OCTC17-09. Sugar Loaf did not have enough money for sidewalks and wanted to transfer the PIN to fund paving on five corners in the hamlet, but ultimately the HPP funding was transferred to the Heritage Trail (PIN 875598).

PIN 848743 – Mr. Revella updated the Committee on the Route 208 sidewalk project in the Village of Walden. The engineer was selected and the project will begin sometime in spring 2019 when the weather breaks.

Mr. Morris gave an update on the City of Newburgh's projects:

PIN 876140 – Walsh Road Bridge is in preliminary design phase. There are issues with CSX over right-of-way that may push the project back from obligating construction in FFY 2019.

PIN 876157 – Lake Street / Route 32 Bridge is using Bridge NY funding and the City is looking to go out to bid soon.

PIN 876139 – Lake Drive Bridge is in the Right-of-Way Acquisition and Final Design phases. This project is looking to go to construction in the summer or spring of 2019

PIN 875875 – Traffic signal upgrades includes two lights on Broadway and the City is looking to move the project forward in 2019. The City is working on developing the Initial Project Plan (IPP) and look to the planning phase.

PIN 876191 – The City is preparing to respond to minor comments from NYSDOT and putting together a PS&E. The Liberty streetscape project is looking to go out to bid within the next two months to meet the September obligation deadline for TAP NY funding.

PIN 876120 – The IPP was modified to fit the scope of the project for Liberty Street between Clinton and North Street. This project is using earmark funding.

PIN 800526 – The City is looking to submit the IPP this month and moving forward on schedule.

Mr. Tawil gave an update on the City of Middletown’s projects:

PIN 875664 – James P. Kelly Way roundabout project is completed and is undergoing a final walk through with NYSDOT to close out the project.

PIN 875707 & 876098 – The City submitted the IPP for the Traffic Operation Phase 1 project in December of 2018. The City is trying to combine the project with ADA work occurring in PIN 876149. The project construction will likely be pushed back to 2020. Phase 2 is continuing with design.

PIN 876149 – ADA Accessible Sidewalks project uses HPP funding and is currently in the design phase, as well evaluating intersections to progress the project along.

Mr. Ewald gave an update on Orange County’s projects:

PIN 875986 – Grove Drive Bridge Replacement bids came back much higher than anticipated. Orange County is looking for approximately \$0.735 million in funding to keep the project moving on schedule.

PIN 875598 – Heritage Trail Segment 2 is going to bid within the next few months and looking to go to construction in the spring.

PIN 875705 – Heritage Trail Segment 3 is in the initial Design phase.

TIP Update

Ms. Long transitioned the meeting from the project updates to the TIP update and reminded the Committee that NYSDOT Region 8 and MPO Staff would be available after the meeting to talk to sponsors about their projects. The sub-allocations and funding targets were lower than expected for the upcoming 2020-2024 TIP. Ms. Long asked Ms. Jobson to give an overview of the process and explain how NYSDOT got to the final numbers. Ms. Jobson said the process starts with NYSDOT Main Office sending out the TIP Targets using regional boundaries. The funds are then sub-allocated between the MPOs located in the region, which was provided to OCTC staff. Ms. Long asked about the reasons for reducing the core funding sources, which now only includes \$3 million a year for CMAQ and \$4 million total for STP Urban. Ms. Jobson stressed that any projects not delivered by September 2019 need to fit into the new targets.

Non-core funding does not affect the TIP Targets. This includes Earmarks (HPP funding), Safe Routes to School funding, TAP funding and Bridge NY. Ms. Jobson also noted that according to the OCTC sub-allocation, Off-System Bridge funding will not be sub-allocated to MPOs after

FFY 2019. This is due to a backlog of unspent funding across the state. Due to a federal recession, all unspent non-core funding is at risk. Members shared concern about the increased cost of projects, specifically construction inspection costs, and the federal process extending the timeline of projects. Members also asked what would happen to funding that is currently in the final design phase but scheduled for construction obligation in FFY 2020. Ms. Jobson reiterated that sponsors should get projects done because there will be a shortage of funding in the upcoming TIP.

Ms. Long reminded project sponsors that NYSDOT and MPO staff will be available to look at individual projects after the meeting, and a second meeting will be scheduled for sponsors that could not make the former meeting. The TIP update will occur over the next few months. The schedule is as follows: final submitted in June Policy Committee meeting, the FFY 2020-2024 TIP will go out for a 30-day public comment period starting July 1, 2019, and the Committee will look to adopt the new TIP at the August Policy Committee meeting.

Old Business

SFY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Long introduced two minor changes to the Draft UPWP since the draft was introduced to the Committee at the December meeting. These minor changes included Table 10 revisions to the subtotals and updated language on the Mid-Western Gateway Study to include travel model update by the consultant. There were no questions or comments about the minor revisions. Ms. Long informed members that the Draft UPWP would be going out for public comment for 14 days and action will be taken at the next Policy Committee in February.

Mid-Western Gateway Study

Ms. Richmond informed the Committee that a consultant has been selected and the study will be mobilizing within the next few months.

Regional Transit Study

Ms. Richmond updated the Committee on the status of the Connect Mid-Hudson Regional Transit Study. The online survey closed on December 31st with over 1300 replies throughout the study area. The next step will be to summarize the survey results and set up meetings with private operators.

Long Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Richmond informed the Committee that the LRTP update will be a hybrid effort using both in-house staff and a consultant. The RFP went out and there was one reply. There will be more details to follow once the contract is completed.

New Business

Transit Subcommittee

Ms. Richmond reminded the Committee that the first Transit Subcommittee meeting would be held on January 31, 2019 in Goshen. The meeting will mainly be organizational, including identifying the purpose and mission of the subcommittee.

Possible HPP Funding

Ms. Richmond informed the Committee that Congressman Maloney's office reached out to the MPO staff and asked for a wish list of projects for 2020 or after. There is no verification of possible congressional earmarks, but members should think about possible projects. There was no immediate rush or deadline.

Resolution to Legislature

Ms. Richmond notified the Committee that the County Legislature drafted a resolution to widen Route 17, sponsored by the Orange County Partnership. The proposal resolved to include \$500 million in Capital Funding within the State's and Nation's Infrastructure Programs for the construction of a third lane along the Route 17 Corridor. The Planning Department drafted a response with the following recommendation: for the Proposal to advance, it must reference a complementary need for funding of expanded and improved public transit services, and it must require that specific dedicated funding be provided for all Route 17 corridor improvements being proposed. The dedicated funds must add to the availability of infrastructure financing for projects in Orange County – not compete with or draw funds out of other projects.

Ms. Richmond circulated the proposal and response from the Planning Department and asked the Committee for feedback. Any questions or comments should be emailed to the Planning Department as soon as possible.

Reports*Other Member Reports*

Ms. Long reminded the Committee that the next Policy Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, February 21, 2019. This will be the first Policy Committee meeting of the year and Ms. Long reminded the members that attendance is tracked for voting members.

The committee adjourned at 10:20 am