

Meeting Summary
Policy Committee Meeting
February 21, 2019, 1:00PM
255 Main Street, Goshen, NY
Legislative Statutory Committee Room

Meeting Participants

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Organization:</i>
Harry Porr	Orange County, Deputy County Executive
Julie Richmond	Orange County Planning, Deputy Commissioner
Rob Parrington	Orange County Planning, Senior Planner
Ashlee Long	Orange County Planning, Planner
Lauren Burns	Orange County Planning, Planner
Sandra Jobson	New York State Department of Transportation, Region 8
Nicole Farmer	New York State Department of Transportation, Region 8
Lance MacMillan	New York State Department of Transportation, Regional Director
Lizy Philip	New York State Thruway Authority
Oluseye Folarin	Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Ryan McGuire	Orange County Department of Public Works
Jack Farr	City of Port Jervis, Director of Public Works
Jacob Tawil	City of Middletown, Commissioner of Public Works
Mike Sweeton	Town of Warwick, Town Supervisor
Moishe Gruber	Village of Kiryas Joel
Scott Manley	Town of Newburgh, Deputy Supervisor
John Revella	Village of Walden, Deputy Supervisor

Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Porr called the meeting to order. The meeting began with introductions.

Opportunity for Public Comment

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

Approve May 15, 2018 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was accepted as drafted.

Adoption of Resolution 2019-01: Adopt State Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Long introduced the SFY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to the Committee. The UPWP is the annual work program and budget for the OCTC. Some of the major tasks scheduled for the upcoming year include updating the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), as well as undertaking the Mid-Western Gateway Study, and continuing to work with our TMA partners, Ulster and Dutchess Counties, on the Regional Transit Study and on the congestion management process. The draft UPWP went out for 14 days of public comment and received no comments.

Mr. Porr asked for all those in favor and the resolution passed unanimously.

Adoption of Resolution 2019-02: TIP Amendment Resolution 2017-09

Ms. Long introduced TIP Amendment Resolution 2017-09 to the Committee. This TIP amendment includes five projects.

- PIN 8759.44 - the Construction of sidewalks in Sugarloaf is an earmark that is voluntarily being repurposed by the Town of Chester to PIN 8755.98 – Heritage Trail Segment 2 Hartley Rd to downtown Middletown
- PIN 8759.48 - Oak Ave Preventative Maintenance is a Village of Highland Falls earmark that is being deleted as it was used as an offset for another Village project, PIN 8760.16 – Mearns Ave.
- PIN 8762.12 is a new bridge replacement project being added with BRIDGE NY funds in the Village of Otisville
- PIN 8TRO90 is a new transit project using FTA 5307 funding for the purchase of commuter buses and related equipment.
- PIN 8TRO91 is another new transit project being added using State Modernization and Enhancement Program funds for capital purchases.

The draft amendment went out for 14 days of public comment and received no comments.

Mr. Porr asked for all those in favor and the resolution passed unanimously.

NYSDOT Update on State Route 17 Exit 131

Jason Hilton, Project Manager, gave a brief presentation on the status of State Route 17 Exit 131 project. The old bridge over Route 17 was demolished and the traffic shifted to the north bound traffic on Route 32. Route 32 is also undergoing restriping. Traffic on Route 17 will shift to the newly paved east bound roadway. Overall, the project is on budget and on track to be substantially completed by November 2019.

Mr. Porr shared concern about the traffic patterns for north and south bound traffic on Route 32 around the Woodbury Commons. Mr. MacMillan said the traffic pattern should be easier to navigate once there is more daylight during rush-hour and the weather improves. Members also inquired about the status of adding a second park & ride to the scope of work and whether there will be a new bus stop on Route 32. Mr. MacMillan recommended speaking with Scott Geiger, Regional Construction Engineer at NYSDOT Region 8.

Ms. Long inquired about the Transportation Scoping/Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study for the New York State Route 17 from Exit 131 (I-87) in the Village of Harriman to Exit 105 (State Route 42) in Monticello. Mr. MacMillan replied that the PEL Study will cost \$5 million, and NYSDOT has identified a consultant for the study. Mr. Porr stated that the Legislature is interested in the possibility of a third lane on Route 17. Mr. Farr also asked about signage on Route 17 for Interstate 84 South saying “Scranton” and not “Port Jervis” on the sign. Mr. MacMillan was unsure of the reasoning.

New Business

Draft OCTC Resolution 2019-03: TIP Amendment Resolution 2017-10

Ms. Long introduced TIP Amendment 2017-10 to the Committee. PIN 8759.65 – Kiryas Joel Road Improvements is being used as an offset for PIN 8760.02 – Warwick Bike Route and

Pedestrian Trail. The Town of Warwick was seeking \$0.240 for construction and construction inspection due to the engineers estimates coming back higher than anticipated. The Town is also coming up against the 10 year PE clock and had been granted an extension already. They need to obligate construction funds by May 2019. As the resolution states, the Village of Kiryas Joel is providing the offset funds, given that the funds be restored as soon as funding becomes available. Should the Council agree to take action on this amendment today, it will go out for 14 days of public comment and barring any significant public comments, will be approved. Ms. Farmer pointed out a typo in the Resolution for the PIN number that was listed incorrectly. Ms. Long made a note and said she would update the Resolution to reflect the correction. Both Mr. Sweeton and Mr. Porr thanked the Village of Kiryas Joel for providing the offset.

Reports

Staff Reports

Ms. Richmond informed the Committee that there would be a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Advisory Committee meeting immediately following the Policy Committee Meeting.

Other Member Reports

Mr. Folarin informed the Committee that the “L Train” would be shut down for two months. The MTA also plans to increase ticket prices. Mr. Porr commented that Orange County would like to be full members of the board instead of having a single representative for Orange, Dutchess, and Rockland Counties. Mr. Folarin replied that such a decision would need to be made by the Governor.

Mr. Folarin asked about the timeline and coordination of the Regional Transit Study with the UPWP. Ms. Long replied that the Regional Transit Study is included as a task in the 2019-2020 UPWP and OCTC Staff will continue to coordinate with the MTA over the study and any findings.

The committee adjourned at 1:28 pm