

Meeting Summary
Special Planning Committee Meeting
April 17, 2018, 10:00am
255 Main Street, Goshen, NY
3rd Floor County Executive's Conference Room

Meeting Participants

Name:

Wayne Booth
Julie Richmond
Ashlee Long
Lauren Burns
Travis Ewald
Mike Sweeton
John Revella
Jack Farr
Christopher Gross
Merv Ayers
Gary Spears
Ari Felbermay
Nicole Farmer
Sandra Jobson
Glenn Gidaly

Organization:

Orange County, Deputy County Executive
Orange County Planning
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Orange County Department of Public Works
Town of Warwick
Village of Walden
City of Port Jervis
City of Middletown
Fusco Engineering
Town of Deerpark
Village of Kiryas Joel
NYSDOT, Region 8
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By Phone:

Lizy Philip
Jason Morris
Marc Albrecht
Elisa Van der Linde

NYS Thruway Authority
City of Newburgh
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
MTA, Metro North

Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Booth called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Opportunity for Public Comment

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

Approve February 9, 2018 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was accepted as drafted.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2017-2021

Administrative Modification OCTC17-N

Ms. Long stated that Administrative Modification OCTC17-N was approved. An older version of OCTC17-N was sent out with the meeting materials. Ms. Long clarified that many of the projects on the older version were moved to TIP Amendment OCTC17-05, which was passed by the

Council at the February 23, 2018 Policy Committee Meeting. The most up-to-date version of OCTC17-N had NYSDOT-sponsored projects only.

Administrative Modification OCTC17-P

Ms. Long reminded the Committee of the Administrative Modification approval process. Ms. Long stated that NYSDOT, Region 8 office compiles the draft administrative modification and sends it to OCTC staff. OCTC staff sends the draft administrative modification to the project sponsors or brings it to a Council meeting. The sponsor confirms the action is okay to move, or can ask questions or make comments to modify the action. Once the project sponsors give the okay, the administrative modification is approved and the changes are submitted to e-STIP. Ms. Long stated that due to a lack of timely responses, project sponsors will be asked to respond within a certain timeframe as stated at a committee meeting and/or email correspondence. If the project sponsor does not respond to OCTC Staff within the allotted timeframe, the action will automatically be approved. Ms. Long reminded project sponsors that an email was sent on April 12th for OCTC17-P and the deadline for OCTC17-P will be close of business Friday, April 20th.

Ms. Long went through each project on OCTC17-P and asked the project sponsors present in the meeting to give a project updates. PIN 8755.98 (Heritage Trail Segment 2), PIN 8759.48 (Oak Avenue High Priority Project in the Village of Highland Falls), PIN 8760.16 (Mearns Avenue Reconstruction in the Village of Highland Falls), and PIN 8761.11 (Pine Bush Central Schools Pedestrian Improvements) are rolling phases from FFY 2017 to FFY 2018.

PIN 8761.16 (Warwick Valley School District Pedestrian Improvements in the Village of Warwick), PIN 8780.46 (Town of Crawford Pedestrian Improvements), and PIN 8761.79 (Lake Street and Stage Road Pedestrian Improvements in the Village of Monroe) are rolling phases from FFY 2018 to FFY 2019. PIN 8759.87 (Lake Road Bridge in Town of New Windsor) is increasing the Right-of-Way Acquisition funds with an internal offset of High Priority Project (HPP) funding.

PIN 8760.02 (Warwick Bike Route) is rolling the Preliminary Engineering phase from FFY 2017 to FFY 2018. Mr. Sweeton added that the project is moving and the Town of Warwick should have design approval by the end of FFY 2018, though construction will not happen in FFY 2018 and will need to roll phases to FFY 2019. Mr. Sweeton was okay with the current changes on OCTC17-P.

PIN 8761.20 (Liberty Street Rehabilitation) is rolling Right-of-Way Acquisition phase from FFY 2018 to FFY 2019. Mr. Morris said the City of Newburgh is working to allocate the matching funds within the City budget. PIN 8761.39 (Lake Drive Bridge Rehabilitation) is rolling Detailed Design phase from FFY 2017 to FFY 2018 and Construction phases from FFY 2018 to FFY 2019. Mr. Morris said the City received comments from the NYSDOT Region 8 Local Projects Unit (LPU) and the project should be ready to go to construction. PIN 8761.57 (Lake Street Bridge Rehabilitation) is rolling construction phases from FFY 2018 to FFY 2019.

PIN 8761.78 (Construction of ADA accessible sidewalks along Scotchtown Road in the Village of Goshen) is rolling Construction phases from FFY 2018 to FFY 2019. Mr. Sweeton inquired about the unobligated funds for Detailed Design in FFY 2017. He asked if the Village of Goshen needs to move the funds to FFY 2018, or if the funds remain, whether or not the Village will be able to be reimbursed for the engineering costs. The project sponsor was not at the meeting to update the Committee, but Ms. Farmer replied that the Design phase is being locally funded and so any funds expended will not need to be reimbursed for that specific phase.

PIN 8780.48 (ADA Compliant Sidewalk Replacement and Enhance Pedestrian Safety in the City of Port Jervis) is rolling construction phases from FFY 2017 to FFY 2018. Mr. Farr reminded the Committee that the project is packaged together with the bridge, and once PIN 8756.64 (East Main Street Bridge over the Neversink River Reconstruction) is ready to go, PIN 8757.08 (East

Main Street Reconstruction) and PIN 8780.48 will go with it. Mr. Sweeton asked for an update on the East Main Street Bridge project. Mr. Farr replied that the City of Port Jervis is still receiving comments back from the LPU that were submitted last year and expressed frustration with the lagging process. Mr. Farr said the City is ready to go and will look to go out to bid in May, pushing construction back to July 2018. The comments from LPU concern the Right-of-Way Acquisition; the City of Port Jervis is currently in court over minor takings with property owners. Mr. Farr said this was not holding the projects back, but Ms. Jobson added that NYSDOT takes property rights seriously. Ms. Jobson added that there are two processes that can make the approvals for a construction project sticky: environmental review and property takings. Ms. Long asked what needed to happen to move things along. Ms. Jobson did not have the specific status of the East Main Street Bridge project, but said she would send a status update to the Committee.

PIN 8757.07 (Middletown Traffic Operations Stage 1) is rolling construction phases and right-of-way acquisition from FFY 2017 to FFY 2019, and PIN 8760.98 (Middletown Traffic Operations Stage 2) is rolling construction phases from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020. Mr. Gross informed the Committee that the City of Middletown received its design approvals back from the LPU and is set to go into design for Stage 1 and a portion of Stage 2. Mr. Gross was not prepared to approve the actions on OCTC17-P without conferring with Mr. Tawil.

PIN 8812.90 (Bridge Rehabilitation on six structures in Orange County) is a NYSDOT-sponsored project that increased NHPP funding for the construction phases by \$1.100 million. Mr. Revella asked if the bridge locations have been selected. Ms. Jobson replied that she was not one hundred percent sure, and rather than give false information, she will verify the locations and send an update to the Committee.

New Business

Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination

Ms. Burns informed the Committee that OCTC Staff completed a draft Air Quality Conformity Determination, and will be going out for public comment from May 1st through May 30th. OCTC is part of NY-NJ-CT maintenance area for fine particulate matter PM2.5, which requires transportation agencies to coordinate and ensure transportation projects do not affect an area's ability to reach its EPA clean air goals. This conformity determination is in response to amendments to the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's (NYMTC) TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). OCTC adopted the most recent Conformity Determination in June of 2017, and since OCTC's non-exempt projects have not changed significantly, the Inter-agency Consultation Group (ICG) concurred that OCTC could rely on the previous regional emissions analysis. The Conformity Determination will need to be adopted at the next Policy Committee Meeting in June.

Draft Resolution 17-04: Allocation of Competitive FTA 5307 Funds

Ms. Long introduced a draft of Resolution 17-04. The Transportation Management Area (TMA) issued a competitive call for 5307 projects as the older funds were in jeopardy of lapsing soon, and the TMA wanted to ensure that the funds were utilized. In addition, Ulster and Dutchess Counties have unmet capital needs. Particularly due to the fact that 2017 and 2018 funds are being held up due to the impasse between NY/NJ. The Ulster County Area Transit agency is anticipating a funding shortfall and is requesting a loan of \$457,578, from the unallocated 5307 funds. They intend to repay the funds once the 2017 funds are distributed. Orange County's fiscal needs are being met currently with the funding that is available.

Ms. Long informed the Committee that there were 3 applications submitted in response to the call for 5307 transit projects. They included an application from UCAT to construct a bus storage facility, Adirondack Transit Lines to construct an 18,000 square foot expansion of the Trailways

maintenance facility in Hurley, and Dutchess County Public Transit for a variety of items including expanded service to rural areas, bus shelters and signs, and ADA restructuring. The TMA resolved to reconsider the UCAT application and will revisit the application after a feasibility study is completed regarding the bus storage facility. Generally, 5307 funds are used for capital projects within the TMA, however, the TMA members have opted to allocate \$0.200 to each MPO for “innovative” projects. Ms. Long asked the Committee to consider possible projects and to speak with transit providers and how it could affect their communities.

Update on Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan

Ms. Long informed the Committee that Transit Orange has been working on a major update to the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan, and a draft plan will be sent out shortly and made available to members. The main purpose of the plan is to address 5310 funds and the population it serves: seniors and disabled. Ms. Long reminded the Committee that FTA funds are being used for this plan update and that despite not using MPO funds, the MPO will need to adopt the plan. This topic will be discussed further at the May Planning Committee Meeting.

NYS DOT Updates on Exit 131 and State Route 17

Ms. Jobson gave a brief update on Exit 131 in the Town of Woodbury. NYS DOT is currently repaving the shoulders to shift traffic and will undergo utility relocation in the first construction season. Ms. Jobson added that the project is on schedule. Ms. Richmond asked about the status of State Route 17 concerning the Governor’s announcement. Ms. Jobson replied that she had not heard anything new, but that \$5 million has been allocated by the Governor towards a study relating to the environmental and engineering phases the Route 17 Corridor in Orange and Sullivan Counties.

Reports

OCTC Staff Reports

Ms. Long asked the Committee if they would like to consider moving the standing Planning Committee meetings from the morning of the 3rd Tuesday of every month. It was expressed that some voting members could not make the standing meetings, and it was difficult to secure a space since the County’s Department Head Meeting was at the same time. Many of the Committee members objected to moving the time or date and it was decided that the meeting date and time would continue as the morning of the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Ms. Richmond updated the Committee on the Regional Transit Study that is currently underway at the TMA level. Ms. Richmond said that there were 7 responses to the RFP and a short list of 4 was created. The interview process is set to begin in early May, and the TMA hopes to be under contract in June or July.

Other Member Reports

Ms. Van der Linde informed the Committee that the Metropolitan Transit Authority, Metro North was progressing with a unified West of Hudson transit plan. Ms. Van der Linde stated that the MTA Metro North are planning to hold public meetings in Orange County soon. Ms. Van der Linde also requested a copy of the draft Orange County Comprehensive Plan update in order to provide updates on relevant MTA studies. Ms. Van der Linde also informed the Committee that the Port Jervis Line expansion at Campbell Hall is moving forward to the second phases. Mr. Farr asked about an update of ADA access at the Port Jervis train station. Ms. Van der Linde said the project was being led by the capital engineers at MTA, but she would forward information to OCTC staff to be passed along to the members. The next Voting (Policy) Meeting is scheduled for June 19th.

The committee adjourned at 10:53 am.