

Meeting Summary
Planning Committee Meeting
May 15, 2018, 10:00am
255 Main Street, Goshen, NY
County Executive's Conference Room, 3rd Floor

Meeting Participants

Name:

Wayne Booth
Julie Richmond
Rob Parrington
Ashlee Long
Lauren Burns
Travis Ewald
Ryan McGuire
Gary Spears
Mike Sweeton
Jack Farr
Jason Morris
Christopher Gross
Al Fusco
Glenn Gidaly

Organization:

Orange County, Deputy County Executive
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Orange County Department of Public Works
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Town of Deerpark
Town of Warwick
City of Port Jervis
City of Newburgh
City of Middletown
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Dan Coots
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Marc Albrecht
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New York State Department of Transportation, Region 8
NYS Thruway Authority
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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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

Draft Addendum to the 2017-2021 TIP Narrative

Ms. Long introduced the draft addendum to the 2017-2021 TIP Narrative. Ms. Long explained that as part of the recently enacted performance measures, which the Council had previously adopted to support the State safety targets, MPO's are being asked to amend the TIP narrative language stating that the TIP will include the anticipated effects of the TIP program toward

achieving the performance targets established in the LRTP. The language will be added as an addendum, and more performance measure related narrative addenda are anticipated as performance measures are adopted in the future. This language is required to be added in order to move forward with any TIP amendments after May 27th. Ms. Long stated that the Council is set to adopt the addendum at the next Policy Committee meeting in June.

Draft Transportation Improvement Program Amendment OCTC17-06

Ms. Long introduced draft TIP Amendment OCTC17-06. There are two projects including the addition of PIN 8065.05, a NYSDOT project on State Route 17 to elevate the Route 17A and Route 207 Interchange to prevent flooding from storm events. The second project is the deletion of PIN 8761.58 (Town of Crawford) for the Bruyn Avenue over Pakanasink Creek Bridge replacement. Ms. Long added that the adopting of the draft TIP language must occur first before the amendment is passed at the June Policy meeting, and to send any questions to OCTC staff prior to the meeting.

Administrative Modification OCTC17-R

Ms. Long introduced Administrative Modification OCTC17-R to the Committee. There are three projects including one project sponsored by Orange County (PIN 875923) and two projects sponsored by the City of Middletown (PINs 875707 and 876098). PIN 875923 (Larkin Drive) is looking to roll the Right-of-Way Incidental phase from FFY 18 to FFY 19 and Right-of-Way Acquisition phase from FFY 19 to FFY 20. PINs 875707 and 876098 (Middletown Traffic Operations Stages 1 and 2) are looking to roll Detailed Design and Right-of-Way Acquisition phases from FFY 18 to FFY 19 and Construction phases from FFY 19 to FFY 20. Ms. Long requested that project sponsors please let staff know whether or not they approve these changes by close of business Friday, May 18th.

Transportation Improvement Program Update 2017-2021

Ms. Long informed the Committee that the process to update the TIP will begin soon, with the planning targets expected to be released by the State in late summer/early fall. Once the targets are released, staff will work with members and NYSDOT to update the TIP. Anticipated adoption of the updated TIP will occur in the spring/summer of 2019.

Local Project Sponsor Updates

Mr. Farr informed the Committee that PINs 8756.64 (East Main Street Bridge over the Neversink River and 8757.08 (East Main Street realignment and improvements) in the City of Port Jervis received authorization to go to construction and will be advertised on Thursday.

Mr. Sweeton informed the Committee that PIN 876002 (Warwick Bike Route and Pedestrian Trail) in the Town of Warwick is progressing and will make a connection from the Appalachian Trail to the Warwick County Park.

Mr. Ewald informed the Committee the Grove Drive Bridge is progressing and the project is anticipated to receive its right-of-way clearance and authorization within the next three to four weeks. The County is working with the City of Middletown regarding an easement along Heritage Trail Segment 2, which runs from Hartley Rd. to downtown Middletown, with construction set to begin this summer.

Old Business

Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination

Ms. Burns reminded the Committee that the draft Air Quality Conformity Determination is currently out for public comment, which began May 1st. As of May 15th, OCTC Staff did not

receive any public comment, and the public comment period will be open through May 30th. OCTC is part of NY-NJ-CT maintenance area for fine particulate matter PM_{2.5}, 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). 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 Trailways 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.

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.

New Business

Draft Performance Management Agreement between OCTC, NYSDOT, MTA, and Orange County

In May 2016 FHWA and FTA published a Final Rule governing Metropolitan Planning. Part of this Rule requires that MPO's, State's and providers of public transportation agree upon and develop specific written procedures for developing and sharing information related to performance data, selection of performance targets, reporting those targets, and data collection for the State asset management plan for the National Highway System. As such, an agreement has been drafted between the OCTC, NYSDOT, MTA, and County of Orange as a public transit provider. This action will go before the Committee in June.

Draft UPWP Amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning

Ms. Long informed the Committee that the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will need to be updated in 2019. The LRTP is required to be updated every four years, as Orange County is still in a maintenance area for PM 2.5 (versus a 5 year update schedule). This update will be much more comprehensive than the 2015 update, as there are multiple performance measures that

must be addressed. OCTC staff recommends that the MPO use a consultant for this update. The current language in the UPWP does not reflect the use of a consultant and needs to be amended in order to do so. Staff proposes reallocating the funds (\$.150 to \$.200) from the Cooperative Community Transportation Planning task to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Task. The Cooperative Community task was programmed with a total amount of \$758,686 with a revised task total would of \$558,686. Should the Council agree to this revision, Staff will begin working on the draft RFP.

Bicycle Safety Public Service Announcement

Ms. Long informed the Committee of a series of bicycle safety videos originally from the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC). SMTC partnered with AAA to produce one of the videos and have worked to edit the video so that it can be aired throughout the State. The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) will be airing the video statewide and the SMTC Spectrum contact has agreed to discuss pricing with any MPO who may be interested in airing the video locally. Ms. Long asked if Council members would be interested in pursuing this opportunity. Mr. Sweeton added that it would be worthwhile to look into cost and timeline. Ms. Long said OCTC staff would email the link to the videos on the SMTC website and look into the cost to broadcast in the Orange county area.

Reports

OCTC Staff Reports

Ms. Long informed the Committee that the CMAQ/TAP Solicitation will be announced in May. NYSDOT will be conducting required workshops for potential applicants, and applicants will receive additional points for participating in the pre-review of applications. Grants Gateway will be used for application submission, and it is highly recommended that applicants have a professional engineer review projects before submission.

Ms. Richmond informed the Committee the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program, formally the TIGER grant program, announced \$1.5 billion in funding opportunities on April 25th. Ms. Richmond stated the program is highly competitive and the design must be completed shortly after the award and be included in the LRTP. There is a maximum grant award of \$25 million with no more than \$150 million being awarded to a single State, and at least 30 percent of funds must be awarded to projects located in rural areas. Information about the BUILD funding was sent out by email from OCTC Staff and posted on the OCTC website.

Other Member Reports

Mr. Coots informed the Committee that Exit 131 was proceeding along. The Committee requested that Scott Geiger from NYSDOT attend the June Policy Committee Meeting for a more thorough update on the project.

Ms. Richmond and Mr. Booth informed the Committee that another request was made to move the Planning Committee Meeting times since it conflicts with the Orange County Department Head's Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10am. The Committee agreed to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 9am. The next voting meeting is scheduled for June 19th at 1pm.

The committee adjourned at 10:28 am.