

Meeting Summary
Planning Committee Meeting
May 21, 2019 at 10:00AM
OC Emergency Services
22 Wells Farm Rd, Goshen
Classroom 1

Meeting Participants

Name:

Julie Richmond
Rob Parrington
Ashlee Long
Lauren Burns
Sandra Jobson
Nicole Farmer
Jay Shuffield
Steve Brown
Travis Ewald
Jacob Tawil
Jason Morris
Michael Sweeton
Gary Spears
Scott Manly
Moishe Gruber
Katie Craig
Al Fusco

Organization:

Orange County Planning
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NYSDOT, Region 8
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Port Authority NY/NJ
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OCDPW
City of Middletown
City of Newburgh
Town of Warwick
Town of Deerpark
Town of Newburgh
Village of Kiryas Joel
WSP/ City of Middletown
Fusco Engineering/ Town of Crawford, Town of Chester, Town of Woodbury

On the Phone:

Oluseye Folarin	MTA
Lizzy Philip	NYSTA
David Lake	MHSTCC
John Revella	Village of Walden
Brian ten Siethoff	Cambridge Systematics

Call to Order and Introductions

Ms. Richmond called the meeting to order. The meeting began with introductions.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Ms. Richmond asked if there was any public comment; there was none.

Approve January 15, 2019 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was accepted as drafted.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2017-2021

TIP Administrative Modification OCTC17-Y

Ms. Long introduced TIP Administrative OCTC17-Y to the Committee. PIN 876116 (Warwick Valley Central School District Pedestrian Improvements) is looking to roll C/CI from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020. TIP Administrative OCTC17-Y was sent out to members last week with transit PIN 8TRO86, but the action was moved to a separate administrative modification due to time constraints for Transit.

TIP Administrative Modification OCTC17-AA

Ms. Long introduced TIP Administrative OCTC17-AA to the Committee, which consists of three transit PINS:

- PIN 8TRO33 – Section 5307 funds for operating assistance; rolling FFY 2018 funds to FFY 2019 as per the FTA
- PIN 8TRO75 – Section 5307 funds for JARC services; adding pre-FFY 2017, FFY 2017, and FFY 2018 funds to FFY 2019.
- PIN 8TRO86 – Section 5307 funds to purchase seven 20 passenger buses for paratransit service; adding pre-FFY 2017, FFY 2017, and FFY 2018 funds to FFY 2019.

Ms. Long reminded the Committee that the project sponsor must okay the actions in the administrative modification in order to move.

TIP Amendment OCTC17-11

Ms. Long introduced TIP Amendment OCTC17-11 to the Committee. This amendment consists of 5 projects:

- Addition of new NYSDOT PIN 806253 – I-84 Emergency Pavement Repair to 8 Bridge Approaches in the Towns of Wawayanda and Greenville. This project is being spun off from parent PIN 881406.
- PIN 848743 – Rt 208 Sidewalk from Rt 52 to Most Precious Blood School; \$0.500 of repurposed earmark funds are being added to this project.
- PIN 875999 – Maple Avenue Parking Lot in the Village of Florida; This project was repurposed and is being deleted off the TIP
- New Transit PINs are being added 8TRO92 – Purchase of Demand- Responsive Scheduling Software and 8TRO93 –Construction of Bus Shelters, Purchase of Signs and Related Equipment for OC Transit.

TIP Amendment OCTC17-11 will go out for public comment 14 days before the June Policy Committee meeting.

FFY 2020-2024 TIP Update

Ms. Long informed the Committee that the most recent iteration of the draft FFY 2020-2024 TIP included two new TAP funded projects. TAP funding is awarded as part of a competitive solicitation and comes with its own funding source, therefore does not count against regional targets. The two new TAP projects include:

- PIN 8762.46 – State Route 52 Pedestrian Safety Project to construct ADA sidewalks at the intersection of NYS RT 52 and Boniface Drive in the hamlet of Pine Bush (Town of Crawford).
- PIN 8762.50 – Twin Towers Middle School Sidewalk Enhancements to construct sidewalks along Carpenter and Wisner Avenues (Town of Wallkill).

The FFY 2020-2024 TIP will go out for 30 days of public comment from June 21, 2019 – July 24, 2019. The Committee is set to vote on its adoption at the August Policy Committee Meeting.

City of Middletown Funding Request (PINs 8757.07 and 8760.98 – Middletown Traffic Operations Stages 1 and 2)

The City of Middletown is requesting additional funds for PINs 8757.07 and 8760.98 – Middletown Traffic Operations Stages 1 and 2.

- 8757.07 – (Stage 1) requesting an additional \$5.36 million
- 8760.98 – (Stage 2) requesting an additional \$2.64 million

Mr. Tawil explained to the Committee that the two projects were originally added to the TIP as a single large project and later split into Stages 1 and 2. The preliminary design of both Stages 1 & 2 occurred under PIN 8757.07. Fusco Engineering and WSP are working as consultants on the projects. Mr. Tawil said the cost estimates for both projects came back much higher than the originally estimated \$7.5 million, doubling the overall cost of the combined PINs. Ms. Sweeton asked how a project cost could increase by 100 percent. Mr. Tawil said the project estimate was originally programmed without engineering design and said that the original scope, including the number of intersections, did not change.

Members questioned where the offset for the funding request of \$8.000 million (\$5.36 million for Stage 1 & \$2.64 million for Stage 2) would come from on the draft FFY 2020-2024 TIP. The current iteration of the draft FFY 2020-2024 TIP is overprogrammed in FFY 2021 and FFY 2022. At the previous OCTC Planning Committee Meeting in May, members agree to create block PINs for the unallocated STP LG Urban and CMAQ funds in 2023 and 2024. OCTC would then solicit new projects, which has not been done for over a decade. Members supported a solicitation for new projects to better understand the needs of the County concerning regionally significant projects. Mr. Tawil respectfully disagreed with members that a solicitation for projects should be opened when current programmed projects need funding to be completed.

The draft FFY 2020-2024 TIP currently shows a small funding deficit in FFY 2021 (-\$0.570 million) for CMAQ funds and less than \$1.000 million in unallocated CMAQ in FFY 2020 and 2022. There is \$3.030 of unallocated CMAQ funding in FFY 2023 and FFY 2024. In FFY 2020 and FFY 2024 there is approximately \$1.000 million in unallocated STP LG Urban, \$1.417 million of unallocated STP LG Urban funding in FFY 2021, with the largest unallocated STP LG Urban funds in FFY 2022 (\$3.119 million) and FFY 2023 (\$4.284 million). Stages 1 and 2 are programmed for C/CI in FFY 2020 and FFY 2021. Mr. Tawil said the City would create two additional phases (Stage 3 & Stage 4) to be programmed in later years to cover the scope of the project if needed. Members were resistant to give the City the funds without more information about the project and details for the cost increase.

Mr. Tawil agreed to give a presentation to the Committee on the City of Middletown's funding requests at the next Planning Committee Meeting. This meeting will occur on June 18th at 1:00pm, with the previously scheduled Policy Committee Meeting following immediately afterwards.

Local Project Sponsor Updates

Mr. Farr informed the Committee that the bridge (PIN 8756.64 – Route 6 Bridge Replacement over the Neversink River) was removed and the sidewalk project (PIN 8757.08 – East Main Street Realignment work and improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities) started in early May. The project is expected to be 80 percent complete by the end of 2019.

PIN 8761.39 – Lake Street over the Quassaick Creek Bridge Replacement in the City of Newburgh. Mr. Morris informed the Committee that the bridge was closed due to structural deficiencies. The project is currently in the design and close to design approval.

Mr. Ewald updated the Committee on Orange County projects. PIN 8759.86 (Grove Drive Bridge Replacement) is moving and PIN 8755.98 (Heritage Trail Segment 2) is currently out to bid.

PIN 8760.02 –Town of Warwick Trail and Bicycle Facilities project. Mr. Sweeton said the final comments were answered and the Town is looking to go out to bid soon.

PIN 8487.43 – Route 52 to Most Precious Blood School Sidewalk project. Mr. Revella stated the project had trouble with permitting from the NYSDOT, but the project is looking to move soon.

Ms. Jobson informed the Committee that eight (8) projects were at risk to lose funding due to the recession. NYSDOT put together a timeline to help project sponsors meet the deadline. This includes completing final design by mid-June, submitting the PS&E packet to LPU by mid-July, and getting final approval for the PS&E by mid-August. Any project sponsor with “at risk” funds, including TAP projects that are up against the 2-year deadline and projects that received repurposed earmark funding.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Self-Certification

Ms. Long introduced the self-certification to the Committee. The self-certification is a federally required document that typically progresses with the adoption of a new TIP. Action on the self-certification will be taken at the June Policy meeting. NYSDOT Main Office requests that even though the new OCTC TIP will not be adopted until August, that OCTC adopt the self-certification document by June 30th.

FFY 2019 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding

The FTA formula funding allocations for 2019 were recently released. These are routine actions regarding the approval of the allocation of FFY 2019 Section 5307 and 5339 funding, which are formula funds allocated to the Mid-Hudson Valley TMA.

- Section 5307/5340 - makes Federal resources available to urbanized areas for transit capital and operating assistance and transportation planning.
- Section 5339 - makes Federal resources available to States and DRs to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.

CMAQ Analysis

Ms. Burns informed the Committee that OCTC staff will be coordinating and performing future CMAQ analyses in-house. The project sponsor is required to fill out a project submittal form before the CMAQ analysis can be run. There are currently three projects on the TIP that have CMAQ funds programmed but still need a CMAQ Analysis completed and submitted to NYSDOT Main Office before any CMAQ funds are obligated. If any project sponsors have questions, they should contact Lauren Burns at the Orange County Department of Planning.

Reports

Staff Reports

Ms. Long reminded the Committee that there will be an LRTP update meeting directly after this meeting.

Ms. Long also reminded the Committee of multiple upcoming OCTC meetings, including:

- Policy Committee Meeting on June 18th at 1pm at the Emergency Services Center.
- Planning Committee Meeting on July 9th at 10am at the Emergency Services Center.

Ms. Long reminded the Committee about the Policy Committee Attendance Policy, per the Operating Procedures.

The West Central Transportation and Land Use Connection (West Central TLC) is holding its first Study Advisory Group (SAG) meeting on May 31st at 10:00am.

Member Reports

Mr. Brown introduced Jay Shuffield to the Committee and stated that Mr. Shuffield will be one of the OCTC contacts at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (Port Authority). The Port Authority is working on the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Trans-Hudson Region. This study will look post-2040.

Ms. Philip informed the Committee of a new Thruway Bridge project in Newburgh over Route 207, expected to be let in September 2019.

The committee adjourned at 10:55 am