



ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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0:53:08.240,0:53:13.040

Harry Porr: Meeting is closed and now we will open the Policy Committee meeting

0:53:13.680,0:53:17.280

Harry Porr: and I need a motion to open this meeting up.

0:53:19.120,0:53:20.800

Michael Sweeton: So moved.

0:53:20.800,0:53:26.240

Unknown Speaker: Second.

Harry Porr: Opposed? Passes. Okay we are in session for the

0:53:26.240,0:53:31.760

Harry Porr: Policy Committee meeting July 8th, excuse me June 8, 2021 at one ish, 1:57.

0:53:32.320,0:53:35.520

Harry Porr: OK, we had an opportunity before

0:53:35.520,0:53:37.920

Harry Porr: for public comment. Is there any public comment at this time?

0:53:39.880,0:53:45.680

Harry Porr: Alright hearing none, I'll move on to accepting the meeting summary from March 2, 2021

0:53:45.680,0:53:47.120

Harry Porr: Can I have a motion, please?

0:53:47.120,0:53:48.160

Michael Sweeton: So moved.

0:53:49.200,0:53:49.700

Harry Porr: Second?

0:53:49.700,0:53:50.880

Unknown Speaker: Second.

0:53:50.880,0:53:53.120

Harry Porr: All those in favor.

0:53:53.120,0:53:54.160

Multiple Speakers: Aye.

0:53:54.720,0:54:00.960

Harry Porr: Opposed? Alright it passes. Alright next is the draft OCTC resolution

0:54:01.680,0:54:06.080

Harry Porr: 2021-04 TIP Amendment 20-09, Ashlee?

0:54:06.080,0:54:12.960

Ashlee Long: So, this TIP amendment is for the Schunnemunk Rail Trail to

0:54:13.680,0:54:20.240

Ashlee Long: add this project to the TIP, as you can see, on the screen I have up the new TIP listing

0:54:20.880,0:54:27.120

Ashlee Long: So you can see it's an 18 million dollar project, beginning in 2021 with potential construction in 2022.

0:54:29.040,0:54:37.840

Harry Porr: Okay is there any discussion or any questions, this is what we talked about in the last meeting.

0:54:37.840,0:54:42.640

Harry Porr: Hearing none, I will ask for a vote to all in favor.

0:54:42.640,0:54:45.680

Jacob Tawil: I'll make the motion, if you need a motion, Jacob here.

Harry Porr: Second.

0:54:45.680,0:54:49.760

Gedalye Szegedin: I want to comment on this project if I may.

0:54:49.760,0:54:51.840

Harry Porr: Let me get the second and then we'll have comment.

0:54:51.840,0:54:54.080

Harry Porr: Okay, I have a second.

0:54:54.080,0:54:57.520

Gedalye Szegedin: Second.

0:54:57.520,0:54:58.575

Harry Porr: Gedalye, the floor.

0:55:02.960,0:55:08.880

Gedalye Szegedin: I submitted; I raised a few issues of this project on on generally on 5307 at the last meeting

0:55:11.120,0:55:16.720

Gedalye Szegedin: And I also have submitted written comments on this issue

0:55:17.360,0:55:28.000

Gedalye Szegedin: trying to secure and clarify that the withdrawal of \$18 million from the 5307

0:55:28.000,0:55:34.160

Gedalye Szegedin: will not in any way impact the transit providers in the County.

0:55:34.160,0:55:41.200

Gedalye Szegedin: Not from general operations and not from the opportunity to buy new buses,

0:55:41.200,0:55:46.720

Gedalye Szegedin: I had a list of many questions and I need to credit Rob Parrington for

0:55:46.720,0:55:49.600

Gedalye Szegedin: responding to those questions in very much detail

0:55:50.320,0:55:54.080

Gedalye Szegedin: and assuring us and all other transit

0:55:54.080,0:55:58.880

Gedalye Szegedin: providers within the state, within the County that there will be no

0:55:58.880,0:56:01.840

Gedalye Szegedin: negative impact and no shortfall,

0:56:01.840,0:56:07.200

Gedalye Szegedin: and we're not in any way reigning in on the 5307

0:56:07.200,0:56:14.475

Gedalye Szegedin: from what's committed to the transit providers, this is extra funding that was made available by the CARES act,

0:56:15.120,0:56:19.520

Gedalye Szegedin: and the County's commitment to its transit providers, including the buying

0:56:19.520,0:56:26.560

Gedalye Szegedin: of new busses and reimbursing operating costs will be the same

0:56:27.760,0:56:35.120

Gedalye Szegedin: hopefully even better and I've taken those responses very seriously and comforted.

0:56:35.120,0:56:41.600

Gedalye Szegedin: And therefore I want to rest my case and, on behalf of myself,

0:56:41.600,0:56:47.440

Gedalye Szegedin: on behalf and other providers that this is not going to be any negative impact

0:56:47.440,0:56:53.040

Gedalye Szegedin: on transit systems within the County so I appreciate that clarification.

0:56:54.320,0:56:58.240

Gedalye Szegedin: I'm a little jealous that the County found \$18million for the trail

0:56:58.240,0:57:02.960

Gedalye Szegedin: but didn't find a \$18 million for the project that we talked earlier

0:57:02.960,0:57:07.200

Gedalye Szegedin: but I'm going to get over it, and we're going to, of course, support this project

0:57:07.760,0:57:10.560

Gedalye Szegedin: because this is important to the County.

0:57:10.560,0:57:13.040

Harry Porr: Well, personally, for me, I couldn't find any more

0:57:13.040,0:57:16.160

Harry Porr: money for the City of Newburgh that was bothering me, but I get over it but thank you Gedalye.

0:57:16.960,0:57:21.680

Harry Porr: And, and I know Alan and Rob did a great job doing the research

0:57:21.680,0:57:23.440

Harry Porr: on that and getting you the right answers and for working with the staff.

0:57:23.440,0:57:24.320

Gedalye Szegedin: Thank you, thank you.

0:57:24.320,0:57:30.880

Harry Porr: Alan, is there anything you want to add to that or Rob?

0:57:30.880,0:57:33.440

Alan Sorenson: Just want to thank the Council members for their support.

0:57:35.360,0:57:39.280

Rob Parrington: No, I just want to say I'm glad I was able to address

0:57:39.280,0:57:43.920

Rob Parrington: the concerns we're in good shape and I'm confident moving forward will be okay.

0:57:43.920,0:57:47.360

Harry Porr: Okay, thank you so with that we have a

0:57:47.360,0:57:52.600

Harry Porr: motion and a second all those in favor please vote yes.

0:57:52.600,0:57:54.320

Multiple Speakers: Yes.

0:57:55.680,0:57:58.240

Harry Porr: Those opposed?

0:57:59.920,0:58:02.160

Harry Porr: The motion passes, thank you, thank you very much,

0:58:03.040,0:58:08.720

Harry Porr: and as I said earlier, the County legislature voted Thursday night to provide the local

0:58:08.720,0:58:11.040

Harry Porr: share what we're funding, so this is a go.

0:58:12.000,0:58:15.360

Harry Porr: On the new business does anybody have anything to add a new business?

0:58:16.720,0:58:18.000

Harry Porr: Anything to share with us today.

0:58:20.560,0:58:24.240

Harry Porr: I have one thing, last night the New York State Senate

0:58:24.240,0:58:29.920

Harry Porr: confirmed my appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board, so if you have any

0:58:29.920,0:58:36.080

Harry Porr: issues in Orange County regarding mass transit, MTA, you know my phone number, give me a call.

0:58:36.080,0:58:40.880

Harry Porr: With that we'll go to Orange County Transportation Council staff reports.

0:58:42.240,0:58:44.054

Harry Porr: I guess I'll start with Erik, are you on there?

0:58:44.942,0:58:48.368

Harry Porr: Erik Denega? Travis?

0:58:49.829,0:58:53.680

Unknown Speaker: Travis should be on Harry

0:58:53.680,0:5:53.920

Harry Porr: Okay.

0:58:53.920,0:58:59.120

Travis Ewald: Harry I don't have any other updates, besides the trail one I gave.

0:58:59.120,0:59:00.720

Harry Porr: Okay, thank you.

0:59:00.720,0:59:02.498

Harry Porr: State thruway 30.

0:59:02.498,0:59:05.520

Lizy Philip, NYS Thruway: I don't have anything.

0:59:05.520,0:59:10.000

Harry Porr: Okay, thank you and also, we have here today

0:59:12.480,0:59:14.800

Harry Porr: MTA, are you there?

0:59:14.800,0:59:17.280

Olu Folarin: I have nothing to report at this time.

0:59:17.280,0:59:19.760

Harry Porr: I look forward to working with you.

0:59:20.480,0:59:25.680

Harry Porr: Who else do we have here? Let's see State DOT, anything else to add Lance or your staff?

0:59:25.680,0:59:30.796

Lance MacMillan: Boy, it seems like we've got a grocery list of things going on just a few off the top,

0:59:30.960,0:59:35.520

Lance MacMillan: I mean LEGOLAND and is almost pretty much complete from our perspective, which is a good thing.

0:59:35.520,0:59:38.400

Lance MacMillan: I-84, McVeigh road, Travis, thank you I know the guys are

0:59:38.400,0:59:42.160

Lance MacMillan: working very hard on that overpass out there, making good progress, the summer months

0:59:42.160,0:59:45.680

Lance MacMillan: 17K at Valley Central seems to be moving along right now we

0:59:45.680,0:59:49.120

Lance MacMillan: got to snag with some tree, a couple of trees and need to be removed and we're

0:59:49.120,0:59:53.264

Lance MacMillan: waiting on some Indiana Bat mitigation that hopefully will move through the Summer but that the project is

0:59:54.720,0:59:56.400

Lance MacMillan: the big one for us.

0:59:56.400,0:59:57.701

Lance MacMillan: As far as the payment rehab

0:59:57.701,1:00:00.960

Lance MacMillan: we get that \$18.4 million project

1:00:00.960,1:00:06.480

Lance MacMillan: on I-84 from Route Six out to 17M that's been awarded in February, so we should be seeing good

1:00:06.480,1:00:10.560

Lance MacMillan: action on that this summer and hopefully get some recovery on that section of the interstate.

1:00:10.560,1:00:12.240

Lance MacMillan: So, I know there's more,

1:00:12.240,1:00:14.640

Lance MacMillan: but just a little glimpse of what we're looking at in Orange County.

1:00:14.640,1:00:16.400

Lance MacMillan: You know,

1:00:16.400,1:00:20.160

Lance MacMillan: happy to see construction weather conducive to getting some work done.

1:00:20.160,1:00:21.200

Harry Porr: Lots going on,

1:00:21.760,1:00:25.200

Harry Porr: I was at LEGOLAND last week it's really going to be a great hit for the whole region.

1:00:26.080,1:00:29.280

Lance MacMillan: Going to go through some growing pains right now, but they will get there,

1:00:29.280,1:00:33.600

Lance MacMillan: hopefully post COVID, it'll be an asset to the whole Community here in the Hudson Valley.

1:00:33.600,1:00:37.760

Harry Porr: Well, the road work it looks really good so hopefully we'll be able to accommodate

1:00:37.760,1:00:41.840

Harry Porr: the crowds that we're expecting. Okay anybody else?

1:00:41.840,1:00:44.880

Gedalye Szegedin: I would, I want to make two points, if I may.

1:00:47.360,1:00:47.883

Harry Porr: Okay Gedalye.

1:00:47.883,1:00:52.160

Gedalye Szegedin: We're doing construction on the count, on the State Highway 32

1:00:52.160,1:00:58.320

Gedalye Szegedin: installing the water pipeline, of course, construction is always impacting traffic

1:00:58.320,1:01:03.200

Gedalye Szegedin: but the project is moving quickly along,

1:01:03.840,1:01:08.640

Gedalye Szegedin: we're very hopeful that we're going to be out of the way

1:01:09.200,1:01:15.120

Gedalye Szegedin: by the end of this construction season, if people do notice

1:01:15.120,1:01:22.827

Gedalye Szegedin: things that we should be aware of, we're ready to hold our contractors' feet to the fire if there

1:01:22.827,1:01:30.362

Gedalye Szegedin: is any improvements needed, we are trying to avoid some of the construction on State Route 32 and the five corners intersection

1:01:30.362,1:01:36.480

Gedalye Szegedin: so we could do looking at alternative

1:01:36.480,1:01:38.480

Gedalye Szegedin: sketch

1:01:38.480,1:01:43.280

Gedalye Szegedin: areas of where the pipeline could be installed instead

1:01:43.280,1:01:47.840

Gedalye Szegedin: of impacting the five corner, we're going to know better within the week,

1:01:47.840,1:01:52.160

Gedalye Szegedin: a few weeks on on progress on that, but construction is progressing

1:01:52.880,1:01:58.560

Gedalye Szegedin: during the season and we're working closely with DOT inspectors, making sure that

1:01:58.560,1:01:59.680

Gedalye Szegedin: everything is done right.

1:02:00.480,1:02:03.360

Gedalye Szegedin: One other project, the project that's on

1:02:03.360,1:02:10.480

Gedalye Szegedin: the TIP, the sidewalk project which is proposed to improve County Route 44.

1:02:11.040,1:02:20.000

Gedalye Szegedin: We have submitted all that to the County DPW team and we're very much asking

1:02:20.000,1:02:26.240

Gedalye Szegedin: them on the phone now, and when we communicate directly to have that an expedited review.

1:02:26.240,1:02:29.120

Gedalye Szegedin: That is also something that's impacting

1:02:29.920,1:02:36.400

Gedalye Szegedin: the 10 year window of a TIP project and it's waiting for County DPW sign of both

1:02:36.400,1:02:42.320

Gedalye Szegedin: on right away lines, so we know what we have to acquire and also

1:02:42.320,1:02:49.520

Gedalye Szegedin: on a construction package, and as soon as we have the DPW sign off on

1:02:49.520,1:02:54.880

Gedalye Szegedin: the set of plans we're going to be able to move that into construction. So the sooner it's done,

1:02:54.880,1:02:57.440

Gedalye Szegedin: the faster we could get into construction that project.

1:02:57.440,1:03:01.760

Harry Porr: Okay, you have the two top guys at DPW on the phone call right now,

1:03:01.760,1:03:02.880

Harry Porr: so they heard your message.

1:03:02.880,1:03:03.977

Michael Sweeton: Hey.

1:03:03.977,1:03:05.280

Michael Sweeton: Harry, can I ask a question?

1:03:05.280,1:03:09.760

Michael Sweeton: This would be for DOT and they may not have the answer right now but I wondered,

1:03:09.760,1:03:17.680

Michael Sweeton: the status of the project to improve the Route 94 County 1-A intersection

1:03:18.240,1:03:21.680

Michael Sweeton: they're supposed to be plenary design and just wonder if that started

1:03:21.680,1:03:23.920

Michael Sweeton: and if we're on track.

1:03:23.920,1:03:25.760

Harry Porr: Eric or Travis.

1:03:25.760,1:03:28.080

Michael Sweeton: This would be for State DOT.

1:03:28.080,1:03:30.720

Lance MacMillan: I'm not familiar off the top of my head,

1:03:30.720,1:03:31.983

Lance MacMillan: where we are with that if you want to shoot

1:03:31.983,1:03:35.840

Lance MacMillan: me a message or Sondra a message offline we can follow up and give you an update.

1:03:35.840,1:03:37.120

Michael Sweeton: I appreciate that, thank you.

1:03:37.960,1:03:43.840

Harry Porr: Okay, Ashlee, the New York State DOT health study public workshop.

1:03:45.200,1:03:48.080

Ashlee Long: That actually passed, it was last week.

1:03:48.080,1:03:52.880

Harry Porr: All right, thank you, and is there anything else from anybody

1:03:52.880,1:03:56.600

Harry Porr: that we'd like to talk about today, if not I will ask to adjourn.

1:03:56.600,1:04:01.280

Harry Porr: Any other questions your last question, Gedalye you get something else?

1:04:01.280,1:04:02.760

Gedalye Szegedin: No, I'm fine, thank you Harry.

1:04:02.760,1:04:07.040

Harry Porr: Thank you, very quiet today too, I don't know what's going on. All right.

1:04:07.040,1:04:08.800

Jacob Tawil: Well, good I'm good Eric.

1:04:08.800,1:04:11.840

Jacob Tawil: Ashlee, there's no need for us to vote on anything right?

1:04:11.840,1:04:17.680

Harry Porr: Now, now, at this point we're done just that one item right okay all right.

1:04:17.680,1:04:23.040

Gedalye Szegedin: I want to, I want to add while Jack asked the question about a vote

1:04:24.080,1:04:27.280

Gedalye Szegedin: I know Ashlee and others who are going to check up with the State

1:04:27.280,1:04:32.160

Gedalye Szegedin: DOT and Albany about the previous project, the connector old project,

1:04:32.800,1:04:36.400

Gedalye Szegedin: assuming that they're fine with that approach

1:04:37.440,1:04:43.760

Gedalye Szegedin: will we have to wait another month for a vote on being added to the TIP or can we have a vote now?

1:04:44.960,1:04:48.960

Gedalye Szegedin: Subject to DOT being okay, with the local funds.

1:04:50.400,1:04:53.680

Harry Porr: I think it's probably difficult for us to vote on

1:04:53.680,1:04:58.400

Harry Porr: something that we don't know what it really is until it comes back to us in some kind of form,

1:04:58.400,1:05:01.520

Harry Porr: but I'm not opposed to a special meaning if that's required.

1:05:01.520,1:05:03.840

Lance MacMillan: Yeah.

1:05:04.160,1:05:07.360

Lance MacMillan: Gedalye, let us do our homework and check on that and we'll get back,

1:05:07.360,1:05:11.280

Lance MacMillan: we want to move this, along with you in the right fashion, so you have my

1:05:11.280,1:05:14.800

Lance MacMillan: commitment that as much as we can once we get answers will share with you in the team.

1:05:14.800,1:05:16.560

Lance MacMillan: And if, like Harry said,

1:05:16.560,1:05:19.680

Lance MacMillan: if we need to do something special to move something we'll do what we can.

1:05:19.680,1:05:20.960

Gedalye Szegedin: Thank you.

1:05:20.960,1:05:23.200

Harry Porr: Okay anyone else.

1:05:25.120,1:05:26.880

John Revella: Just general, I just want to make sure we are

1:05:26.880,1:05:30.240

John Revella: going to get updated package regarding that project before the next meeting.

1:05:31.280,1:05:31.680

Harry Porr: Ashlee?

1:05:31.680,1:05:39.760

Ashlee Long: Yeah I can put together everything that the Village has shared and send out an email.

1:05:39.760,1:05:40.320

John Revella: That'd be great.

1:05:41.280,1:05:42.320

John Revella: Thank you.

1:05:42.320,1:05:44.080

Harry Porr: I think we have.

1:05:45.360,1:05:48.480

Jacob Tawil: Harry, Jacob had one more thing I just want to make sure with Ashlee that

1:05:48.480,1:05:51.760

Jacob Tawil: we don't have to vote on anything regarding the traffic operations.

1:05:51.760,1:05:57.200

Ashlee Long: No Jacob you're good, I'm going to be in touch with you tomorrow.

1:05:57.200,1:05:59.200

Jacob Tawil: Okay, good to know, thank you.

1:06:00.080,1:06:03.120

Harry Porr: Before we adjourn this one, let you know we have a new City manager in Newburgh his name

1:06:03.120,1:06:06.080

Harry Porr: is Todd Venning, I believe he's on the call today. Todd are you with us?

1:06:08.040,1:06:13.120

Harry Porr: Well, he was here earlier so he's taking the place of Joe who you

1:06:13.120,1:06:18.080

Harry Porr: know from past meetings so the City will, and Jason Morris is also here on the call,

1:06:18.080,1:06:22.080

Harry Porr: so, I just wanted to introduce Todd.

Harry Porr: With that, a motion to adjourn.

1:06:23.880,1:06:26.080

Michael Sweeton: So, moved.

1:06:26.080,1:06:26.400

Unknown Speaker: Second.

1:06:26.400,1:06:27.280

Harry Porr: All in favor.

1:06:28.000,1:06:29.273

Multiple Speakers: Aye.

1:06:29.273,1:06:31.440

Harry Porr: We are adjourned, thank you all very much, was a productive meeting.

1:06:31.440,1:06:32.320

Gedalye Szegedin: Thank you.

1:06:32.320,1:06:42.160

Moishe Gruber: Thank you all.

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