

Meeting Summary
Policy Committee Meeting
June 19, 2018, 1:00PM
255 Main Street, Goshen, NY
Legislative Statutory Committee Room

Meeting Participants

Name:

Harry Porr
Julie Richmond
Rob Parrington
Ashlee Long
Lauren Burns
Michael Pasquariello
Brendan Cullen
Travis Ewald
Erik Denega
Marc Albrecht
Lance MacMillan
Scott Geiger
Kristen Resnikoff
Michael Ciaravino
Jacob Tawil
Gary Spears
Mike Sweeton
Charles Carnes
Gedalye Szegedin
John Revella
Al Fusco Jr.
Glenn Gidaly

Organization:

Orange County, Director of Operations
Orange County Planning, Deputy Commissioner
Orange County Planning, Senior Planner
Orange County Planning, Planner
Orange County Planning, Planner
Orange County Municipal Planning Federation Intern
Orange County Planning Intern
Orange County Department of Public Works, Deputy Commissioner
Orange County Department of Public Works, Commissioner
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
New York State Department of Transportation, Region 8
New York State Department of Transportation, Region 8
New York State Thruway Authority
City of Newburgh, City Manager
City of Middletown, Commissioner of Department of Public Works
Town of Deerpark, Town Supervisor
Town of Warwick, Town Supervisor
Town of Crawford, Town Supervisor
Village of Kiryas Joel, Village Clerk
Village of Walden, Village Manager
Fusco Engineering
Barton & Loguidice

By Phone:

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Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Porr, Orange County Director of Operations, called the meeting to order. Introductions were made at the Planning Committee Meeting that was immediately preceded by the Policy Committee Meeting.

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.

Presentation: NYSDOT Update on State Route 17 Exit 131 Reconstruction Project

Scott Geiger, Region 8 Construction Engineer, presented an update on State Route 17 Exit 131 work, including a timeframe and project details. The project features a diverging diamond intersection, replacement of Route 32 Bridge, a new underpass beneath Route 32, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, new Woodbury Common Premium Outlets access point, the construction of a new Monroe-Woodbury School District roadway, and a new 200-space park and ride lot, featuring a solar-reliant bus shelter. The reconstruction project will be built in four to five sections, with each stage having its own timeframe, to be completed by the end of 2019. The total price for the project is \$148 million.

The Committee shared concerns about traffic patterns for tractor-trailers and the maneuverability of the temporary traffic patterns during ongoing construction, as well as access for Coach USA to pick up passengers at the temporary Park and Ride. Mr. Geiger stated that they met with Coach USA, and they are aware of these issues and are looking for a new spot to drop off and pick up passengers during the construction of the park and ride.

Mr. Geiger added the contractor will monitor the intersection for six months after project completion to identify and work out any issues that arise.

Adoption of Resolution 2018-04: Allocation of Competitive FTA 5307 Funds

Ms. Long introduced the Allocation of Competitive FTA 5307 Funds. The Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) issued a competitive call for 5307 projects to ensure that the older unallocated funds would not lapse. Three applications were received and after careful review, the TMA agreed to award \$2.4 million to Adirondack Transit Lines to construct an 18,000 square foot expansion of the Trailways maintenance facility in Hurley, and \$610,000 to Dutchess County Public Transit for enhancement of the regional transit system. It was also determined that \$200,000 would be awarded to each of the MPOs for Regional Transit Innovation or Planning projects.

The committee asked if Dutchess County Public Transit includes the City of Poughkeepsie and if any projects in Orange County were considered. Mr. Parrington replied that Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) took over operations of Poughkeepsie transit and that Orange County's capital and operating needs are currently being met with its allocation, and therefore Orange County did not submit an application at this time.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2018-05: Air Quality Conformity Determination

Ms. Long introduced the Air Quality Conformity Determination. Orange County is part of NY-NJ-CT maintenance area for fine particulate matter PM2.5 and completed the Air Quality Conformity Determination in response to amendments to the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP.)

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

Adoption of Resolution 2018-06: TIP Anticipated Effects Narrative

Ms. Long introduced the TIP Anticipated Effects Narrative. As part of the Safety Performance measures the Council adopted last year, the State is requiring that MPOs add language to their TIP narratives to include the anticipated effects of the TIP program toward achieving the performance targets established. This language is required in order to move any TIP amendments forward after May 27th.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2018-07: TIP Amendment Resolution 2017-06

Ms. Long introduced TIP Amendment Resolution 2017-06. The TIP Amendment includes two projects:

- PIN 8065.05 (State Route 17 Elevation Increase in the vicinity of Route 17a and Route 207 Interchange.) The NYSDOT sponsored project is to prevent flooding from storm events.
- PIN 8761.58 (Bruyn Ave Over Pakanasink Creek Bridge Replacement). This Town of Crawford project is being deleted. Mr. Carnes added that using the STP-Off funds increased the cost of the project and opted not to use them.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2018-08: Performance Management Agreement

Ms. Long introduced the Performance Management Agreement. 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. Mr. Porr added that the County Executive signed the Agreement on June 18, 2018.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2018-09: UPWP Amendment

Ms. Long introduced the Amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This amendment adds language to the Metropolitan Planning task stating that the MPO will be utilizing a qualified consultant to perform the LRTP update due in 2019. The estimated cost for this update is \$0.150 to \$0.200 and those funds would be reallocated from the Cooperative Community Transportation Planning task. The Cooperative Community task was programmed with a total amount of \$758,686. The revised task total would be \$558,686.

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

Adoption of Resolution 2018-10: Allocate Annual FTA FFY 2017 Sec 5307

OCTC Resolution 2018-10 was introduced to the Committee at the Planning Committee Meeting held immediately before the Policy Committee Meeting. The Annual FTA FFY 2017 Section 5307 funding provides funding for public transit systems in Urbanized Areas. The Resolution is currently out for public comment.

Mr. Porr asked for all those in favor and the resolution passed unanimously barring any significant public comment.

Adoption of Resolution 2018-11: Allocate Annual FTA FFY 2017 Sec 5339

OCTC Resolution 2018-11 was introduced to the Committee at the Planning Committee Meeting held immediately before the Policy Committee Meeting. The Annual FTA FFY 2017 Section 5339 funding provides funding for transit agencies to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and bus equipment, and construct bus-related facilities. The 5339 funds are divvied up formulaically within the TMA. The Resolution is currently out for public comment.

Mr. Porr asked for all those in favor and the resolution passed unanimously barring any significant public comment.

Reports

Staff Reports

There were none.

Other Member Reports

Ms. Resnikoff updated the Committee on the status of the New York State Thruway Authority projects. The Harriman toll is moving to all electronic tolling with the anticipated date of completion in fall 2018. The bridge replacement project in Newburgh is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2019. There is also a paving project near the Harriman Exit of the Thruway, which will include night time paving.

Mr. Sweeton informed the Committee that there was concern over paving conditions for State Route 17A and State Route 94 in the Village of Warwick, namely that the road edges were sinking and creating hazardous conditions. Mr. MacMillan replied that many state highways were showing signs of degradation. NYSDOT has procedures to fix isolated emergency issues, and issues are identified as needed. Mr. Spears identified Route 209 in Deerpark and Mr. Carnes identified Route 52 from Walden to the Ulster County line as areas with hazardous paving conditions that should be investigated further.

Mr. Tawil updated the Committee on the status of PIN 856689 (James P. Kelly Way round-a-bout construction project). The construction is moving along and is 60 percent complete.

Mr. Denega informed the Committee that maintenance duties on Nininger Road were being discussed with NYSDOT concerning the Exit 131 reconstruction project.

The committee adjourned at 2:05pm