

Meeting Summary
Planning Committee Meeting
July 9, 2019 at 10:00AM
OC Government Center
255 Main Street, Goshen NY
Community Room

Meeting Participants

Name:

Harry Porr
Julie Richmond
Rob Parrington
Ashlee Long
Lauren Burns
Sandra Jobson
Lizy Philip
Travis Ewald
Joe Destefano
Jacob Tawil
Chris Gross
Gary Spears
Scott Manley
Doug Bloomfield
Al Fusco
Frank Filiciotto
Glenn Gidaly

Organization:

Orange County, Deputy County Executive
Orange County Planning
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NYSDOT, Region 8
NYS Thruway Authority
OCDPW
City of Middletown
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Town of Deerpark
Town of Newburgh
Town of Goshen
Fusco Engineering, Town of Chester
Creighton Manning
Barton & Loguidice

On the phone:

John Revella
Michael Sweeton
Jason Morris

Village of Walden
Town of Warwick
City of Newburgh

Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Porr called the meeting to order. The meeting began with introductions.

Opportunity for Public Comment

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

Approve June 18, 2019 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was accepted as drafted.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2017-2021

FFY 2020-2024 TIP Update

Ms. Long introduced the next discussion item of the FFY 2020-2024 TIP update by giving a brief summary of the City of Middletown funding requests from the May 21, 2019 and June 18th Planning Committee Meetings. The Committee asked Mr. Tawil to give a presentation on the combined \$8.472 million funding request, including the scope of work for both PIN 8757.07 – (Traffic Operations Stage 1) and PIN 8760.98 – (Traffic Operations Stage 2) at the July 18th Planning Committee Meeting. The sponsors requested that the unallocated funding be further discussed before a decision is made.

Ms. Long explained that the Draft 2020-2024 TIP is going out for a 30-day public comment period starting on Monday, July 24, 2019. Currently the OCTC TIP has programmed the unallocated STBG Lg Urban and CMAQ funding in the outer years of the TIP into two block PINs. Any action on the Draft TIP needs to occur in early July as no additional changes will be able to be made after mid-July when e-STIP closes.

Unallocated Funding Discussion

Mr. Tawil informed the Committee that after the previous Planning Committee meeting discussion, the City revisited the Traffic Operations projects and determined that the City of Middletown was moving forward with all intersections and delaying the ITS system for another phase. The Committee agreed to keep the funding for the City of Middletown as listed in the Draft TIP 2020-2024 update, which combined funding for both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Traffic Operations PINs into Stage 1 with Stage 2 reserving \$0.125 million as a placeholder in FFY 2022.

Mr. Tawil stated that the City was applying for the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Grants and other funding opportunities. CFA Grants require a 20/80 match. Mr. Porr added that the County is also applying to the CFA for Camp LaGuardia, including infrastructure development to help make the property more shovel ready. Mr. Porr said the County may come to OCTC in the future for transportation funding on this project. Mr. Tawil requested that the Council fund Middletown's full project before adding new projects to the TIP.

Ms. Long expanded the unallocated funding conversation and asked if any project sponsors had future needs in terms of projects to add to the TIP or to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Tawil asked that degree of readiness be part of the ask. Ms. Long replied that this was already a part of the Council's planning process, particularly reflected in the annual TIP Questionnaire. Mr. Sweeton asked the Council to consider funding a NYSDOT project in the Town of Warwick at the intersection of Route 94 and Route 1A. This existing project proposes to add a turning lane but does not have any funding associated with it at this time. No other members identified project needs at this time. Mr. Szegedin asked if transit funding was included in the funding discussion. Mr. Parrington replied that this was a separate topic, but he would gladly discuss any transit project needs with him.

Local Project Sponsor Updates

Mr. Tawil informed the Committee that the City of Middletown is moving on its projects, and final design was approved by NYSDOT for PIN 8761.49 (ADA sidewalks and ramps construction and upgrades) and is on target to meet the September 2019 construction obligation deadline.

Mr. Ewald updated the Committee on Orange County projects. PIN 8759.86 (Grove Drive Bridge Replacement) is under construction with the temporary bridge in place, and PIN 8757.05 (Heritage Trail Segment 3) is currently under preliminary design. He also reported that consultants have been selected for the Orange County Pedestrian Safety Improvements project (PIN 8760.04).

Reports

Staff Reports

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

- Policy Committee Meeting on August 20th at 1pm at the Emergency Services Center.
- September 17th Planning Committee Meeting **note* this meeting has been moved to September 8th to meet requirements for the LRTP 30-day public comment period.*
- LRTP Public Outreach meeting #2 on July 24th from 4-6pm in the City of Middletown.

Other Member Reports

Ms. Philip updated the Committee of the ongoing New York State Thruway Authority cashless tolling project. The Committee asked if there had been any feedback from users since switching to cashless tolling. Ms. Philip said there were no complaints to her knowledge.

Ms. Jobson updated the Committee on the status of the Exit 131 project. The committee asked if the Exit 131 project factored in the proposed casino development and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project south of Exit 131 on State Route 17.

The committee discussed Coach USA changing owners. Mr. Parrington stated that the County Planning Department set up a meeting with the new owners. Mr. Porr requested an update on transit at one of the next planning committee meetings.

The committee adjourned at 10:37 am