

**Meeting Summary**  
**Planning Committee Meeting**  
**September 26, 2019 at 10:00AM**  
OC Government Center  
255 Main Street, Goshen NY  
Community Room

**Meeting Participants**

*Name:*

Harry Porr  
Rob Parrington  
Ashlee Long  
Lauren Burns  
Nicole Farmer  
Bob Mannix  
Maria Chau  
Lizy Philip  
Chris Gross  
Jack Farr  
Jason Morris  
Charles Carnes  
Gary Spears  
Scott Manley  
Mike Sweeton  
Moishe Gruber  
Frank Filiciotto  
Katherine Blaustein

*Organization:*

Orange County, Deputy County Executive  
Orange County Planning  
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NYSDOT, Region 8  
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FHWA  
NYS Thruway Authority  
City of Middletown  
City of Port Jervis  
City of Newburgh  
Town of Crawford  
Town of Deerpark  
Town of Newburgh  
Town of Warwick  
Village of Kiryas Joel  
Creighton Manning  
Barton & Loguidice

**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 July 9, 2019 Meeting Summary**

The meeting summary was accepted as drafted.

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2017-2021**

*FFY 2020-2024 TIP Narrative*

Ms. Long introduced the next discussion item of the FFY 2020-2024 TIP Narrative by giving a brief summary. The TIP narrative for the FFY 2020-2024 TIP is the narrative document that accompanies the TIP and provides an informative explanation of the 5-year capital program for the OCTC. The TIP narrative explains the TIP, how it was developed, and how changes are made. It also touches on OCTC planning initiatives, including congestion management, regional transportation planning, environmental justice and Title VI. The TIP narrative, as part of the TIP,

is being included in the Statewide TIP (STIP) and will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for approval.

#### *TIP Memorialization Discussion*

Ms. Long introduced the TIP Memorialization list that was requested by Council members at the August Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Long explained that the list of memorialized projects was created by the former OCTC Director, John Czamanske, during the 2014-2018 TIP development. The members asked to go through each of the projects on the list.

#### City of Middletown:

- PIN 875707 - Middletown Traffic Ops Stage 1 (formerly named Stage 2): Had \$3.191 million programmed in 2017, now \$2.700 million in FFY 2020 for construction and construction inspection phases.
- 876098 – Middletown Traffic Ops Stage 2 (formerly named Stage 1): Had \$3.96M in 2018, now \$4.5M in Post-TIP.

Mr. Gross informed the committee that the City received design approval for PIN 875707. The City is working on the design and final estimate of the entire project including both PINs and anticipate less than \$15.000 million in total cost. Mr. Gross informed the Committee that the City will likely need more funds to complete the projects. The City applied for a CFA Grant and plan on seeking alternative funding sources as well. Ms. Long reminded Mr. Gross that the City still needs a CMAQ analysis before the City can program CMAQ funds to the project.

#### City of Newburgh:

- 800526 – Newburgh Broadway Reconstruction Stage 2: Had \$0.43M in 2014, moved same amount to 2015. Had \$0.50M in 2015, same amount moved to 2016. Had \$7.117M in 2016, now \$5.234M in Post-TIP.
- 800529 – Newburgh Broadway Reconstruction Stage 1: Was \$1.320M in 2015, now \$2.566M in 2016.

Mr. Morris said the City of Newburgh pulled \$4 million out of the construction phase of PIN 800526 to create two PINs for much needed bridge improvements (Lake Drive – PIN 876139 and Walsh Street – PIN 876140). The City combined the two PINs into a single PIN for Newburgh Broadway reconstruction, which includes intersections between Grand Street and Dubois Street. Mr. Morris added that the Lake Drive Bridge (PIN 876139), which is currently closed due to structural deficiencies, is moving and should go out to bid soon. The City has the ROW approvals and will be advertising the project, with an anticipated awarding date sometime next month.

#### Village of Kiryas Joel:

- 875965 - Kiryas Joel Road Improvements County Road 44: Was \$2.275M in 2016, \$2.530M in 2017, \$1.375M in Post-TIP, now \$4.587M in 2014 and \$3.905M in Post-TIP.

Mr. Gruber said the Village of Kiryas Joel is working on obtaining the 38 Right-of-Way Acquisitions required for this project. The Village still needs 23 ROW acquisitions, most of which are condo units. Mr. Gruber anticipates the ROW Acquisition phase will be completed by mid- to late- October, and the Village is working to address comments on design approval. The Village hopes to have appropriate approvals from NYSDOT by late October or early November and will then let the project.

Town of Monroe:

- 848745 - Route 208 at Orange and Rockland Lakes Road, Town of Monroe: Was \$0.11M in 2015, now \$0.111M in 2016. Was \$0.797M in 2017, now same amount in Post-TIP.

Ms. Long informed the Committee that PIN 848745 has not been initiated yet. There was some discussion about the status of the PIN, since it did not look familiar to the NYSDOT Region 8 representatives. Ms. Farmer said she would follow up on the status of the project for the next meeting.

Town of New Windsor:

- 875987 and 875701 – Lake Road and CSX RR Bridge, Town of New Windsor: Was \$0.156M in 2014, now \$0.056M in same year. Was \$2.059M in 2017, now \$2.057M in Post-TIP.

Ms. Long informed the Committee that PIN 875987, Lake Road Bridge Repair, has been awarded and construction has started. All funding for this PIN has been obligated.

### *Local Project Sponsor Updates*

Mr. Farr updated the Committee on the City of Port Jervis projects. The beams on the new bridge are being set soon for the East Main Street Bridge Replacement project (PIN 8756.64), with the new bridge still on schedule to open by the end of the year, and the sidewalks are 90-95% completed for the East Main Street Reconstruction project (PIN 8757.08). Mr. Farr informed the Committee that the combined projects are 7 percent (approximately \$1.5 million) over budget. The Committee inquired if CMAQ funds could be used as an offset. Ms. Long reminded the Committee that a project needs a CMAQ analysis completed, and a determination needs to be issued to decide if the project is eligible for CMAQ funds.

Mr. Sweeton updated the Committee on the Town of Warwick Bicycle / Pedestrian Project (PIN 876002). The earmark project received an extension and is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2020.

Before moving on to old and new business, Ms. Long asked if the Committee wanted to discuss the block CMAQ and STBG Lg Urban PINs. The City of Middletown is still in need of funding for the Traffic Operations Stage 1 and Stage 2 projects. Ms. Long suggested the Committee consider creating a TIP selection process for future funding and project needs. Mr. Sweeton reminded the Committee that the block funding was not available until the later years of the TIP. The Committee stressed the importance of funding projects that are ready to obligate funding for the construction phases. The Committee recommended that the City of Middletown continue to progress the project, and the Committee is open to revisiting the request with the City of Middletown at a later date.

Mr. Sweeton inquired about the status of the State Route 94 project, which included adding a turning lane at the intersection of Route 94 and Route 1 south of the Village of Warwick. The project was previously a NYSDOT PIN, but a turning lane was removed from an early project scope for Route 94. The project was estimated to cost \$1.1 million and may require moving a utility pole despite having a large right-of-way. Mr. Sweeton asked if NYSDOT would do the work or if the local project sponsor would need to take on the project. CMAQ funding eligibility was also discussed. No decisions were made, and this topic will be revisited at a later Committee meeting.

### **Old Business**

*There was none.*

## **New Business**

### *Endorsement of the NYSDOT 2020 Safety Target Performance Measures*

Ms. Long introduced the endorsement of the NYSDOT 2020 Safety Target Performance Measures to the Committee. This action is the annual support of the NYSDOT established statewide highway and non-motorized performance measures. By agreeing to support the NYSDOT Safety Targets, the OCTC will plan and program projects that contribute to realizing these targets. These PMs were established for the 2020 Highway Safety Strategic Plan and establish statewide targets for five federally required items: Number of fatalities; Rate of fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT); Number of serious injuries; Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT; and Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries. Ms. Long informed the Committee that the endorsement of the NYSDOT 2020 Safety Target Performance Measures will go to vote at the November Policy Committee Meeting.

On the topic of safety, Mr. Porr informed the Committee that the County Executive recently announced a new program to promote student safety by adding stop-arm cameras and license plate readers to school buses. The program comes after Governor Cuomo signed legislation authorizing the stop-arm cameras in August 2019.

## **Reports**

### *Staff Reports*

Ms. Long announced that the TIP Questionnaires would be sent out soon and reminded the Committee that all local project sponsors should complete a TIP Questionnaire for each of their PINs. Ms. Long updated the Committee on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan update status. The consultant team was currently finalizing the draft for review. Ms. Long also reminded the Committee of multiple upcoming OCTC meetings, including:

- October 17, 2019: Planning Committee Meeting at 10AM at the OC Government Center. The Committee will review the final draft of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update.
- November 17, 2019: Policy Committee Meeting at 1:00PM in Classroom 1 at OC Emergency Services at 22 Wells Farm Road, Goshen, NY.

### *Other Member Reports*

Mr. Mannix updated the Committee on multiple bridge improvements that will be occurring in Orange County on the I-84 corridor.

Ms. Philip updated the Committee of the ongoing New York State Thruway Authority projects, including the rehabilitation of the Thruway Bridge over Route 207, which will let in the first week of October and is scheduled for two years of construction.

*The committee adjourned at 10:38 am*