

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

Meeting Participants

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Organization:</i>
Harry Porr	Orange County, Deputy County Executive
Rob Parrington	Orange County Planning
Ashlee Long	Orange County Planning
Lauren Burns	Orange County Planning
Nicole Farmer	NYSDOT, Region 8
Bob Mannix	NYSDOT, Region 8
Maria Chau	FHWA
Lizy Philip	NYS Thruway Authority
Chris Gross	City of Middletown
Jack Farr	City of Port Jervis
Jason Morris	City of Newburgh
Charles Carnes	Town of Crawford
Gary Spears	Town of Deerpark
Scott Manley	Town of Newburgh
Mike Sweeton	Town of Warwick
Moishe Gruber	Village of Kiryas Joel
Frank Filiciotto	Creighton Manning
Katherine Blaustein	Barton & Loguidice

Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Porr called the meeting to order. Introductions were made at the Planning Committee Meeting which immediately preceded the Policy Committee Meeting.

Opportunity for Public Comment

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

Approve August 20, 2019 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was accepted as drafted.

Adoption of Resolution 2019-14: Adoption of FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Narrative

Ms. Long introduced the FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Narrative. The TIP Narrative is a document that accompanies the FFY 2020-2024 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 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 and will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for approval.

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

New Business

There was none.

Reports

Staff Reports

There was none.

Other Member Reports

Ms. Chau emphasized the importance of the TIP Narrative, along with the TIP program and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) sees as one piece for transportation planning. Mr. Mannix added the importance of scheduling projects within the fiscal year they will be completed, and the negative impact unamended project lists can have on the STIP performance. The project performance is an indicator of the accuracy of the STIP for construction related phases.

The Committee asked what OCTC's performance percent was. Mr. Mannix replied that is was in the single digits a few years ago. The OCTC performance is progressing in the right direction, but it is still not close to the national goal of 75 percent. Mr. Mannix added that there was a misconception that once a project is on the TIP, the money is there forever. There is an obligation limit for each State. If you do not use the funding that is programmed, someone else will. There may not funds available out of that fiscal year.

Mr. Sweeton replied that the OCTC has been actively changing the mindset of project completion, including setting up a process to track project completion. The Committee has a better understanding of the 13-step process for projects and has implemented a TIP Questionnaire and frequent project updates to stay involved in the process.

The committee adjourned at 10:47 am