

Meeting Summary
Planning Committee Meeting
October 16, 2018, 9:00AM
255 Main Street, Goshen, NY
Legislative Statutory Committee Room

Meeting Participants

Name:

Wayne Booth
Julie Richmond
Rob Parrington
Ashlee Long
Lauren Burns
Travis Ewald
Eric Denega
Marc Albrecht
Olu Folarin
Mike Sweeton
Jack Farr
Christopher Gross
Naomi Hersson-Ringskog

Organization:

Orange County, Deputy County Executive
Orange County Planning
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Orange County Department of Public Works
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Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Town of Warwick
City of Port Jervis
City of Middletown
City of Newburgh Transportation Committee Member

On the Phone:

Michael Ciaravino
Jason Morris
Sandra Jobson
Kippy Boyle

City of Newburgh
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NYSDOT, Region 8
City of Newburgh Transportation Committee Member

Call to Order and Introductions

Ms. Richmond called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Ms. Richmond asked if there was any public comment; Ms. Boyle informed the Committee that the City of Newburgh started the Traffic & Transportation Committee. This newly formed Committee will be looking at planning, more specifically concerning public transportation.

Approve June 19, 2018 Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was accepted as drafted.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2017-2021

Administrative Modification OCTC17-T

Ms. Long introduced Administrative Modification OCTC17-T to the Committee. OCTC17-T includes four projects. PIN 806505 (NYSDOT safety project elevating State Route 17 near Route 17A & Route 207) is rolling the ROWINC from FFY 18 to FFY 19. PIN 878046 (Town of

Crawford pedestrian improvement projects) is rolling ROWACQU phase from FFY18 to FFY19. PIN 882331 (NYSDOT project to make Town of Wallkill Park & Ride ADA compliant) is combining funding and moving all phases to FFY19.

PIN 882315 (Metro-North Newburgh-Beacon Ferry Service) combines FFY18 and FFY19 funds for a biennial contract. Mr. Albrecht clarified that the PIN was a NYSDOT request and did not come from Metro-North. The funding is listed as NHPP, while the MTA's capital cost for both ferry services are part of an MTA grant (FTA 5307). Mr. Albrecht asked if the NHPP funding was for landside improvements such as the parking lot that is maintained by NYSDOT. Ms. Jobson said she would follow up with Dan Coots and clarify the funding sources and responsible agency.

TIP Amendment OCTC17-08

Ms. Long introduced TIP Amendment OCTC17-08 to the Committee. PIN 800531 (NYSDOT project for Town of Montgomery signalize intersection of State Route 17K) is a new project being added to the OCTC TIP. Ms. Jobson said the project comes with its own funding from an intersection improvement block PIN.

TIP 2020-2024 Development

Ms. Long informed the Committee that OCTC staff will start to review the current TIP in preparation of the planning process to develop the FFY 2020-2024 TIP. NYSDOT is anticipating the release of the funding planning targets in December instead in the fall, shortening the timeline for development. Ms. Long asked project sponsors to complete the TIP Questionnaire to help inform the status of projects. The TIP Questionnaire was created to ensure that projects are staying on schedule and continue to have municipal dollars and support behind them as funding has become harder to secure.

Ms. Richmond informed the Committee that planning targets are likely to be flat, meaning they will be approximately the same as during the last TIP update, and should not assume an increase in funding, though NYSDOT is doing internal exercises and will not know for sure until planning targets are announced.

Ms. Jobson continued saying from the internal NYSDOT review the OCTC TIP is over-programmed in FFY19 and FFY20. Ms. Jobson urged the Committee to assess when projects can realistically be completed in 5 years. That exercise will give the Committee and staff a good sense after what additional funds can be programmed.

PIN 876002 – Town of Warwick Bicycle and Pedestrian Project

Ms. Long updated the Committee on PIN 876002 stating a CMAQ analysis is being performed in-house and staff is working with the project consultant to look at offsets. Mr. Sweeton said he is still waiting from the consultant for the answer as to why the cost went up to \$0.150 for the Construction Inspection phase. Mr. Budde stated the bicycle portion of the project might be CMAQ eligible, while the recreational trails to connect parks is not. Mr. Budde suggested NYSDOT split the PIN into two and staff will follow up with the Local Project Unit to see if the suggestion is viable.

Local Project Sponsor Updates

Mr. Gross informed the Committee that the James P. Kelly Way roundabout is now open in the City of Middletown. Mr. Farr informed the Committee that the demolition of the buildings within the right-of-way of the Main Street Bridge replacement and intersection realignment project is scheduled for October 29, 2018. Mr. Farr also thanked everyone that came out to the City of Port Jervis for the ground breaking ceremony. He also told the Committee the temporary

bridge will be operational in March/April with the new bridge up and operational by the end of next year.

Mr. Ewald informed the Committee that the Grove Drive Bridge project was approved to go out to contract. Mr. Denega added that Orange County met with a Heritage Trail advocacy group in the City of Middletown on the Segment 2 and the project has gone out to bid. They are currently waiting on authorizations from a right-of-way issue that NYSDOT owns, specifically railroad tracks under I-84. NYSDOT agreed to have this bridge replacement project coincide with the construction of the heritage trail, but NYSDOT has not yet required necessary property. Two thirds of the length of Segment 1 project was also removed from the federal fiscal year, and the consultant is currently working on the preliminary design of the Segment 3 project. He concluded the Heritage Trail update by adding that the Harriman Parking Lot is waiting on easements, but will go to construction, likely a 6-8 weeks project, in spring 2019.

New Business

Voting Membership

Ms. Long reminded the Committee that voting member selection occurs every two years. Due to one voting member leaving office, to which Al Fusco is the current proxy, the Committee is looking for someone to fill the vacancy in the Southern Area of the Town and Village Representation. Ms. Long asked that all subareas resend confirmation of the voting members.

OCTC Resolution 2018-20: Supporting the Statewide Amended Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR) Targets

Ms. Long introduced OCTC Resolution 2018-20: Supporting the Statewide Amended Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR) Targets to the Committee and explained that the resolution revises the targets. Ms. Long clarified that the methodology did not change, just a minor error in the base formula. Fact sheets are available for anyone interested in a further breakdown.

Reports

OCTC Staff Reports

Ms. Richmond updated the Committee on the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Regional Transit Study (RTS). The RTS has officially kicked off and all three counties held initial stakeholder meetings, as well as reviewed a draft market analysis and survey for transit users. There is now a project website available – www.connectmidhudson.com.

Ms. Richmond also informed the Committee that the OC Planning Department completed the draft Transportation Chapter for the updated County Comprehensive Plan. The draft Transportation Chapter will be shared with the Committee and all comments should be completed and sent back by November 7, 2018. Finally, the Long Range Transportation Plan is set to be updated next year.

Ms. Long asked that all TIP Questionnaires should be sent back to staff by November 13, 2018.

Other Member Reports

Mr. Albrecht informed the Committee he is retiring from the MTA, and Mr. Folarin has accepted the position as the Assistant Director, Grant Management of MTA Capital Program Funding and Grant Management. The Committee congratulated Mr. Albrecht, thanked him for participating in the OCTC Committee meetings and wished him the best of luck on his retirement.

The committee adjourned at 10:00 am