

**Meeting Summary**  
**Policy Committee Meeting**  
**August 10, 2021 at 1:00PM**  
OC Emergency Services  
22 Wells Farm Road, Goshen NY  
Classroom 1

**Meeting Participants**

*Name:*

Alan Sorensen  
Julie Richmond  
Rob Parrington  
Ashlee Long  
Lauren Burns  
Jessica Ridgeway  
Erik Denega  
Sandra Jobson  
Lizy Philip  
Jacob Tawil  
Jason Morris  
Jack Farr  
Scott Manley  
Mike Sweeton  
John Revella  
Gary Spears  
Crawford McCloud

*Organization:*

Orange County Planning, Commissioner  
Orange County Planning, Deputy Commissioner  
Orange County Planning, Senior Planner  
Orange County Planning, Planner (OCTC Staff)  
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Orange County Department of Public Works, Commissioner  
NYS Department of Transportation, Region 8  
NYS Thruway Authority  
City of Middletown  
City of Newburgh  
City of Port Jervis  
Town of Newburgh  
Town of Warwick  
Village of Walden  
Town of Deerpark  
Town of Hamptonburgh

*On the Phone*

Catherine Corless	Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Robert Jeroloman	Town of Blooming Grove
Paul Lo Gallo	NYS Department of Transportation
Nicole Farmer	NYS Department of Transportation, Region 8
Harriet Lewis	NYS Department of Transportation
Dave Lake	Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee
Gedalye Szegedin	Village of Kiryas Joel
Moishe Gruber	Village of Kiryas Joel
Frank Filiciotto	Creighton Manning

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Ms. Richmond called the meeting to order. Introductions were made and the meeting began.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Ms. Richmond asked if there was any public comment; there was none.

**Approve June 8, 2021 Meeting Transcript**

The meeting transcript was accepted as drafted.

### **Adoption of Resolution 2021-05: TIP Amendment 20-10**

Ms. Richmond introduced Resolution 2021-05: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 20-10 to the Committee. Ms. Long outlined the resolution for members. OCTC TIP Amendment 20-10 includes the addition on one new project PIN 839210 – a NYSDOT Preventative Maintenance project paving segments of Route 6, 53, and 208 in the Town of Wawayanda and the Village of Walden.

Mr. Revella asked the length of the paving in the Village of Walden. Ms. Jobson said she would get more information and follow up.

No public comment was received.

Ms. Richmond asked for all those in favor and the resolution passed unanimously.

### **Adoption of Resolution 2021-06: Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination**

Ms. Richmond introduced Resolution 2020-06: Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination to the Committee. Ms. Burns outlined the resolution for members. The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) and the Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) are updating their Metropolitan Transportation Plans and as such, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires transportation conformity be demonstrated by an MPO in a non-attainment and maintenance areas whenever transportation projects that may significantly impact air quality are programmed. There were no new or significantly changed nonexempt projects added to the OCTC 2020-2024 TIP or Long Range Transportation Plan.

The Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination document went out for 30-days of public comment and received one public comment that is addressed in Appendix C of the Final Document. The OCTC also received one technical comment from the US EPA during the Interagency Consultation (ICG) Process, as outlined in the technical memo, and updated the tables in the final document. Ms. Burns reviewed the technical memo and updated tables with the Council.

Ms. Richmond asked for all those in favor and the resolution passed unanimously.

### **Adoption of Resolution 2021-07: Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) FTA 5307 Call for Projects Award Allocations**

Ms. Richmond introduced Resolution 2021-07: Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) FTA 5307 Call for Projects Award Allocations to the Committee. Ms. Long outlined the resolution for members.

In March 2021, the TMA announced a call for projects that made over \$12 million in Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds available to support a mix of transit activities such as capital purchases, facility improvements, and operating assistance. Five applications were received and went through an eligibility review process and screen criteria, with two projects not meeting the screening criteria. The three projects recommended here for award include:

- Dutchess County Public Transit Facility Rehabilitation- \$4.428 million
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority Harmon to Poughkeepsie Signal Improvement- \$4.18 million
- Ulster County Area Transit Electric Bus and Storage Facility- \$4 million

Mr. Revella asked if there were any applications from Orange County. Ms. Long responded that there was one application that was submitted on behalf of Orange County in the City of Newburgh, but the application was not found to be eligible for funding during the review process.

Ms. Philip informed the Committee that there was a typo in the totals of the attachments to Resolution 2021-07. The Committee motioned to amend the error in the shown totals.

With the understanding that the totals will be amended, Ms. Richmond asked for all those in favor and the resolution passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### *NYSDOT Route 17 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study Presentation*

Mark Tiano, NYSDOT Project Manager, and Bill Gorton, WSP, presented on the Route 17 PEL Study Alternatives. The Route 17 PEL Study seeks to help accommodate transportation demands along the corridor between Exit 103 (Rapp Road) in Sullivan County and Exit 131 (I-87 - Harriman) in Orange County brought about by growth in the region – and to help accommodate future growth. The study will evaluate the environmental impacts and engineering feasibility of adding a general use third lane, in each direction, and improving key interchanges in Orange and Sullivan counties as recommended in previous planning studies. In particular, Mr. Gorton reviewed the four options proposed for Interchange 130, as previously requested by the Council.

After the presentation was completed, Mr. Tawil asked if the project team could provide cost estimates for the Interchange 130 project alternatives. Ms. Jobson said the estimates are ranges due to the preliminary scoping of the project, but the team would follow up. Mr. Revella asked if the final report would include a determination for the recommendations. Mr. Gorton stated that the report would exclude unrealistic options. Ms. Jobson further clarified that when funding becomes available for a project and a more detailed survey is completed, that is when direct outreach to the communities and a decision on a final option is made.

#### *Interchange 130 Letter of Support Discussion*

The Village of Kiryas Joel had previously requested a Letter of Support from the Council for Interchange 130 Alternatives 1+ and 2+ as presented in the Route 17 PEL Study Public Meeting #2. Alternatives 1 and 2 did not include the Forest Bridge Connector in the renderings and the Committee agreed that any future alternatives should not impede any future plans for the connection. Mr. Szegedin stated the Village is in the early stages of a study for the Forest Bridge Connection, but that the study will be put on hold until the Route 17 PEL Study Report is finalized in the fall.

Mr. Szegedin acknowledged that there was no funding at this time to move forward with the formerly named Larkin Drive Extension proposed project, but if funding became available for the reconstruction of Interchange 130, the Forest Bridge Extension project should be considered for inclusion in the scope. Mr. Szegedin also inquired about the necessary right of way at the Park and Ride lot in the proposed alternatives at the 130 Interchange. He informed NYSDOT and the Route 17 PEL Study team that the Village of Kiryas Joel owned land in the area of the proposed lot and would be willing to coordinate in the future.

The members unanimously approved a motion to create a Letter of Support for Alternatives 1+ and 2+ to be signed by the OCTC Chairman, County Executive Steve Neuhaus and sent to the Route 17 PEL Study team. Mr. Sorensen said he will also draft a letter in support of the preferred alternatives on behalf of the Orange County Planning Department.

### **Reports**

#### *Staff Reports*

Ms. Long announced the next Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 10am. The meeting will be held in-person as well as virtually. More information will be sent out with the meeting notice.

Ms. Long reminded the Committee that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications for pre-review are due on August 17<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on the NYSDOT website.

Mr. Sorensen gave a brief overview of the potential Orange County TAP application, which includes the construction of a 3-mile multi-use trail on county-owned right of way in the Town of Minisink. The rail trail would provide multi-modal connections from the Village of Unionville to the Hamlet of Westtown.

*The committee adjourned at 1:56 pm*