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**Minutes for the February 13, 2020
Regular Meeting – Q1 2020
Herkimer-Oneida Counties
Transportation Planning Committee
Boehlert Center at Union Station
Oneida County Department of Planning Conference Room**

Administered by: Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study (HOCTS)

Call to order at 9:41 AM made by the Chairman, Dennis Davis.

1. Roll Call

Voting Members Present

Dennis Davis, Chairman

Regina Venettozzi

E.J. Moses

Joseph Giuliano

Mark Nagele, Vice-Chairman

Deb Windecker

Andy Karas

Commissioner, Public Works, Oneida County

Interim Program Director, HOCCPP

Director of Facilities, CNYRTA/Centro of Oneida

Engineer II, City of Rome

Superintendent, Herkimer County Highways Department

Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT

Region 2

representing Chris Lawrence, Planner, City of Utica,

Junior Engineer, City of Utica

Non-Voting Members Present

Dana Crisino, AICP

Barb Hauck

Alexander Turner

Matthew Andrews

John Piseck

Mark DeRocco, P.E.

Jeff Quakenbush

Michaela Murphy

Kelly Walters

Austin Bonache

Chris Burche

Director, HOCTS

Principal Planner, HOCTS

Planning Specialist, HOCTS

Deputy Director, Community & Economic Development,
City of Rome

Executive Director, Herkimer County IDA

Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager &

HOCTS Liaison, NYSDOT Region 2

GIS Coordinator, Oneida County Department of Planning

Parkway Center

Parkway Center

City of Utica

Oneida County Department of Public Works

Voting Members Absent

Jerrin George
Calla Perrilloux

Professional Engineer I, NYS Thruway Authority
Finance Assistant, Birnie Bus Service, Inc.

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2019 meeting as submitted made by: E.J. Moses

- Seconded
- Voting: Passed, 7-0-0

4. Local Transportation Planning Assistance Program

Review of the January 31, 2020 Special Meeting – LTPAP Review. Dana gives a brief overview of what the purpose of the meeting was and what transpired. There was a total of eight qualified projects from four applicants that were reviewed at the meeting. The funding would utilize a previous backlog of funds from prior FHWA allocations to HOCTS.

Herkimer County IDA had a project proposal for a freight railroad spur planning study submitted by John Piseck.

The City of Rome had three proposed projects: Chestnut Street Complete Streets, #2, and #3 submitted by Matt Andrews. Matt informed the committee that he would withdraw the proposals for #2 and #3 to just focus on the Chestnut Street Complete Street proposal.

The City of Utica had one proposed project: Broad Street Corridor Enhancement.

Oneida County submitted several proposals and eventually decided to ask for only the Kellogg Road Study to be considered.

\$100,000 was the agreed amount to fund all of the proposals that were selected. The Herkimer County IDA's proposal was considered atypical and recommended to be considered under alternative funding sources other than what the LTPAP provided. A funding split of \$45,000 (Utica), \$45,000 (Rome), and \$10,000 (Oneida County) was decided upon by the committee.

Dennis Davis leaves the meeting to take a phone call. Voting representation brought down to 6 members. Mark Nagele assumes role of chairman.

Motion to approve the funding levels, as stated, was made by: Regina Venettozzi

- Seconded
- Discussion: John Piseck arrives to the meeting and a discussion took place on the program and the reasoning behind the Herkimer County IDA's

project proposal not being selected for funding. John Piseck leaves the meeting after being briefed.

- Voting: Passed, 7-0-0

5. Presentation of HOCTS UPWP 2020 – 2021

6. HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 1: 2020 – 2021 UPWP, concerning the adoption of the HOCTS 2020 – 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented.

- Motion to accept made by: Joseph Giuliano
- Seconded
- Voting: Passed, 6-0-0

7. HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 2: LRTP Amendment (pending)

Resolution not brought to committee; removed from agenda prior to start of meeting.

8. HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 3a: TIP Amendment, concerning the revision of a current project on the TIP, PIN 280630 – Culvert Repair/Replacement Project 21. The proposal calling for the removal of \$551,000 of STBG Flex funding in the construction and construction inspection phases for the 2021 funding year.

- Motion to accept the resolution made by: E.J. Moses
- Seconded
- Voting: Passed, 6-0-0

9. HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 3b: TIP Amendment, concerning the revision of a current project on the TIP, PIN 280600 – Culvert Repair/Replacement Project 19. The proposal calling for the addition of \$439,000 of STP Flex funding in the construction and construction inspection phases for the 2021 funding year.

- Motion to accept the resolution made by: Regina Venettozzi
- Seconded
- Voting: Passed, 6-0-0

10. HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 4: TIP Amendment, concerning the addition of a project to the TIP, PIN TWSE20 – NYS Thruway, Albany and Syracuse Division Pavement Striping through 2022 on I-87 and I-90. The proposal calling for the addition of \$400,000 for the 2020 FFY, \$420,000 for the 2021 FFY, and \$400,000 for the 2022 FFY, all in the construction phase utilizing NHPP funding.

- Motion to accept the resolution made by: Deb Windecker
- Seconded
- Voting: Passed, 6-0-0

11. NYSDOT Region 2 Report

The NYSDOT Commissioner presented a budget proposal to the State Legislature, proposing a 2-year \$29.3 billion spending plan for transportation as the projected expiration of the federal FAST Act prevents a longer spending plan from being adopted. The proposal is 33% more than what the last two years

budgets have been. PAVE NY and BRIDGE NY is being proposed at \$100 million per year.

Legislation being proposed regarding transportation includes, autonomous vehicles testing with changes to support the development of which. Fiber-optic communication cables within the state ROW alongside highways is being proposed as a revenue generation. A proposal for congestion tolling within New York City is also proposed. Lastly, a change to the traffic law is proposed to increase penalties regarding actions against drivers who disobey laws in a construction work zone.

Bridge rehabilitation for the NYS Route 8 bridges was let to Slate Hill. Richfield Street was a BRIDGE NY project that was recently let to Jeblansky. Most projects are coming in above NYSDOT's estimates of costs.

The 5s Safety Project is running on schedule for competition by the end of this year.

12. Review of Bylaws

Review and discussion of the HOCTS operating bylaws and voting membership. HOCTS is performing an internal analysis of its existing operating bylaws and membership requirements. HOCTS also reviewed all other MPOs in the state to form the base for updated bylaws and membership requirements in compliance with the FAST Act. The current operating bylaws are dated and do not help the organization function efficiently.

Dennis Davis returns to the meeting and assumes the role of chairman. Voting representation is returned to seven.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Alexander Turner, HOCTS