



GOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Minutes for the February 27, 2020 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Quarterly Meeting – Q1 2020 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Utica Saranac Room Utica, NY

*Administered by:
Herkimer – Oneida Counties Transportation Study, Metropolitan Planning Organization*

Call to order at 9:37 am made by Kevin Revere.

Roll Call

Voting Members present:

Kevin Revere, Acting Chair

Linda Lubey

*Joseph Smith
Philip Sacco
Dan Guzewich*

E.J. Moses

*Scott Musacchio
Barbara Hauck*

Matt Andrews

Chris Lawrence

Mary Austin Pratt

*Chief of Staff, Oneida County, representing Anthony J. Picente, Jr.,
Executive, Oneida County, Chair*
*Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation Region
2, representing Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner, New York State
Department of Transportation*
Supervisor, Town of Trenton
Minority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators
*Majority Analyst, Oneida County Board of Legislators, representing
Michael Waterman, Chairman, Public Works Committee, Oneida County
Board of Legislators*
*Director of Facilities, Central New York Regional Transportation
Authority, representing Brian Schultz, Chairman, Central New York
Regional Transportation Authority*
Supervisor, Town of Verona
*Principal Planner, HOCTS, representing John Bialek, Mayor, Village of
New York Mills*
*Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development, City of Rome,
representing Jacquelyn Izzo, Mayor, City of Rome*
*Principal Planner, City of Utica, representing Robert Palmieri, Mayor,
City of Utica*
*Legislator, Oneida County Board of Legislators, representing Gerald J.
Fiorini, Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators*

David Wood

representing George E. Joseph, Majority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators

Non-voting Members present:

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| James Genovese, Secretary | Commissioner, Department of Planning, Oneida County |
| Dana Crisino | Director, HOCTS |
| Alexander Turner | Planning Specialist, HOCTS |
| Mark DeRocco | Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2 |
| Deborah Windecker | Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2 |

Voting Members absent:

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| Timothy Seymour | Commissioner, Herkimer County Social Services |
| Raymond Smith | Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature |
| Vincent Bono | Chairman, Herkimer County Legislature |
| Jim Wallace | Herkimer County Administrator |
| Kurt J. Ackerman | Chairman, Planning and Development Committee, Herkimer County Legislature |
| Brian D. Lamica | Mayor, Village of Ilion |
| Michael Mahoney | Mayor, Village of Yorkville |
| Glenn D. Asnoe | Supervisor, Town of Frankfort |
| Joanne M. Mahoney | Chair, New York State Thruway Authority Board of Directors |

Introductions were completed by all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Meeting made by: David Wood
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 12 (Revere, Lubey, Hauck, Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Lawrence, Andrews, Pratt, Wood) – 0 – 0

Public Comment

No public comment given.

Presentation

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2020 – 2021, presented by Dana Crisino

New Business

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 1, on the question of the adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 2020 – 2021.

- Motion to accept the resolution as presented made by: Scott Mussachio
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 12 (Revere, Lubey, Hauck, Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Lawrence, Andrews, Pratt, Wood) – 0 – 0

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 02, on the question of the adoption of an amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

- Motion to table the resolution made by: David Wood

- Seconded
- Voting: Passed, 12 (Revere, Lubey, Hauck, Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Lawrence, Andrews, Pratt, Wood) – 0 – 0

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 3a, on the question of adopting a TIP amendment to PIN 280630 – Culvert Repair/Replacement Project 21. The proposal calling for a decrease in STBG Flex funding, for the construction and construction inspection phases, in the amount of \$551,000 for FFY 2021.

- Motion to approve 2020 – 3a and 2020 – 3b jointly, made by: Linda Lubey
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 12 (Revere, Lubey, Hauck, Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Lawrence, Andrews, Pratt, Wood) – 0 – 0

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 3b, on the question of adopting a TIP amendment to PIN 280600 – Culvert Repair/Replacement Project 19. The proposal calling for an increase in STP Flex funding, for the construction and construction inspection phases, in the amount of \$439,000 for FFY 2021.

- Resolution approved in previous motion.

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 4, on the question of adopting an addition of the TIP of PIN TWSE20 – NYS Thruway, Albany, and Syracuse Division Pavement Striping through 2022 on I-87 and I-90. The proposal calling for \$400,000 in NHPP funding for FFY 2020, \$420,000 in NHPP funding for FFY 2021, and \$400,000 in NHPP funding for FFY 2022, all in the construction phases.

- Motion to approve resolution made by: EJ Moses
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 12 (Revere, Lubey, Hauck, Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Lawrence, Andrews, Pratt, Wood) – 0 – 0

Reports

Administrative Modifications

The following table is inserted from the Admin. Mods. Memo covering the time period of January 2020 – February 2020 which was presented during the meeting:

| ADMIN MOD. # | PIN | DESCRIPTION | AGENCY |
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| 2020-1MOD | 280627 | The modification is for an existing TIP project PIN 280627 – Roadside Safety/Guiderail Project 20. The modification increases the funding levels for the project in the Construction and Construction Inspection phases for the 2021 FFY in the amount of \$175,000 utilizing STP Flex and NHPP funding sources. | NYSDOT |
| 2020-2MOD | 280619 | The modification is for an existing TIP project PIN 280619 – Route 5: PM Paving; East Herkimer to Little Falls, Herkimer County. The modification increases the funding levels for the project in the Construction and Construction Inspection phases for the 2020 FFY in the amount of \$175,000 utilizing NHPP funding sources. | NYSDOT |
| 2020-3MOD | 265053 | The modification is for an existing TIP project PIN 265053 – Mohawk River Trail Phase II, City of Rome (TAP), Oneida County. The construction and construction inspection phases for the project are being changed from FFY 2020 to FFY 2021 due to continuing delays. This project was previously delayed from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020 via Administrative Modification 2019-26. | NYSDOT |

NYSDOT Region 2 Update

Deb Windecker gave a report to the committee detailing the transpired work of the NYSDOT Region 2.

\$48 million dollars in projects are to be let by the end of March. These projects mainly consist of general maintenance to preserve existing facilities. One of the bridge painting projects is, PIN 280622, for two bridges in Herkimer County. The first bridge is the NYS Route 51 Bridge that just underwent a \$4.5 million rehabilitation over the past two years. The second bridge is the North Washington Street Bridge in Herkimer.

PIN - 280623, a bridge rehabilitation project in Oneida County for eight bridges all along NYS Route 8 was recently let. The apparent low bidder for that project was Slate Hill. The last project being let in the SFY is the last of the 2016 BRIDGE NY projects. This bridge was delayed due to the flooding and the long term mitigation of waterways in the region. The project was let for \$2.25 million and the apparent low bidder was Gibonski. The project will start in the spring.

Investments of projects by NYSDOT was \$42 million with \$6.2 million for local projects. Harsh winter paving projects were recently let. BRIDGE NY has brought about substantial increases in funding for projects throughout the region.

75% of the investments made by NYSDOT to local projects goes towards bridges. On the state system, 38% of investments went to preventative maintenance of the infrastructure, primarily pavement. 26%, to bridges. 18%, to bicycle and walking facilities. \$4.4 million has been dedicated to the Bagg's Square Pedestrian Way project in Utica.

Extreme weather pavement funding in the amount of \$7 million was received by the regional office. Herkimer County received \$1 million to pave NYS Route 51 from the hamlet of Cedarville for nine miles worth of paving. Oneida County received \$1.2 million to resurface 11 lane miles from Route 412, to Route 233 in the Town of Kirkland.

\$11.9 billion capital program for transportation being proposed by Governor Cuomo for the upcoming SFY. BRIDGE NY and PAVE NY will be renewed for \$100 million each for the next two years. Furthermore, \$678 million will be proposed for the CHIPS program.

In the next SFY, a robust program of \$78 million dollars will be made for the region. \$14 million of that funding will go towards the Route 8 Bridge Replacement over Route 5 which will be funded through the freight program.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Bagg's Square Pedestrian Way will be held on February 28 at 2:30 pm in the lobby of Union Station by the NYSDOT Commissioner, Marie Therese Dominguez. A 10 ft. shared use path will be constructed on the western bridge of the North Genesee Street Bridge. The estimated completion date of the project will be at the end of the year, roughly coinciding with the completion of the 5s Safety Project.

Review of Bylaws

Dana introduces that the bylaws will be analyzed and possible revisions to them will be recommended at the next meeting of the GP&L. Additionally, a review of the membership of the committee was made by Vincent Bono after the December 2019 GP&L meeting. His request will be incorporated with a review of the operating bylaws for the MPO. Both of these actions stem from the low attendance of the GP&L membership within the past two years. Preliminary work into the matter has come up with ideas to enhance the efficiency of operations for the HOCTS MPO and conceptual ideas to be discussed include reducing the size of the membership, altering the membership ratio to more accurately reflect the population, and modernizing the language of the bylaws to

allow flexibility in convening a quorum, and to bring the procedures of the committee to be in alignment with the other 13 MPOs across New York State.

Other Business

None noted.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Chris Lawrence
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 12 (Revere, Lubey, Hauck, Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Lawrence, Andrews, Pratt, Wood) – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.

Respectfully submitted by Alexander Turner, Planning Specialist, HOCTS