

**Planning Committee Meeting
May 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Members Attending

Susan Barden, City of Saratoga Springs
Steve Feeney, Schenectady County, Vice-Chair
Steve Iachetta, Albany County Airport Authority, Chair
Patrick Jordan Esq., Albany Port District Commission
Andrew Kreshik, City of Troy
Randy Milano, City of Albany
Sandra Misiewicz, Capital District Transportation Committee, Secretary
Lisa Ramundo, Albany County
Bob Rice, NYS Department of Transportation Region-1
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
Joe Seman-Graves, City of Cohoes
Melissa Shanley, Capital District Transportation Authority
Mike Valentine, Saratoga County
Ketura Vics, City of Rensselaer
Chris Wallin, City of Schenectady
Adam Yagelski, Town of East Greenbush

Staff and Others Attending

Chris Bauer, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jacob Beeman, Capital District Transportation Committee
The Honorable Mike Butler, City of Mechanicville
Chris Cate, McFarland Johnson, Inc.
Jen Ceponis, Capital District Transportation Committee
Melissa Cherubino, Town of Glenville
Joe Cimino, CHA Companies
Peter Comenzo, Town of Rotterdam
Kristin Diotte, City of Schenectady
Anna Feltham, Town of East Greenbush
Mark Hammond, Town of Malta
Richard Harris, Town of Halfmoon
Kelly Kircher, NYS Department of Transportation Region-1
Elizabeth Kormos, Village of Ballston Spa
Teresa LaSalle, Capital District Transportation Committee
Rob Leslie, Town of Bethlehem
Fred Mastroianni, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
Lyn Murphy, Town of Halfmoon
Caitlin O'Brien, Albany County Legislature

Jeff Pangburn, Creighton Manning
George Penn, Albany County Executive's Office
Ryan Riper, Town of Wilton
Laura Robertson, Town of Niskayuna
John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park
Rima Shamieh, Capital District Transportation Committee
Cara Sherman, Town of Malta
Chaim Simon, Capital District Transportation Committee
Mark Surdam, Town of Hoosick Falls
The Honorable Tom Tobin, Village of Colonie
Andrew Tracy, Capital District Transportation Committee
Carrie Ward, Capital District Transportation Committee
Greg Wichser, NYS Department of Transportation Region-1

Introduction

Steve Iachetta opened the meeting at approximately 9:33 AM.

Visitor's Issues

There were no visitor's issues.

Administration

Previous Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2022 and May 4, 2022

Sandra Misiewicz noted that the minutes provided and approved at the previous meeting were actually from the April 20, 2022 meeting. Tom Richardson motioned to approve the April 27, 2022 and May 4, 2022 minutes, John Scavo seconded, and members approved the motion.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Fiscal Constraint – Summary Table 4

Jacob Beeman noted no major changes to fiscal constraint and that the TIP remains under-programmed in all four years.

Action Items

Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

Carrie Ward described the solicitation process for the Section 5310 program and noted that there is enough funding available to fund all but one application in the Albany-Schenectady urbanized area and as well as both applications received in the Saratoga Springs area. Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the projects as presented except for the Center for Disability Services project, which is

recommended to the Policy Board for their approval, Adam Yagelski seconded, and members approved the motion.

Bike Skills Training

Sandra Misiewicz described the solicitation, which would provide both youth and adult bicycle skills training. Joe Seman-Graves motioned to release the solicitation as presented, Tom Richardson seconded, and members approved the motion.

2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

1. R323, 1760.84, Rensselaer Riverfront Multi-Use Trail, City of Rensselaer, Rensselaer County Keturah Vics explained that this project has run into Right-of-Way complications along the riverfront. The amendment will move funding from construction into Right-of-Way. Now that the Livingston Avenue Bridge project is moving forward, the two projects will be able to be coordinated and some cost savings will be realized in the construction phase. Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Chris Wallin seconded, and members approved the motion.

2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Update

1. DRAFT Proposed TIP Funding List

Sandra Misiewicz noted that the NYSDOT projects may now be reviewed more broadly. In addition, she noted CDTC has received an extension to finalize the TIP. The release of the NYSDOT projects enabled the Planning Committee to finalize the draft project list at this meeting so staff could complete the Draft TIP document for the June 23rd Policy Board meeting. Public comment will be received between June 23rd and mid-August, prior to the September Policy Board meeting. The TAP/CMAQ awards are expected to be announced within the next two weeks. Sandra noted that staff will include the Livingston Avenue Bridge funding on the TIP for information when available, as it is currently anticipated to be funded by the Federal Rail Administration. Mike Valentine motioned to approve the draft TIP funding list, Tom Richardson seconded, and members approved the motion.

2. DRAFT Proposed TIP Funding Summary

Jacob provided a summary of actions to date and noted that staff confirmed with Saratoga County that they have removed their funding requests for projects #56 (Ballard Road Pavement Preservation) and #57 ((West Milton Road over Kayaderosseras Creek Bridge Rehabilitation). The draft program includes four projects also under consideration for TAP/CMAQ funding. Adam Yagelski confirmed that the Town of East Greenbush would like to proceed with the design only funding for project #74 (Gilligan Road Sidepath and Multimodal Enhancements Project).

Jacob Beeman showed estimates for the projects funded with FTA 5307 and 5339 formula funds for the next four years. Once final amounts are known, the TIP lines will be amended.

Discussion Items

Status of CDTC Planning Activities

Sandra Misiewicz noted that staff has executed a Memorandum of Understanding for all Linkage Studies funded this year, as well as for the Town of Hoosick Technical Assistance project. Public input for the Patroon Greenway trail is on the horizon. Draft concepts on the Bus Lane Feasibility Study are expected to be released over the summer.

Status of Regional and Local Planning Activities

1. CDRPC

There was no update.

2. CDTA

There was no update.

3. NYSDOT

Bob Rice noted that the Environmental Assessment for the Livingston Avenue Bridge is available for public comment. A virtual meeting is planned for May 31 and an in-person meeting for June 1st at the Palace Theater. Dave Rettig will be retiring and will be replaced by Brian Kelly.

4. NYSTA

There was no update.

5. Albany County Airport Authority

Steve Iachetta reported that the Airport has been receiving high bids for pavement work. Boardings are moving up toward 90% of pre-pandemic levels.

6. Albany Port District Commission

Patrick Jordan reported that the Bethlehem Planning Board unanimously approved the site plan for the off-shore wind project last night.

Upcoming Meetings/Events/Deadlines

Steve Iachetta referred to the meetings listed on the agenda. The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on August 3rd unless advised otherwise. Mike Valentine announced that Saratoga County will hold its annual Planning and Zoning Conference on February 1st, 2023.

Adjournment

Mike Valentine motioned to adjourn at approximately 10:33 am, Tom Richardson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Misiewicz, AICP
Secretary