

**Planning Committee Meeting
January 12, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Members Attending

Mark Castiglione, Capital District Regional Planning Commission
Peter Comenzo, Town of Rotterdam
Donald Csaposs, Town of Guilderland
Ross Farrell, Capital District Transportation Authority
Steve Feeney, Schenectady County, Vice-Chair
Stephen Iachetta, Albany County Airport Authority, Chair
Elizabeth Kormos, Village of Ballston Spa
Andrew Kreshik, City of Troy
Joe LaCivita, City of Watervliet
Sean Maguire, Town of Colonie
Randy Milano, City of Albany
Sandy Misiewicz, Capital District Transportation Committee, Secretary
Jaime O'Neill, Town of Malta
Lisa Ramundo, Albany County
Robert Rice, New York State Department of Transportation – Region 1
Laura Robertson, Town of Niskayuna
John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park
Joe Seman-Graves, City of Cohoes
Phil Serafino, New York State Thruway Authority
Ketura Vics, City of Rensselaer
Chris Wallin, City of Schenectady
Adam Yagelski, Town of East Greenbush

Staff and Others Attending

Mayor Maggie Alix, Village of Green Island
Bill Anslow, Albany County
Uzoma Anukwe, Federal Transit Administration
Chris Bauer, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jacob Beeman, Capital District Transportation Committee
Mayor Michael Butler, City of Mechanicville
Chris Cate, McFarland-Johnson
Jen Ceponis, Capital District Transportation Committee
Melissa Cherubino, Town of Glenville
Joe Cimino, CHA Companies
Chris Desany, Capital District Transportation Authority
Kristin Diotte, City of Schenectady
Brent Irving, Capital District Transportation Authority
Teresa LaSalle, Capital District Transportation Committee

Darlene McGraw, Interested Citizen
Jeff Pangburn, Creighton Manning Engineering
Ryan Riper, Town of Wilton
Ed Snyder, GPI
Steven Strichman, City of Troy
Mark Surdam, Town of Hoosick
Joe Teliska, Rensselaer County
Andrew Tracy, Capital District Transportation Committee
Tim Wainwright, New York State Thruway Authority
Greg Wichser, New York State Department of Transportation – Region 1
Jeff Williams, Saratoga County

Introduction

Steve Iachetta opened the meeting at approximately 9:34 AM.

Visitors' Issues

Darlene McGraw, a resident of the Town of Halfmoon, described the challenges of traveling around the region using public transportation. She has also experienced difficulty traveling using her bicycle because of inadequate facilities. She finds it challenging to travel to nearby Clifton Park and Waterford because of a lack of bus connectivity. She suggests implementing more inter-municipal routes that connect neighboring towns and the state parks.

Administration

Previous Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2021

Sean Maguire motioned to approve the November 3, 2021 minutes, Steve Feeney seconded, and members approved the motion.

Presentation – CDTA Bus Rapid Transit Set-aside Accomplishments

Ross Farrell presented some of the major accomplishments that have been completed using the BRT and Multimodal TIP Set-asides. The presentation focused on projects implemented using funding leveraged from the BRT and Multimodal TIP Set-asides. The Set-asides have been used for project development activities including planning, concept development, design, and preliminary engineering. From 2016 to 2022, \$28 M in BRT TIP Set-aside funding has allowed CDTA to leverage \$133 M of other state/federal funds. For every \$1 M of TIP Set-aside funding, CDTA has leveraged \$4.75 M of total funding.

The Multimodal TIP Set-aside (TIP# RG130) is used mostly for the expansion of mobility services. From 2016 to 2022, \$2.2 M in Multimodal TIP Set-aside funding has been matched with \$4.8 M in CDTA internal funds.

CDTA has successfully leveraged funds from other state and federal programs including FTA Small Starts, Empire State Development's Upstate Revitalization Initiative and Consolidated Funding Applications, and FTA Bus/Bus Facilities funds.

CDTA does not submit for any other TIP projects, and the Planning Committee approves all projects created from the TIP Set-asides.

Ross explained how the BRT TIP Set-aside has been utilized for the development of the BRT system. Of the \$162 M expended from the BRT TIP Set-aside, \$109 M was expended on

CDTA/transit-specific assets, while \$53 M was allotted to roadway and intersection improvements, including traffic signals, pedestrian signals, sidewalk replacement and extensions, roadway reconstruction, and new mobility options.

CDTA reviewed their request for transit funding for the 2022-27 TIP Set-aside requests, and their current initiatives that will be completed in the short term. They also described potential future projects that could be funded from the TIP Set-aside, if awarded.

Andrew Kreshik noted that municipalities can also leverage CDTA funds to accomplish local priorities. Local municipalities can play an active role in how the CDTA projects are developed in the region and within their jurisdiction.

The committee discussed the merits and disadvantages of using traditional highway funding sources in this manner, and how CDTA has been able to successfully leverage funding.

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

Jacob Beeman noted that last meeting's approved changes did not impact the budget estimates for TIP/STIP performance; the updated table 4 shows fiscal constraint is being maintained within 5% over/under per guidance provided by FHWA.

Action Items

Planning Committee Officer Nomination and Election

Steve Iachetta was nominated to continue as Chair of the Planning Committee; Steve Feeney was nominated to continue as Vice-Chair. Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the nominations as presented, Greg Wichser seconded, and members elected the nominees.

2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

1. SA318, 1761.79, Lasher Road Bridge over Mourning Kill Element Specific Repairs, BIN 3304700, Town of Ballston, Saratoga County

The project's scope was changed from element-specific repairs to bridge replacement based on inspection and cost estimates. Ross Farrell motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Greg Wichser seconded, and members approved the amendment.

2. A295, 1132.16, New Karner Road (NY 155), from US 20 to Watervliet Shaker Road: Corridor Improvements

The project's cost estimates for design and construction were updated to reflect current costs and conditions. Randy Milano motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Adam Yagelski seconded, and members approved the amendment.

3. A593, 1761.63, Henry Johnson Boulevard, Sheridan Avenue to Livingston Avenue: Mill & Fill
The City of Albany is no longer seeking federal funds for the project. Steve Feeney motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Bill Anslow seconded, and members approved the amendment.

4. A599, 1761.74, Cohoes Avenue, Arch Street to the Cohoes City Line: Mill & Fill
Construction cost estimates were updated to reflect current pavement conditions. Greg Wichser motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Ross Farrell seconded, and members approved the amendment.

5. R334, 1761.72, Fogarty Road (CR 126) Wetsel Road to Pittstown Town Line: Overlay

6. R336, 1761.73, River Road (CR 120) from CR 125 to Washington County Line: Overlay

7. R337, 1761.76, Snyders Lake Road (CR 68) from CR 65 (Bloomingrove Drive) to Troy Avenue: Overlay

Items B.5, B.6, and B.7 were combined into one discussion, motion, and vote. Rensselaer County has completed the projects using County funds. Bill Anslow motioned to approve the amendments as presented, Andrew K seconded, and members approved the amendments.

8. R195A, 1761.30, South Troy Industrial Park Road Phase II (Northern End)

The project sponsor is requesting to shift funds from the construction phase to the right-of-way phase; the overall project cost remains unchanged. Joe Teliska motioned to approve the amendment as presented, Randy Milano seconded, and members approved the amendment.

9. A595, 1051.85--(Dunn Memorial Bridge WB To I-787 SB Element Specific Repairs, BIN109294A City of Albany, Albany County)

The project's cost estimate has been updated to reflect repairing only the most critical bridge elements.

10. A596, 1528.83 (Everett Road Over I-90, Bridge Repair, BIN 1034529, City of Albany, Albany County)

NYSDOT states the project is no longer needed, there will be bridge repairs as part of another program.

11. A600, 1045.17 (RT 378 Over Hudson, Bridge Painting, BIN 1062850, Town of Colonie, Albany County)

The project's cost estimates were updated based on recent similar work, and to reflect increased design and construction inspection costs.

12. R313, 1001.32 (RT. 2 Over RT. 22 at Petersburg, Bridge Replacement, BIN 1000250, Town of Petersburg, Rensselaer County)
The project's cost estimates for design and construction were updated following the preliminary design.
13. R330, 1188.39 (Route 67 Over B&M RR, BIN 1303390, Town of Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County)
The project's cost estimates were updated based on recent similar work and increased design and construction inspection costs.
14. R342, 1528.87 (I-90 Pavement Corrective Maintenance Hudson RIV to Exit 10, City of Albany, Albany County and Town of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County)
The project's cost estimate was updated to reflect the inclusion of large panel signs that need replacement, and an updated estimate for construction inspection.
15. SA319, 1085.44 (RT.146 Safety Project, Town of Clifton Park, Saratoga County)
The project's cost estimates were updated to reflect increased design and construction inspection costs.

Items B.9, B.10, B.11, B.12, B.13, B.14, and B.15 were combined into one discussion, motion, and vote. The sponsor's proposed changes are noted above. Ross Farrell motioned to approve the amendments as presented, Andrew Kreshik seconded, and members approved the amendments.

2022-27 Transportation Improvement Program Existing Project Roll-In

Jacob Beeman explained that as we prepare for the TIP update, uncompleted projects that are on the 2019-2024 TIP will need to roll into the 2022-2027 TIP and completed projects from the 2019-2024 TIP will roll off.

Jacob also presented the projects that were in the current Post-year TIP, and which projects would be removed. Of the projects currently in the POST TIP, sponsors submitted five new project applications for POST TIP projects to be considered in the 2022-2027 TIP. These projects will be re-evaluated and compete for funding in the new TIP. Eleven projects did not receive a new application to be considered for the 2022-2027 TIP. It is understood that these projects are no longer a sponsor priority and will not be included in the 2022-2027 TIP.

Andrew Kreshik motioned to approve the TIP existing project roll-ins to 2022-2027 TIP, remove TIP roll-offs from the 2019-2024 TIP, as presented, and amend the Post-year TIP projects; Ross Farrell seconded, and members approved the changes.

Discussion Items

2022 Policy Board, Planning Committee, and TIP Amendment Schedule

Sandy Misiewicz reviewed the 2022 Policy Board, Planning Committee, and TIP Amendment Schedule. The schedule is subject to change based on the delivery of 2022-27 TIP program

instructions from NYSDOT, and to accommodate the TIP update. The revised schedule can be found at:

https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/planningcommittee/2022_Planning_Committee/January/V-A_CDTC_2022_Meeting_Schedule_TIPDeadlines_V2.pdf.

2022-2027 TIP Update Status

Sandy Misiewicz stated that CDTC is awaiting information from NYSDOT to move ahead with programming for the 2022-27 TIP. CDTC cannot yet share the list of candidate projects, however, CDTC staff has evaluated the projects. Sandy shared the number of candidate projects by CDTC project type and sponsor and briefly discussed the range of projects submitted for evaluation. Sandy gave an overview of the upcoming 2022-2027 TIP project programming process. Sponsors will receive their individual preliminary project evaluations this week for review.

CDTC is also considering ways for sponsors to efficiently advance critical projects through the design process, perhaps a discussion item for a (future) TIP sub-committee.

2019-2024 TIP Project Selection Summary

Jacob Beeman showed ten (10) project selection requests since the last Planning Committee meeting, most of which were small cost or schedule changes.

CDTC Project Delivery Update

Jacob Beeman said there were no major milestone updates provided by sponsors for this meeting. Next month's updates will be from the Town of Colonie, Town of Edinburg, and CDTA.

NYSDOT Project Delivery Schedule

NYSDOT did not provide a project delivery update.

Status of CDTC Planning Activities

Sandy Misiewicz displayed the Status of CDTC Planning Initiatives table, and summarized CDTC's current planning activities.

Status of Planning Activities

1. CDRPC - No update provided.
2. CDTA – No update provided
3. NYSDOT – Region 1 continues to seek new employees to fill vacancies.
4. NYSTA – the Thruway Authority is focusing on winter maintenance.
5. Albany County Airport Authority - Steve Iachetta said passenger boardings are down 67% from pre-pandemic levels, but is optimistic things will improve during 2022.
6. Albany Port District Commission - Sandy Misiewicz mentioned that Tony Vasil is retiring, a new APDC representative will be appointed.

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

Steve Iachetta referred to the meetings listed on the agenda.

Adjournment

Randy Milano motioned to adjourn at 11:46 AM, Adam Yagelski seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sandra Misiewicz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sandra Misiewicz, AICP
Secretary