

Capital District Transportation Authority

Planning Committee Meeting
April 20, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Members Attending

Susan Barden, City of Saratoga Springs
The Honorable Mike Butler, City of Mechanicville
Mark Castiglione, Capital District Regional Planning Commission
Ross Farrell, Capital District Transportation Authority
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
Lisa Ramundo, Albany County
Bob Rice, NYS Department of Transportation Region-1
John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park
Joe Seman-Graves, City of Cohoes
Mike Valentine, Saratoga County
Tim Wainwright, NYS Thruway Authority
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
Tina Carton, City of Saratoga Springs
Jen Ceponis, Capital District Transportation Committee
Don Csaposs, Town of Guilderland
Kristin Diotte, City of Schenectady
Mark Hammond, Town of Malta
Richard Harris, Town of Halfmoon
Maria Hayford, Federal Highway Administration
Elizabeth Kormos, Village of Ballston Spa
Teresa LaSalle, Capital District Transportation Committee
Rob Leslie, Town of Bethlehem
Stephen Maples, Capital District Transportation Committee
Lyn Murphy, Town of Halfmoon
Ryan Riper, Town of Wilton
Rima Shamieh, Capital District Transportation Committee
Melissa Shanley, Capital District Transportation Authority

Paul Sheldon, Schenectady County
Cara Sherman, Town of Malta
Chaim Simon, Capital District Transportation Committee
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 9:35 AM.

Visitors' Issues

There were no visitors' issues.

Administration

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Randy Milano motioned to approve the April 6, 2022 minutes, Pat Jordan seconded, and members approved the motion.

Action Items

2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Update

Sandra Misiewicz reviewed the status of the solicitation and materials available. Jacob Beeman reviewed changes to the planning targets within the last two weeks. Changes include an additional \$14 million in year one (FFY 23), resulting in a total of \$391 million. After reducing the planning targets for existing 2019-2024 TIP projects rolling into the 2022-2027 TIP, as approved at the last meeting, there is about \$306 million available for project programming.

1. Review of Candidate Project Evaluations and Factsheets

Sandra Misiewicz advised that factsheets for each project are available online.

2. NYSDOT and CDTA Multi-Site Projects and Programs

Sandra Misiewicz explained that what were previously called "set-asides" will be referred to as Multi-Site Projects and Programs.

Ross Farrell described CDTA's request for its Bus Rapid Transit program, reflecting a small reduction compared to funding in the 2019-2024 TIP. The request also includes a funding source change from NHPP and STP-Flex to STP-Urban. The 2019-2024 TIP included a TDM/Multimodal set-aside, most of which was funded by CDTA, which will be eliminated. Transportation Demand Management Programs currently funded under that line will be funded separately by CDTA.

Greg Wichser described the NYSDOT changes requested in this TIP update. NYSDOT proposes to reduce the STP-Flex and STP-Urban fund source assigned to their projects. They also propose the CDTC portion of Region 1's multi-site programs including repaving, striping, guiderails and the Traffic Management Center. The total value of NYSDOT's request is \$96.507 million, leaving about \$192 million for programming new projects.

Joe Seman-Graves made a motion to approve CDTA's request for Multi-Site Projects and Programs as presented, Bob Rice seconded, and members approved the motion.

Adam Yagelski made a motion to approve NYSDOT's request for Multi-Site Projects and Programs as presented, Ross Farrell seconded, and members approved the motion.

3. Funding Options for State, Regional, and Local Project Programming

Sandra Misiewicz introduced the three funding scenarios provided. They are intended to start the discussion. All three scenarios propose a set-aside for projects that may be eligible for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding. Greg Wichser described the funding option proposed by NYSDOT, starting by considering each agency's top priority project. Some projects are proposed for design funding only to be able to fund more projects and make projects that have started design more competitive for funding in federal discretionary programs. There is no longer a federal requirement to obligate construction or purchase right of way within 10 years of design, although there is a new requirement to renew the design prior to construction. The discussion included creating a set-aside for project design.

Sandra Misiewicz described the funding scenario proposed by CDTC, developed according to the evaluation results, with consideration of geographic balance. The third proposal balances the other two proposals. Sandra Misiewicz then walked through projects proposed for funding in all three of the funding options in the bridge beyond preservation, bridge preservation, pavement preservation, and pavement beyond preservation categories. This information will be distributed for further review and for discussion on the next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 27th at 9:30am.

Adjournment

Steve Iachetta motioned to adjourn at approximately 12:04pm, Randy Milano seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra Misiewicz
Secretary