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Planning Committee Meeting
April 27, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Members Attending

Susan Barden, City of Saratoga Springs
Martin Daley, 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
Joe LaCivita, City of Watervliet
Sean Maguire, Town of Colonie
Randy Milano, City of Albany
Sandra Misiewicz, Capital District Transportation Committee, Secretary
George Penn, Albany County
Lisa Ramundo, Albany County
Bob Rice, NYS Department of Transportation Region-1
Tom Richardson, City of Mechanicville
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

Maggie Alix, Village of Green Island
Chris Bauer, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jacob Beeman, Capital District Transportation Committee
The Honorable Mike Butler, City of Mechanicville
Jen Ceponis, Capital District Transportation Committee
Joe Cimino, CHA Consulting
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
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
Stephen Maples, Capital District Transportation Committee
Fred Mastroianni, GPI

Nicole McGrath, Federal Highway Administration
Ellen McNulty-Ryan, Village of Green Island
Joe Mieczkowski, MJ Engineering
Lyn Murphy, Town of Halfmoon
Caitlin O'Brien, Albany County Legislature
Ryan Riper, Town of Wilton
Laura Robertson, Town of Niskayuna
John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park
Melissa Shanley, Capital District Transportation Authority
Paul Sheldon, Schenectady County
Cara Sherman, Town of Malta
Chaim Simon, Capital District Transportation Committee
Steve Strichman, City of Troy
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 9:30 AM.

Action Items

2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Update

Sandra Misiewicz noted that today's meeting is a continuation of last week's meeting, to continue work toward programming a draft TIP. At the last meeting, the Planning Committee approved the CDTA and NYSDOT multi-site projects and programs. After accounting for the roll-in projects previously approved, this leaves almost \$191.3M to program.

Sandra Misiewicz noted that CDTA's multi-site projects vote at the last meeting did not continue to fund RG29, CDTC Project Development Support for traffic forecasts, alternatives testing, and regional air quality evaluation. Andrew Kreshik made a motion to continue to fund RG29 at \$0.625M, Bob Rice seconded, and members approved the motion.

Sandra Misiewicz explained that the available safety funding (HSIP) is difficult to program and the only project application that is eligible to use it currently is #39, the NYSDOT project on Route 2 at Swatling Road. Sandra proposed removing the remaining HSIP funding today and placing it in a set-aside for later programming. This would leave about \$179M to program. Tom Richardson motioned to approve a reserve of \$7M in HSIP funding for safety projects as well as the \$4.95M for #39, Elizabeth Kormos seconded, and members approved the motion.

There was a discussion about sponsor designation of priority projects, as well as the list of projects that would be funded in both the NYSDOT and CDTC Project Evaluation criteria, as prepared in advance of today's meeting. There was additional discussion about funding projects

for design only. It was determined to discuss programming by project type. Sandra Misiewicz described staff estimates for funding target amounts by project type, based on the 2019 amounts: 6.7% in bike/ped, 46% in bridges, 9% in intersection safety, and 38% for pavements.

In bridges, Jacob Beeman provided information about the bridge condition and AADT for each bridge, as it was previously agreed to use this information as “bonus points” to the bridge evaluation scores. The total target would be about \$82.5M for bridges. Referring to CDTC’s Candidate Project Evaluation spreadsheets the Committee started with beyond preservation bridges. Following the evaluation scores, it was proposed to fund the first eight except project ID# 40 which is no longer a NYSDOT priority, and adding NYSDOT’s 35, ending with a total of about \$39.2M in programmed projects (funding projects 41, 26, 42, 19, 59, 33, 34, and 35). Moving on to preservation bridges, the total target would be about \$49.5M. Following the evaluation scores, funding the first 6 (except removing 24 and removing 49, adding 25, and adding 53) would come to a total of about \$49.5M (funding 57, 61, 23, 38, 25, 53). The total for all bridges would then be \$88.8M. Andrew Kreshik motioned to continue considering the list of bridges discussed for bridge funding (41, 26, 42, 19, 59, 33, 34, 35, 57, 61, 23, 38, 25, 53) and not consider other bridges for funding, Mike Valentine seconded, and members approved the motion.

Jacob Beeman noted a target of about \$27.3M for pavement beyond preservation projects. Funding the first six ranked projects would total \$24.5M. Four of these are City of Albany projects. Randy Milano noted that the City would forego project #8, allowing additional projects to be funded, totaling about \$40.0M, (5, 6, 17, 4, 11, 21, 22, 47 and 91). Jacob Beeman then noted a target of about \$40.9M for pavement preservation. Funding the highest ranked projects covers the first seven projects. NYSDOT requested to remove 27 and add 44 and 37 resulting in a total of \$43.2M (32, 31, 51, 30, 56, 68, 44, 37, 45). Up to \$1M in HSIP funds were also assumed for us on the safety components related to Project 17: Brandywine – McClelland Pedestrian Improvements.

In “other” projects, there was only one application. Bob Rice suggested funding that application.

Mike Valentine motioned 1) to amend the previous motion to continue considering the list of pavement projects discussed for pavement funding and not consider other pavement projects for funding, unless some of the pavement projects considered for funding receive a TAP/CMAQ award during the TIP update process, and 2) to continue considering #70 in the “other” project category, Andrew Kreshik seconded, and members approved the motion.

Adjournment

Mike Valentine motioned to adjourn at approximately 11:54 am, Steve Iachetta seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra Misiewicz, AICP
Secretary