

**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 1, 2020**

**Meeting Minutes**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

William Anslow, representing Lisa Ramundo, Albany County  
Bradley Birge, City of Saratoga Springs  
Mark Castiglione, Capital District Regional Planning Commission  
Maria Chau, Federal Highway Administration  
Peter Comenzo, Town of Rotterdam  
Stephen Feeney, Schenectady County, Vice-Chair  
Michael Franchini, Capital District Transportation Committee, Secretary  
Stephen Iachetta, Albany County Airport Authority, Chair  
Andrew Kohout, Village of Scotia  
Elizabeth Kormos, Village of Ballston Spa  
Andrew Kreshik, City of Troy  
Sean Maguire, Town of Colonie  
Jaime O'Neill, Town of Malta  
Robert Rice, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1  
Laura Robertson, Town of Niskayuna  
John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park  
Mike Valentine, Saratoga County  
Chris Wallin, City of Schenectady  
Adam Yagelski, Town of East Greenbush

**STAFF AND OTHERS**

Chris Bauer, Capital District Transportation Committee  
Jacob Beeman, Capital District Transportation Committee  
Jennifer Ceponis, Capital District Transportation Committee  
Kristin Diotte, City of Schenectady  
Todd Fabozzi, Capital District Regional Planning Commission  
Wendy Holsberger, VHB Engineering  
Joseph LaCivita, City of Watervliet  
Stephanie Long, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1  
Sandy Misiewicz, Capital District Transportation Committee  
Jeff Pangburn, Creighton Manning Engineering  
Glenn Posca, Capital District Transportation Committee  
Latanya Sellie, Capital District Transportation Committee  
Jordan Solano-Reed, Capital District Transportation Committee  
Steve Strichman, City of Troy  
Dalia Szarowicz, Town of Ballston  
Andrew Tracy, Capital District Transportation Committee  
Lisa Wallin, M.J. Engineering  
Carrie Ward, Capital District Transportation Committee  
Greg Wichser, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1

**INTRODUCTION AND VISITORS' ISSUES**

Steve Iachetta opened the videoconference meeting at approximately 9:38 AM.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Previous Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2020**

Members approved the February 6, 2020 minutes.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**FISCAL CONSTRAINT DISCUSSION**

Mike Franchini noted that the TIP fiscal constraint Table 4 in the meeting materials has not changed since the last meeting, and shows that the TIP is under-programmed for the 4 full years of the STIP. Maria noted that the second year of the TIP shows an over-programming of 25%, and the regulations require each year of the TIP to be fiscally constrained.

Mike suggested that since the TIP was amended recently to improve the FHWA TIP performance measure, the FHWA TIP performance measure and the FHWA TIP fiscal constraint requirements may be in conflict. Several members offered suggestions for improving Table 4 and better showing fiscal constraint according to FHWA requirements. FHWA, NYSDOT, and CDTC will discuss how to format the table in a manner that shows fiscal constraint by year.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

A. RG37A, 1810.46, TMC Operating Costs

B. RG37B, 1810.51, TMC Engineering Support

Greg Wichser explained that these amendments move an equal amount of funding from RG37A to RG37B and therefore there is a net-zero impact on funding. Members approved the amendment as presented.

C. RG142, 1811.26, Overhead Sign Structure Replacement

D. A588, 1051.82, Albany Skyway

Greg explained that A588 creates the need to re-route Route 9 and new signs can't be mounted to the old structures. Therefore, about \$600k in funding from RG142 will be used as a partial off-set for the \$2.3M increase in federal funding for A588. In addition, another \$2M in state funds will be added to the project. Members approved the amendment as presented.

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE/TITLE VI ANALYSIS APPROVAL**

Mike Franchini explained that the analysis is required and beneficial, and provided a summary. Andrew Kreshik inquired why A605, Troy Menands Bridge Study, is categorized as potentially negative if the project is only a study. Greg Wichser noted that the study will include consideration of Environmental Justice. Mike offered an amendment to

move A605 from the potentially negative category to the neutral category. Members approved the Analysis with the above amendment.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **COMPLETE STREETS WORKSHOPS**

Chris Bauer explained that the goal of the workshops is to help local governments overcome barriers to complete streets, support the NYS Complete Streets Act, implement New Visions, and implement the Complete Streets Advisory Committee's work plan. The program takes place every other year. There are four workshop types: Basics, Policy Development, Policy Implementation, and County or Region-Wide. The consultant team will be Planning4Places with Sam Schwartz. The application is online with an anticipated deadline of June 19<sup>th</sup> and August-December implementation. There is no local cost-share requirement, but local governments will be required to provide a training facility and to assist with the planning and organizing of the training.

### **CAPITAL COEXIST TRAFFIC SAFETY AMBASSADOR MINI-GRANT PROGRAM**

Jen Ceponis explained that the solicitation was released in late 2019 for up to \$25k worth of small bicycle and/or pedestrian safety projects of \$5k or less. The selection committee fully or partially awarded eight projects, prioritizing innovative projects and those in communities new to the program. The total amount funded was \$24k. Jen referred members to the table of the awards included in the agenda package.

### **BIKE TO WORK DAY (JUNE 5TH) AND BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY (TBD)**

Mike Franchini noted that because of the coronavirus pandemic CDTC will be delaying Bike to Work Day. In the month of May we will hold a Pledge to Ride for any kind of trip, and we are considering holding a Bike to Work Day and Bike to School Day in the fall. Mike referred members to the summary in the agenda package for additional information and to sign up.

### **CDTC PROJECT DELIVERY UPDATE**

Jacob Beeman noted that the A568 Hudson Avenue Preservation and SA328 CR 59 (Middle Line Road) over Tributary of Gordon Creek projects progressed to PS&E in February, and SA281 Sitterly Road at Woodin Road and Crossings Boulevard was let in February.

### **NYS DOT PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULE**

Bob Rice advised that there are no new updates.

## **STATUS OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

### **CDTC**

Mike Franchini noted that staff is working with FHWA and FTA to reschedule the in-person certification that was scheduled for March. The new UPWP includes a number of new projects that may be of interest, including the technical assistance program that now includes safety and signal analyses, ADA Transition Plan assistance, a traffic signal retiming program, trail feasibility on priority projects, and a local bridge study to refresh the 2015 study with the current status of all bridges in the region.

Andrew Tracy provided additional specifics regarding the local bridge study.

### **CDRPC**

Mark Castiglione announced that today is Census Day. CUNY has [maps of hard-to-count](https://www.censushardtcountmaps2020.us/) areas at <https://www.censushardtcountmaps2020.us/>. Todd Fabozzi announced availability of newly updated static maps on the CDRPC website.

### **NYSDOT**

Greg Wichser informed attendees that NYSDOT staff is mostly working from home, project construction is still on track, and all mail should still be sent to 50 Wolf Road.

### **Albany County Airport Authority**

Steve Iachetta reported that airport passenger counts are down 95% since mid-March and operations are down 60%. American Airlines is focusing on freight transportation. The Authority has substantially completed the terminal, garage, and access improvements that were underway.

### **Linkage/Local Planning Activities**

Brad Birge announced that the Geyser Road Trail construction has been deemed essential and is ongoing. Andrew Kreshik announced that the South Troy Industrial Park Road bids will open on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:58 AM. The next Planning Committee meeting will be May 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael V. Franchini  
Secretary