

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 8, 2020

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bill Anslow, representing Lisa Ramundo, Albany County
Bradley Birge, City of Saratoga Springs
Maria Chau, Federal Highway Administration
Peter Comenzo, Town of Rotterdam
Donald Csaposs, Town of Guilderland
Todd Fabozzi, representing Mark Castiglione, Capital District Regional
Planning Commission
Ross Farrell, Capital District Transportation Authority
Stephen Feeney, Schenectady County, Vice-Chair
Michael Franchini, Capital District Transportation Committee, Secretary
Stephen Iachetta, Albany County Airport Authority, Chair
Andrew Kreshik, City of Troy
Rob Leslie, Town of Bethlehem
Randy Milano, City of Albany
Jaime O'Neill, Town of Malta
Paul Reuss, Village of Menands
Robert Rice, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1
John Scavo, Town of Clifton Park
Mark Spain, City of Watervliet
Chris Wallin, City of Schenectady
Adam Yagelski, Town of East Greenbush

STAFF AND OTHERS

Jacob Beeman, Capital District Transportation Committee
Michael S. Burns, Town of Glenville
Joe Cimino, CHA Consulting
Patrick Collins, Albany County Chair of Legislature
Bryan Cross, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1
Lorenzo Distefano, NYS Department of Transportation - Region 1
Martin Hull, WSP
Mark Kennedy, VHB Engineering
Liz Kormos, Village of Ballston Spa
Fred Mastroianni, GPI
Sandy Misiewicz, Capital District Transportation Committee
Chris O'Neill, Capital District Transportation Committee
Jeff Pangburn, Creighton Manning Engineering
Glenn Posca, Capital District Transportation Committee
Laura Sanda, McFarland Johnson
Jared Sayles, Capital District Transportation Authority
Melissa Shanley, Capital District Transportation Authority
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 AND VISITORS' ISSUES

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

ADMINISTRATION

Previous Meeting Minutes - November 6, 2019

Members approved the November 6, 2019 minutes.

PRESENTATION - CDTA'S NEW ELECTRIC BUSES

Ross Farrell noted that CDTA would have a bus available after the meeting to transport attendees to CDTA's facility, where CDTA's Lance Zarcone would discuss the electric buses and charging infrastructure.

ACTION ITEMS

FISCAL CONSTRAINT DISCUSSION

Mike Franchini described budget estimate handouts in the packet, and explained that NYSDOT moved some construction phases of a number of projects from federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019-20 to FFY 2020-21, with project implementer approval, to address FHWA's requirement for the un-amended STIP performance for FFY 2019-20. The packet included the resulting Table 4 showing Fiscal Constraint by Fund Source by Program Year. Maria Chau asked what would happen with fiscal constraint next year since FFY 2020-21 now shows over-programming by 28%. Greg Wichser noted that the remaining funds from this year will roll over into the next year.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

A. RG144, TWSE.19 NYS Thruway Durable Pavement Markings Set-Aside

Greg Wichser explained that the Thruway Authority receives some federal funds for durable pavements. They need to show those funds on each TIP covering locations where the Thruway runs. This amendment adds three years of funding from a statewide set-aside, and does not impact core funds. Members approved the amendment as presented.

B. 1810.29 Upgrade Pedestrian Facilities to ADA Compliance along Route 4 and Route 9/20 in the Town of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County

Greg Wichser explained that the project will extend sidewalks up Route 4 to the school, and will fill gaps and repair noncompliant existing sidewalk. The amendment adds funding from regional set-asides for the one traffic signal in the project area and for Pedestrian Safety Action Plan components. This project does not extend to the roundabout. Members approved the amendment as presented.

C. Significant cost increase not requiring Planning Committee action

This items concerns T77, CDTC.20, Capital Cost of Contracting for Commuter Service in the Capital District to points North, West, and South. Ross Farrell explained that T77 funds from a previous FFY were added to T77 on the current TIP.

PLANNING COMMITTEE OFFICERS NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Mike Franchini asked for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. Bill Anslow nominated Steve Iachetta for Chair, and Ross Farrell nominated Steve Feeney as Vice Chair. Each accepted the nomination and members voted in favor of each.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW VISIONS 2050 PROGRAM SUMMARIES

Mike Franchini explained that staff have been developing white papers for New Visions, and holding advisory and task force meetings. Draft white papers are on the website, as well as short summaries of each, which were also available at the meeting. Mike expressed appreciation for the work of the staff on New Visions, and to all who contributed. There will be a special Planning Committee meeting on January 22nd at 9:30am, at which staff will provide presentations of each topic category for discussion. As in New Visions 2040, we will have a funding poll available. Chris O'Neill outlined the public review process - there will be two 60-day review periods, one beginning in March for the draft, and another beginning in June for the final draft.

2020-2021 LINKAGE PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Sandy Misiewicz referenced the meeting packet, which includes short descriptions of each of the nine proposals received. Over \$500k in federal funds were requested. There is \$175k in federal funds available. The review committee of CDTC, NYSDOT, CDRPC, and potentially CDTA will forward a funding recommendation to the Planning Committee for its February meeting.

2020 POLICY BOARD, PLANNING COMMITTEE AND TIP AMENDMENT SCHEDULE

Mike Franchini noted that the packet includes the meeting schedule for the year. Please note when TIP amendments are due. In addition, the February meeting will be on Thursday February 6th to accommodate the Saratoga County Annual Planning and Zoning Conference.

CDTC PROJECT DELIVERY UPDATE

Jacob Beeman distributed the Local Federal Aid Project Tracking Sheet, noting that it now includes FFY 2019-20 projects. Rob Leslie distributed a summary of the US 9W/Feura Bush Road/Glenmont Road Roundabout and Sidewalk Extension project that is underway. He noted that the Town has had three public meetings and several business or property owner

meetings. There have been some agreements for right turn only exits out of some driveways. The Town will provide a waiver for some business signs, which will be harder to site after property acquisition for the roundabout. The Town is working with NYSDOT to accommodate supersize loads while also protecting the pedestrian environment.

NYSDOT PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Greg distributed a handout showing projects that had been "parked" in the next fiscal year. Please work with Lorenzo to firm up costs and advise on project readiness. Bob noted that this list will soon be public as the current year's projects.

STATUS OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES

CDTC

Mike Franchini noted that CDTC needs 5% local share, which has become more difficult to document recently. He asked that members help document time they already spend on studies, programs, and advisory committees, and referenced a form for doing so that was available at the meeting.

CDRPC

Todd Fabozzi said that CDRPC is working on the Technical Assistance program, the online data dashboard, and the newest American Community Survey data. He distributed a map showing estimated population changes in the region between 2010 and 2018.

NYSDOT

Bob Rice noted that John Izzo, currently Resident Engineer in Albany County, will move to the Main Office. Bids for two projects recently came in. The Empire State Trail received only one bid, but was let under best value, and therefore is evaluated on certain criteria and cost to arrive at a score. The single bidder did not meet the minimum criteria, so the project will not be awarded. DOT is exploring other options to deliver the project. The I-787 NB Ramp to the South Mall Expressway was let and bids came in close to the estimate, at about \$10.300M.

Albany County Airport Authority

Steve Iachetta reported that Phil Calderone is the Airport Authority's new Chief Executive Officer. The new Exit 3 Connector from I-87 is a great improvement. Several terminal improvements are underway.

Linkage/Local Planning Activities

Brad Birge announced that the Geyser Road Trail is under construction and will hopefully be finished by this fall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM. The next Planning Committee meeting will be January 22, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael V. Franchini
Secretary