

**Herkimer-Oneida Counties
Governmental Policy & Liaison Committee
January 7, 2019**

The Governmental Policy & Liaison Committee (GP&L) met at Mohawk Valley Community College, Alumni College Center, Room 116, Utica, NY on Monday, January 7, 2019. This meeting was rescheduled from December 18, 2018 due to a press conference held in Albany, NY by Governor Cuomo regarding award of CFA projects to REDC's, which required local officials to attend. Chairman Bernie Peplinski opened the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Voting Members Present:

Anthony Picente, Chairman	Oneida County Executive
Bernard Peplinski, Vice-Chair	Chairman, Herkimer County Legislature
Jim Wallace	Herkimer County Administrator
Raymond Smith	Herkimer County Legislator, Highway Chairman
Tim Seymour	Herkimer County Department of Social Services
David Wood	Representing George Joseph, Oneida County BOL Majority Leader
Phillip M. Sacco	Oneida County Legislator
Scott Musacchio	Town of Verona Supervisor
Mike Waterman	Oneida County Legislator, DPW Chairman
Joseph Guiliano	Representing Jaqueline Izzo, Mayor City of Rome
EJ Moses	Representing Brian M. Schultz, Chairman CNYRTA/Centro of Oneida
Nicolas Choubah	Region 2 Director, Representing Matthew Driscoll, NYSDOT Commissioner
Joseph Smith	Town of Trenton Supervisor
Regina Venettozzi	Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program, Interim Program Director

Others Present:

Robert Smullen	NYS Assemblyman, 118 th District
Mark DeRocco	NYSDOT, Region 2, Assistant RPPM
Dana Crisino	HOCTS Program Manager
Alexander Turner	HOCTS
Barb Hauck	HOCTS

Approval of September 13, 2018 Minutes

Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve, as mailed, the minutes from the September 13, 2018 GP&L meeting. Such a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Opportunity for Public Comment

This is in accordance with HOCTS Public Participation Plan 2016 Update.

Chairman Peplinski asked for any public comments. It was noted that none were made.

Presentation: Mohawk Valley Transportation Management Center

Jim Papaleo, NYSDOT Region 2, gave a presentation on the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and the Mohawk Valley Transportation Management Center (MVTMC). He showed a short video, developed by the Paige Group consultants, that showcases the MVTMC.

ITS is a wide range of applications that process and share information to ease congestion, improve traffic management, minimize environmental impact and increase the benefits of transportation to commercial users and the general public. The MVTMC uses a variety of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) to increase transportation safety, efficiency, and reliability. This is accomplished by the system's ability to monitor, communicate, and control the movement of traffic throughout the region's transportation infrastructure to promote seamless management of the transportation network for the users.

The Mohawk Valley Transportation Management Center (MVTMC) is located at 2436 Chenango Road, Utica, NY. The staff at the MVTMC monitors roadway conditions on all state highways within the six counties of the region. It publishes information to appropriate agencies, first responders, and the traveling public. It is also the Mohawk Valley's real time transportation information and coordination hub. The staff performs 1) Incident Response: Emergency support, communication/dispatching, monitoring; 2) Video Surveillance: Using closed circuit TV (CCTV) video surveillance, TMC operators routinely detect and verify incidents, areas of congestion, and field conditions during planned and unplanned events; 3) Traveler Information: Information disseminated through Variable Message Signs (VMS) and NY511; 4) Traffic Management: Traffic signal control and coordination, communication to dispatching services, distributing information to Variable Message Signs (VMS), as well as media and broadcasting services; and 5) Daily Transportation System Status Reporting: Reports are generated daily or hourly as a means to provide a comprehensive look at current conditions for the regional transportation system within the six counties.

The MVTMC's overall ITS inventory includes: 32 closed circuit television cameras(CCTV), 40 permanent and portable variable message signs (VMS), 300 fully/semi-actuated signal systems, 2 radio weather information systems, and 4 temporary traffic signal systems. In looking toward the future of the MVTMC, additional ITS technologies that will be acquired include, but not limited to: automated toll collection (E-ZPass), crowdsourcing apps (real-time traffic), fleet vehicle telematics (GPS location, speed, fuel usage, engine performance), vehicle to infrastructure communication (V2i), and vehicle to vehicle communication (V2v).

Jim noted that there is now one CCTV in Herkimer County and will be installing another one soon; a goal is to have one additional each year. The weather stations are new to MVTMC and are expensive, but he is planning to purchase a few each year. Jim noted that the video cameras currently do not record. They will be able to record when their new surveillance system is installed in the near future. Other CCTVs that can be viewed are found on the NYSD 511 website. Dana noted that the all IT is NYSERDA funded. The MVTMC is located at 2436 Chenango Road, Utica.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-29: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to revise the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 280636 OSB Bridge Painting Project/Cyclical Highway Maintenance: Bridge Painting- Regionwide, for a total project cost of \$1,943,000, shall be added to the 2017 -2021 TIP. With the 2020 rescission deadline inching closer, this project is a very good candidate and much needed project.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-29 for the addition of PIN 280636 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously as amended.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-30: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to table this TIP amendment request to a later date when ROW impacts and project schedule can be more accurately identified.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 200412 State Route 51/Steele Creek (BIN 1026490), Village of Ilion, Herkimer County, shall be revised. The ROW Incidental in FFY 2019 shall be added, and the ROW Acquisition shall be increased based on the ROW 353C form. The funding source shall be changed for the phases of Detailed Design, ROW Acquisition, Construction and Construction Inspection from STP Flex to NHPP.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to table HOCTS Resolution 2018-30 for the revision of PIN 200412 until a later date. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-31: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to revise the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 265055 Utica Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP), Improved Pedestrian Facility in Oneida County, shall be added shall be added to the 2017 -2021 TIP, for a total project cost of \$571,000. Dana noted that this is from the second round of PSAPs and that they are a separate funding source in addition to the NYSDOT Region 2 budget. Projects types include but not limited to signage, pavement markings, traffic signals, etc. and projects average about \$5,000 each.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-31 for the addition of PIN 265055 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously as amended.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-32: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to revise the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 280605 Bridge Cleaning Project 18, Various Locations Regionwide, shall be revised in the 2017 -2021 TIP. All project phases shall have STP OFF System Bridge funds added to them, for a total project cost of \$787,000. It was noted that 8 projects are in Oneida County and 13 projects are in Herkimer County.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-32 for the revision of PIN 280605 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-33a: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to revise the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 280597 Overhead Sign Structure Project 18, Safety: Traffic Signs, Various locations Regionwide, shall be revised in the 2017 -2021 TIP. The phases of Detailed Design, Construction,

and Construction Inspection, shall be removed from PIN 280597 and the funding will be added to PIN 280608 in Resolution 2018-33b.

With no further discussion Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-33a for the revision of PIN 280597 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-33b: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to add a project to the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 280608 State Route 12: Utica City Line to Putnam Road, Oneida County Preventative Maintenance: Single Course Overlay (D Contract) in Oneida and Herkimer Counties shall be revised. The funding from the phases of Detailed Design, Construction, and Construction Inspection from PIN 280597 Resolution 2018-33a, shall be added to the appropriate phases to PIN 280608 in the 2017 -2021 TIP. The project title and description shall be changed to State Route PVTL River to Putnam Road & Overhead Signs in Oneida and Herkimer Counties, and Safety: Traffic Signs shall be added to the work type of the project.

There was some discussion on automatous signs and whether they will replace overhead signs. It was noted by NYSDOT Region 2 they follow the National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and overhead signs will be around for at least another 5-10 years. There is nothing from the federal level to plan any differently.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-33b for the revision of PIN 280608 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-34: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to add a project to the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 293175 MA&N Railroad Signal and Surface Replacement Project, Safety – Railroad Crossing Improvements in Oneida County, shall be added to the 2017 -2021 TIP. Railroad Grade Crossing Set-a-side funding will be used for this project for a total project cost of \$455,000.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-34 for the addition of PIN 293175 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-35: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to add a project to the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 293176 MA&N Railroad 2020 Signal Improvement Project, Safety- Railroad Crossing Improvements in Oneida County shall be added to the 2017 -2021 TIP. Railroad Grad Crossing Set-a side funding will be used for this project for a total project cost of \$455,000.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-35 for the addition of PIN 293176 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-36: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to add a project to the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 2TCV20 Culvert Repair/ Replacement Project 20, Various Locations, Regionwide shall be deleted from the 2017-2021 TIP. NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 280624 Culvert Repair/ Replacement Project 20, Various Locations, Regionwide shall be added to the 2017 -2021 TIP. The funding for all phases, except ROW Incidentals and ROW Acquisition shall be doubled the cost of PIN 2TCV20, for a total project cost of \$2,640,000.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-36 for the deletion of PIN 2TCV20 and the addition of PIN 280624 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-37: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to add a project to the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 2TOS20 Overhead Sign Structure Project 20, Various Locations, Regionwide shall be deleted from the 2017-2021 TIP. NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 280625 Overhead Sign Structure Project 20, Various Locations, Regionwide shall be added to the 2017-2021 TIP. There is only a slight increase in the project cost based on inflation factors, for a total project cost of \$1,478,000.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-37 for the deletion of PIN 2TOS20 and the addition of PIN 280625 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-38: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to add a project to the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 275448 BridgeNY 2018: Rehabilitation: Bridge Deck Replacement, Floyd Ave./ Mohawk River (BIN 2206520) in Oneida County shall be added to the 2017 -2021 TIP. NHPP funding will be used for this project for a total project cost of \$1,553,000. It was noted that there are 9 BridgeNY projects for Oneida and Herkimer Counties, of which 2 are culvert projects, for a total of \$10.78 mil for the two counties. It was clarified that BridgeNY is for the rehabilitation or replacement of non-state bridges.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-38 for the addition of PIN 275448 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-39: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to add a project to the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 275449 Bridge NY 2018: New Construction & Reconstruction: Bridge Replacement: Structural, Seifert Road/ Wood Creek (BIN 2206350) in Oneida County shall be added to the 2017 -2021 TIP. STP-Off System Bridge funding will be used for this project for a total project cost of \$1,968,000.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-39 for the addition of PIN 275449 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-40: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to add a project to the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 275450 Bridge NY 2018: New Construction & Reconstruction: Bridge Replacement: Structural, West Main Street/ Moyer Creek (BIN 22063720) in Herkimer County shall be added to the 2017-2021 TIP. NHPP and local funding will be used for this project for a total project cost of \$5,358,000.

No details were available as to why it was so expensive. Region 2 cited that if ROW is included that could increase the project cost. The estimates are balanced between not enough and too much. As the project progresses the may be adjusted accordingly.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-40 for the addition of PIN 275450 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

HOCTS Resolution 2018-41: TIP Amendment

Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT Region 2, presented a request for action to add a project to the existing project list of the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Utica urbanized area.

NYSDOT Region 2 project PIN 275456 Bridge NY 2018: New Construction & Reconstruction: Bridge Replacement: Structural, West German St. / Bellinger Brook (BIN 2266820) in Herkimer County shall be added to the 2017 -2021 TIP. NHPP funding will be used for this project for a total project cost of \$2,008,000.

With no further discussion, Chairman Peplinski asked for a motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2018-41 for the addition of PIN 275456 as an amendment to the 2017-2021 TIP. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Report of Administrative Modifications

Dana Crisino presented to the committee a report on the Administrative Modifications made to the TIP for September 2018 – November 2018, which are as follows:

Admin. Mod. #	PIN	DESCRIPTION	AGENCY
2018-17MOD	280587	Overhead Sign Structure Project 18-Traffic Signs. The Detailed Design, Construction, and Construction Inspection phases will be moved from FFY 2018 to FFY 2019 with no changes in cost.	NYSDOT
2018-18MOD	280559	TMC operations, which had the federal funds expire at the end of the FFY '18, with no change in scope, PIN 2ITS19 will replace it for FFY '19 with a total project cost shown as \$900,000. The funds are unique in that they are annually for Traffic Operations and Maintenance program and not a capital infrastructure project; although still require a PIN and assignment on TIP because they are federal transportation funds.	NYSDOT
2018-19MOD	280617	Intersection Improvement Project Safety: Traffic Signals/ Devices, Regionwide. The changes include: the ROW Acquisition phase will be added, the acknowledgement of the addition of ROW Incidentals using non-federal funds, and adding traffic sign to the work type.	NYSDOT
2018-20MOD	28062	Bridge Painting Project, Cyclical Highway Maintenance Bridge Painting, Herkimer County. The Preliminary Design Phase will be increased from \$180,000 to \$200,000. This additional funding is requested for Railroad Preliminary Engineering review.	NYSDOT

Funding Solicitations

Dana Crisino presented an update to the committee.

- TIP solicitation is to coordinate with the Vision 2020 plan and off-system bridge projects. Dana is working with Deb Windecker on the draft new TIP. Tip solicitation memo and worksheet were sent out December 18, 2018 with a due date of January 21, 2019.
- The TAP applications are on track and are under review by NYSDOT Main Office. They are anticipated to be awarded early 2019.

NYSDOT Projects Update

Mark DeRocco provided an update regarding the status of the projects within the MPO and Region 2:

- Round 2 Bridge NY awards: Awards were announced in November. We received a total award of \$23.4M: \$18.4M for 9 bridges and \$5.0M for 7 culverts. Herkimer County will receive 6.84M of the \$23.4M. Oneida County will receive \$3.94M of the \$23.4M. That's about 46% of the funds awarded.
- Route 5s (Utica, Oneida Co): Utility relocations will be progressing over the winter. National Grid is investing \$25M in upgrades to their system outside of our project.
- Route 51 over CSX Railroad (Ilion, Herkimer Co): Work on pier replacement, bearing replacements, and steel repairs will continue into next year.

- Burrstone Rd over Rtes. 5, 8, &12 (Utica, Herkimer Co): Deck work is completed. Pavement top course will be placed in the spring.
- 2016 Bridge NY – Higginsville Rd over Erie Canal (Verona, Oneida Co): Project is on schedule to be under construction in summer 2019.
- Culvert Repair/Replacement Project 17 (Oneida & Herkimer): Culvert 17 is on schedule to be under construction in summer 2019.
- The Empire State Trail Projects will be under construction in summer 2019.

HOCTS Letterhead Revision

Dana presented a draft revision of the HOCTS letterhead used for TPC and GP&L correspondences. The reasoning is 1) to have a unified county letterhead that departments may adapt; and 2) it is a more efficient use of the writable space of the sheet. The revised letterhead removes the side bar of names, yet the top still gives recognition of the chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

There were no objections to the revision.

Other Business

~There was no other business.

Closing

With all scheduled business completed and no other business presented, Chairman Peplinski adjourned the meeting at 10:26 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Hauck – Principal Planner, HOCTS