



## GOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND LIAISON COMMITTEE

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### **Minutes for the December 14, 2023 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Oneida County Board of Legislative Chambers, 10th Floor Oneida County Office Building 800 Park Avenue, Utica, New York**

*Administered by:  
Herkimer – Oneida Counties Transportation Council (HOCTC) MPO*

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Chairperson Anthony J. Picente, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Voting members present:

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.  
Vincent J. Bono

James Wallace  
Timothy Seymour

Mary Austin Pratt

Michael Waterman

Linda Lubey

Tara Spraker

Shaun Kaleta  
John Piseck

Joseph Smith

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Administrator, Herkimer County  
Commissioner, Department of Social Services,  
Herkimer County  
Oneida County Legislator, representing Gerald Fiorini  
Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators  
Chairman, Public Works Committee, Oneida County  
Board of Legislators  
Regional Director, NYSDOT Region 2, representing  
Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner, New York  
State Department of Transportation  
Director of Capital Programs, Central New York  
Regional Transportation Authority, representing  
Nicholas Laino, Chairman, Central New York  
Regional Transportation Authority  
Director, Economic Development, Oneida County  
Chief Executive Officer, Herkimer County Industrial  
Development Agency  
Supervisor, Town of Trenton

Dan Guzewich  
Timothy Julian  
Jerrin George

Representing George Joseph, Oneida County  
Legislative Majority Leader  
Oneida County Legislative Minority Leader  
Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer, representing  
Joanne Mahoney, Chair. New York State Thruway  
Authority Board of Directors

Non-voting members present:

James J. Genovese II, Secretary  
Dana Crisino, Clerk  
Deborah Windecker  
Mark DeRocco  
Christine LaBuzzetta  
Barb Hauck  
Amy Heiderich  
Julie Richmond  
Nicholas DiGennaro  
Brian Miller  
Derek Crossman  
Bren Daiss  
Steve Koegel  
Matthew Andrews  
Mary MacEnroe

Commissioner, Department of Planning, Oneida  
County  
Director, HOCTC  
Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT  
Region 2  
Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager,  
NYSDOT Region 2  
Associate Capital Program Analyst, NYSDOT Region  
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Principal Planner, HOCTC  
Planner, HOCTC  
Transportation Program Manager, HOCTC  
Deputy Commissioner, Oneida County Department of  
Public Works  
Assemblyman, 122<sup>nd</sup> District  
Deputy Regional Director, Empire State Development  
Director of Special Projects and Planning, Central NY  
Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA)  
Vice President of Communications and Business  
Planning, Central NY Regional Transportation  
Authority (CNYRTA)  
City of Rome  
Minority Legislative Analyst, Oneida County Board of  
Legislators

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to accept the minutes of the September 6, meeting made by: John Piseck
  - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
  - Discussion: None
  - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**3. Public Comment**

- None
- The Clerk noted that the meeting is being recorded for internal purposes to assist with the minutes.

#### 4. Presentations

Chairman Picente acknowledged and allowed Centro's request to present before the Director's Report due to a pressing internal meeting that Centro staff had to attend.

**Centro of Rome: Proposed Service Changes in Rome, NY** presented by Steve Koegel, Vice President of Communications and Business Planning, Central NY Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA)

- Centro took over the City of Rome transit service in 2005 and the services are no longer productive. Centro wants to make the service more user-friendly.
- The current system is confusing with overlapping routes and the north and south lines often run empty busses.
- The overview of ridership from 2019-2023 shows a 31% decrease with only a handful of people riding in 12 hours in many instances.
- The heatmap shows James St., Black River Blvd., Walmart, and Griffiss (North, West, and East) as the essential corridors with an anomaly at the bus garage.
- The goal is to have more appropriately sized buses, to address new mobility issues, upgrade technology, and maintain access for current riders.
- Dial-A-Ride will not be impacted for eligible passengers.
- People on the fixed route will have to walk to the bus stop. If they are not within ¼ mile of the fixed route, there will be an on-demand service available to call for a bus that will be at a fixed location within ¼ mile of the passenger within 30 minutes using a complex algorithm, similar to Uber or Lyft.
- The three fixed routes will be from the Centro Hub to Walmart, MVCC-Griffiss, and Black River Blvd and run on 30-minute intervals versus the current 45 minutes to make the timing easier for passengers.
- The service will have a mobile app with credit card service, a call-in option, and a cash-upon-boarding option.
- The fixed route prices will remain the same, one dollar from the Hub to a destination and one dollar to return. The on-demand service will be \$4.00 per trip. Centro talked to 50-60 people about cost, which ranged in the amount people are willing to pay from \$1.00-\$20.00, so \$4.00 seemed the most reasonable.
- The public hearing is scheduled for January 4, 2024.
- Dominick St. going east does not have a lot of ridership, so will be an on-demand area to start.
- Centro is also rolling out a Rural Transit Plan to connect Utica, Rome, and Verona. The routes will go between the Utica and Rome MVCC Campuses then from Rome to the Turning Stone.
- This plan is currently in review with the DOT to ensure that it meets all federal transit rules. The goal is to address inefficiencies in the system. The scope is to increase the number of vehicles, increase access, and expand the coverage area.
- Centro plans to roll out the on-demand service by using newspaper and social media and reaching out to senior centers with an educational component about the app or phone use in addition to having spent a week at the Hub talking to customers.

- The new Rome system is a pilot for Centro, but other companies are using this type of service in Buffalo and Rochester. Their biggest issue is the demand is higher and they do not have enough drivers.
- Standing date and time rides are an option
- There have been workplace visits to see where the need is greatest and the shift from 45 to 30-minute intervals will allow the routes to be more spread out throughout the day.
- Most people are using the buses to get to and from appointments.

## **5. Director's Report**

HOCTC Director, Dana Crisino gave a synopsis of HOCTC activities for the past quarter.

- This is a busy time with Federal transportation legislation programs and funding being rolled out and HOCTC is trying to capitalize on these opportunities.
- PEL – I-90 Exit 31 Feasibility and Redesign Study. The kick-off meeting took place on November 17 with the Technical Advisory Committee and was successful. In attendance were representatives from Federal Highways, NYSDOT Region 2, the Oneida County Highway Department, Thruway representatives, the City of Utica, and MPO staff. This is a 22-month study with robust public engagement targeted to begin in Spring 2024 after summarizing the existing conditions assessment.
  - Comment on how great the kick-off meeting went. It was noted that Cambridge Systematics is the nationwide leader in transportation analysis. They will be linking data sets of sociodemographic data with transportation data.
- SS4A Grant – This Safe Streets and Roads for All grant is through the FHWA for a 12-month safety analysis of the local road system. The grant is for just under \$500,000 with a projected kick-off date in January. This is for the local roadway network and has never been done before.
- LRTP – Long Range Transportation Plan - The 20-year vision requires an update by the end of 2024. There is an overlap with the PEL and SS4A, so the public engagement portion will also overlap. Along with the LRTP, the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSTP) also requires an update. The area Human Service agency providers will build on historical knowledge of what the public needs are.
- PPP – Public Participation Plan – With all the new plans in progress, there is a need to have this plan updated as well, so all consultants can follow this new plan.
- UPWP – This is what the staff will spend their time on in the upcoming year. A letter was sent out for both short-term and long-term projects in the next 5, 10, 15 years.
- In looking at the HOCTC timeline, the Bike and Pedestrian Trail Guide will have a release date of May 2024 and will have a digital component. This guide is two years behind due to COVID.

## **6. NYSDOT Region 2 Report**

Deborah Windecker reported on the activities that NYSDOT Region 2 has performed in the last quarter.

- Bridge NY Round 5 program funding announced. NYSDOT Region 2 and HOCTC sent letters on November 20<sup>th</sup> for the announcement. Funding is for \$483M statewide. There will be \$13.8M for bridges \$4.57M is allocated to Herkimer County and \$9.23M to Oneida County, an increase of \$3M. \$8.8M

is available for culverts covering the six-county region. The application deadlines are January 19<sup>th</sup> for culverts and January 24<sup>th</sup> for bridges.

- Criteria for bridges: \$500,00 minimum, \$5M maximum and a 5% local match with 2/3 of funding is Off-System Bridge.
- Criteria for culverts: \$100,000 minimum, \$1.5M maximum with no local match unless the cost exceeds the award. The culvert projects will not go on the TIP.
- The Town of Trenton was awarded last year.
- Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications are due January 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - The DOT Region 2 is applying for \$1.0M for a sidewalk project. The project area is Burrstone Rd. to provide multimodal sidewalks. DOT identified this as a need for Utica University and other local businesses in the area.
  - DOT is using the Carbon Reduction Funding that totals \$11.0M statewide.
  - There are six applications across Oneida County.
  - There is \$141M in funding,
- Champlain Ave. is complete
  - This is the first Village project for \$3.2M and was a smaller area than most.
  - It incorporated Complete Streets, ADA compliance, sidewalks, and signal intersection improvements.
  - DOT worked in collaboration with the Mohawk Valley Water Authority to also install a \$0.650M waterline.
- The bridge on Route 5S crossing Nowadaga Creek is complete and opened at the beginning of November. It was a \$4.4M project.
- Upcoming lettings for the 2024 construction season:
  - The N. Genesee St. Safety Project will include added signaling at Genesee St. NB and the I-790/I-90 exit ramp, a second 12' travel lane on the I-90/I-790 north ramp, sidewalk improvements, and curb and ramp crossings with Statewide Highway Safety Improvement funding. The letting will be in January 2024, with construction beginning in the Spring. There are 26,000 vehicles on the Thruway and 23,000 vehicles on N. Genesee St. per day. 13% of traffic exiting from the N. Genesee St. ramp are trucks, an increase of about 20% over the last 5 years, with expected growth.
  - Rt. 46 over Oneida Creek bridge replacement will cost \$5.0M. This project will close Route 46 on and off with the detour route using State Routes 315 and 31 for approximately 16 weeks.
  - Route 12 and 12D, Boonville Safety Project. The project will cost \$2.4M for a new traffic signal installation at the intersection of Routes 12 and 12D with the intersection being teed up, and a pedestrian crossing and sidewalk with ADA upgrades.

## **7. New York State Thruway Authority Report**

Jerrin George, NYSTA Assistant Engineer, gave a synopsis of NYSTA activities for the past quarter.

- Both the N. Main St. bridge and the Miller's Grove Rd. bridge in Frankfort replacements are complete.

- Tentative 2024 Projects: These are all scheduled for 2024 and progressing and will continue unless there is a finding or other issues arise.
  - MP197.9 to 2013.3 Pavement resurfacing – Letting 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024, completion in Winter 2024, which is new due to need
  - MP227.40 Mainline bridge rehabs over Sterling Creek – Letting 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024, completion in Winter of 2025
  - MP219.91 – Replacement of Thruway Bridge over Mohawk St. (Route 28) – Letting 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2024, completion Winter 2026.
    - NYSTA will be working with the DOT for design and how the closure will work. There is a concern with emergency vehicles. Per request, NYSTA will get back to Herkimer County with the plans.
- The Schuyler Service Area has opened, and the Oneida Service Area will tentatively open in January 2024.
- Discussion:
  - NYSTA also noted that new EZ-Pass rates will start on January 1, 2024, this will be the first increase. The website provides more information.
  - There was a question about adding more Thruway exits now that the tolls are cashless.
    - NYSTA replied that they are not the entity that decides. NYSTA public relations may be able to provide some more information. FHWA is the ultimate decision-maker and has to go through its guidelines. FHWA and DOT would need to complete studies to determine the need and environmental impact.
  - A comment was brought up about a high-speed gantry at Judd Rd. that was discussed a few years ago.
    - DOT responded that a huge environmental study would need to be completed before considering this as an option through the FHWA.
  - A comment was made about the massive demographic changes since the Thruway was designed and that Thruway exits drive local commerce. The new service area design may offer fewer food options, especially at night so that potential commerce could be directed to local businesses and would be easier to access with more exits.
    - The DOT responded that the PEL Study will be a significant factor in determining the need for more exits with the possible goal of designing interstate-to-interstate connections so mainline gantries could be added since Exit 31 is one of the busiest exits in the area. Mainline gantries open up more opportunities for exits and entrances between gantries. The PEL Study puts this area ahead.
  - A question was asked about whether the PEL Study will look at a Schuyler rest area that could be utilized heading west on I-90.

- The DOT responded that this study is looking at Exit 31 along I-90 and access to highways upon exiting. It does not include the Schuyler Service Area but will help tell the story of the whole area since there are only a few miles between exits.
  - The community supports finding ways to alleviate traffic in North Utica and Schuyler.
- There was a comment about a 10-mile span where tractor-trailers should be able to get off where they need to around Schuyler, so they are not driving on local roads so much.
  - NYSTA replied that they will get back to the GP&L Committee.
- NYSTA responded with an offer to address these comments and reminded the meeting of the coordination required between NYSTA, the DOT, and FHWA. There is a request for a conversation with NYSTA soon about the above topics.
- A question was asked about speeding cameras that can result in ticketing being installed on the Thruway, not in construction areas.
  - NYSTA confirmed that there have been permanent speeding cameras installed on I-90 from Buffalo to Rochester and near Exit 29A but there are none from Little Falls to Syracuse, with nothing scheduled at this time. The exact locations can be found online.

## 8. Other Reports

- None

## 9. Old Business

- None

## 10. New Business

- a. **HOCTC Resolution 2023 - 37: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to revise a Bridge Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
  - Description: PIN 2754.74 – Utica Harbor Pedestrian Bridge Project to provide Design funding in the City of Utica, Oneida County, that will connect Harbor Point to the Nexus Center shall be amended on the TIP. The total cost for this project shall change from \$2M to \$2.5M, \$.050M which is for a programming error accounting for the 20% required match.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Timothy Julian
    - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0
- b. **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 38: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to Revise a Safety Improvement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
  - Description: PIN 2016.80 – To address safety issues on Route 12 and 12D in the Village of Boonville, in Oneida County, including the

reconfiguration of the intersection with Route 12D. The total project cost shall be increased by \$.915M from \$2.02M to \$2.935M

- Discussion: The intersection of Routes 274 and 46 needs to be made safer for the school crossing guard and better drainage is needed so no one is standing in water waiting to cross the road. There will be increased involvement with the railroad crossing on 12D. These two items are the reason for the increase in funding. The Stewart's turn-off is a complicated entrance and exit, especially when there are events in the area.
  - Motion to approve resolutions made by: Joseph Smith
    - Seconded by: John Piseck
    - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0
- c. HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 39: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to revise a Transit Vehicle Project**, presented by Tara Spraker, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority
- Description: PIN 2821.76 – Bus replacements for 18 diesel vehicles for Centro of Oneida-Utica to improve efficiency in operations in the Utica system in Oneida County for 2024. The project will have cost increases from \$5.120M to \$7.267M. The funding is 5307 only and Centro was not told about the cost increases earlier. The cost may still increase by another 5% or so. The buses cost around \$588,000 each.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to approve resolutions made by: Timothy Julian
    - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0
- d. HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 40: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to delete PIN 2822.10**, presented by Tara Spraker, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority
- Description: PIN 2822.10 - Transit land acquisition and construction project for a Utica/Rome facility consolidation for Centro Oneida service in Oneida County.
    - The Miscellaneous Phase should be deleted since it is already in PIN 2822.09, decreasing the project cost from \$7.0M to \$5.0M
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to approve resolutions made by: Linda Lubey
    - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0
- e. HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 41: Amendment to the HOCTC Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan 2021-2024 to update Appendix 1**, presented by Barbara Hauck, HOCTC
- Description: The IJA expands on the previous transportation legislation. The applicants must have projects in the planning phase for 2024. A provision of the Section 5310 program is that “recipients must certify that



projects selected are included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan”. An annual list of 5310 potential projects is included in the Coordinated Plan as Appendix 1. Rome Health, Copper City Community Connection, 50 Forward Mohawk Valley, Senior Network Health, LLC, and Herkimer County Chapter of NYS ARC, Inc. submitted projects for the 2024 update.

- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Appendix 1 made by: James Wallace
  - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
  - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0
  
- f. HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 42: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to revise a Pavement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
  - Description: PIN 2065.38 – Clinton Route 12B Preventative Maintenance Paving Project to rehabilitate the pavement of Routes 12B and 412 in the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton in Oneida County. The project will encompass most of the Village area. It was originally designed as a light paving project in 2019. Now, a lot more work is required such as a bridge and culvert rail, stone culvert repair, sidewalk improvements with ADA access, a major pavement reconstruction, sewer upgrades, and water line work at the intersection of Routes 12B and 412. Construction Utility Betterment funds of \$1.1M will be added to the project from the Village of Clinton. This project will upgrade the infrastructure for 3.5 miles of the Village of Clinton. The project cost will increase by \$5.863M from \$4.080M to \$9.943M.
  - Discussion: Clinton is a DRI awardee and a heavy traffic area.
  - Motion to approve resolution made by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Seconded by: Joseph Smith
    - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0
  
- g. HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 43: 2024 Traffic Safety Performance Measure Targets**, presented by Dana Crisino, HOCTC
  - Description: HOCTC has previously supported the NYSDOT Safety Targets set for Safety Performance Measures in accordance with: 23CFR Part 490 – Highway Safety Improvement Program. State DOTs are required to set targets and MPOs may agree to support State targets or establish their own targets for the MPA. DOT has worked with the 14 MPOs to reduce fatalities and serious accidents. The five HSIP Safety Targets established by MPOs are number of fatalities, fatality rate, number of serious injuries, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. The resolution is to approve adopting DOT’s targets for 2024.
  - Discussion: A question was asked about the definition of a non-motorized fatality or injury and it was explained that it is any accident not involving a car that happens on a roadway.

- Motion to approve resolution made by: Timothy Julian
  - Seconded by: Linda Lubey
  - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**h. Administrative Modifications to the 2023 – 2027 TIP**

- Description: This is the bookkeeping between HOCTC and NYSDOT Region 2 to make sure items on the TIP keep moving along. These are all items that will not be on the TIP.

ADMIN MOD. #	PIN	DESCRIPTION	AGENCY
2023 – 22MOD	2806.79	Pavement Marking Project to replace worn or missing pavement markings at various locations in Oneida and Madison Counties. The Scoping and Preliminary Design Phases will be deleted, which will decrease the total project cost by \$0.192M from \$4.454M to \$4.262M.	NYSDOT
2023 – 23MOD	2023.34	Bridge Replacement Project carrying NYS Rte. 69 over Sauquoit Creek (BIN 1009919) and Main St. over Sauquoit Creek (BIN 2255640) in the Villages of Whitesboro and Yorkville, and the Town of Whitestown in Oneida County. The Funding Year will be changed for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023 – 24MOD	2047.07	Bridge Replacement Project to replace two bridges carrying Rt. 921C (North Genesee Street) over Mohawk River, Harbor Lock Road, and Erie Canal, City of Utica in Oneida County. In addition, this project will also rehabilitate N. Genesee Street from Wurz Avenue to I-790. The Funding Years will be changed for the following: the Detailed Design Phase from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025, the ROW Acquisition phase from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025, and the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2026.	NYSDOT
2023 – 25MOD	2236.27	Bridge Replacement Project for the bridge carrying State Rt. 29 over the East Canada Creek (BIN 1051170) in the Village of Dolgeville in Herkimer and Fulton Counties. In addition, this project will also address issues associated with bridge width, vertical clearance on the bridge, bridge alignment, resiliency, and the intersection with Route 167 on the western approach of the bridge. The Funding Years will be changed for the Detailed Design phase, the ROW Acquisition phase, and the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023- 26MOD	2650.61	Mohawk River Trail, Phase II Project to the complete the Design and Construction Phase 3 which will extend the existing Trail System 2.52 miles North in the City of Rome in Oneida County. The Funding Years will be changed for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT

2023-27MOD	2754.56	Bridge NY 2018 Project to replace the existing West German Street over Bellinger Brook (BIN 2266820) in the Village of Herkimer in Herkimer County. The Funding Years will be changed for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024.	NYSDOT
2023-28MOD	2754.65	Bridge NY 2021 Project to replace the bridge that carries Harvey Bridge Road over the West Canada Creek (BIN 2204740) in the Town of Ohio in Herkimer County. The Funding Years will be changed for the Detailed Design and ROW Acquisition from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024, and the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023-29MOD	2754.66	Bridge NY 2021 Project to replace the bridge that carries Round Lake Road over the Long Lake Outlet (BIN 2205740) in the Town of Forestport in Oneida County. The Funding Years will be changed for the Detailed Design and ROW Acquisition from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024, and the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023-30MOD	2754.71	Bridge NY 2021 Project to rehabilitate the bridge that carries South James Street over the Erie Barge Canal (BIN 4206450) in the City of Rome in Oneida County. The Funding Years will be changed for the Detailed Design from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024, and the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023-31MOD	2754.76	Bridge Replacement Project to replace the bridge that carries Gridley Paide Road over Big Creek (BIN 2205850) in the Town of Marshall in Oneida County. The Funding Years will be changed for the Detailed Design, ROW Acquisition, and the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024.	NYSDOT
2023-32MOD	2806.51	Guiderail and Signs Replacement Project 23 to repair, replace or remove hazardous roadside elements (guiderail, bridge rail, trees, etc.) as necessary along highways at various locations in Region 2. The Funding Years will be changed for the Detailed Design, the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024.	NYSDOT
2023-33MOD	2806.52	Intersection Improvement Project 23 to provide highway safety benefits that will involve traffic control devise and/or minor geometric improvement at various intersections to provide highway safety benefits The Funding Years will be changed for the Detailed Design, ROW Acquisition phases from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024, and the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023-34MOD	2754.67	BridgeNY 2021: Old Poland Rd. (CR 56) over Cincinnati Creek (BIN 2205960), Town of Trenton in Oneida County, for a bridge replacement. The Funding Years will be changed for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023-35MOD	2LC1.2 1	Culvert Resiliency Project 21 – Contract 4, Regionwide. The Funding Years will be changed for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023-36MOD	2LC1.4 1	Culvert Resiliency Project 21 – Contract 6, Regionwide. The Funding Years will be changed for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023-37MOD	2806.50	Pavement Marking Project 23, Regionwide. The Funding Source Type for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases will be changed from STBG Flex only to STBG Flex and NHPP.	NYSDOT
2023-38MOD	2023.34	Bridge Replacement Project to replace bridges that carries NYS RTE. 69 over Sauquoit Creek (BIN 1009919) and Main Street over Sauquoit Creek (BIN 2255640), Villages of Whitesboro and Yorkville, Town of Whitestown in Oneida County. The Funding Years will be changed for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026.	NYSDOT

## 11. Open Forum for Committee Discussion

- DOT noted that the GP&L should have a presentation on Complete Streets sometime in 2024 to understand what the state legislation is and to not reverse roadway improvements.

- Since there are some changes in the New Year and new people joining, there should also be a presentation on funding and funding sources and the role of the MPO. The Chairperson agreed that this should be on the 2024 agenda.
- Herkimer County is working with the State Comptroller's Office to remove tanks at the old Chip's Gas Station between Ilion and Frankfort to make a parking lot for the bike trail, a good reuse of a brownfield site. This is the same for the solar project on Route 5S.
- Herkimer County received a Fast NY Grant to upgrade the Schuyler Business Park entrance and water tower.
- Salada Bridge – Herkimer County is open for suggestions on how they can reuse the old facility. There is a new mayor in Little Falls and is ready to look for funding for the bridge and building renovations.
- Dolgeville Bridge construction – DOT stated that the bridge project is in preliminary design. There will be a public hearing in Spring 2024 with construction anticipated in 2026.
- GP&L would like to make contact with National Grid about their availability to attend a GP&L meeting and get them more involved on a permanent basis. The Chairperson said he would reach out to the regional contact.
- The Chairperson mentioned the members leaving GP&L: Joe Smith, Supervisor, Town of Trenton, is retiring and has been a great partner with the MPO. Jim Bono, Herkimer County Legislator, has termed out but is still in the Legislature and with the IDA. He has also been a great partner in working together with the two Counties.

## **12. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: John Piseck
  - Seconded by: Timothy Julian
  - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Amy Heiderich