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Minutes for the June 30, 2022 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Quarterly Meeting – Q2 2022 Board of Legislators Chambers Oneida County Office Building

Administered by:

Herkimer – Oneida Counties Transportation Council (HOCTC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Chairperson Vincent J. Bono called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

Roll Call

Voting Members present:

Vincent J. Bono, Chairperson

Anthony J. Picente, Jr., Vice-Chairperson

James Wallace

Mary Austin Pratt

David Wood

Tim Julian

Michael Waterman

E.J. Moses

Scott Musacchio

Joseph Smith

Brian Hoffman

Chairman, Herkimer County Legislature

Oneida County Executive

Administrator, Herkimer County

Oneida County Legislator, Oneida County Board of Legislators, *representing Gerald J. Fiorini, Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators*

Past Oneida County Legislator, *representing George Joseph Majority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators*

Minority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators

Public Works Committee Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators

Director of Facilities, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority, *representing Nicholas Laino, Chairman, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority*

Supervisor, Town of Verona

Supervisor, Town of Trenton

Regional Design Engineer, NYSDOT, Region 2, *representing Linda Lubey, NYSDOT Regional Director*

<i>Jerrin George</i>	Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer, <i>representing Joanne M. Mahoney, Chair, New York State Thruway Authority Board of Directors</i>
John Piseck	Executive Director, Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency
David Catalfamo	Director of Economic Development, Oneida County
<i>Matthew Andrews</i>	Deputy Director of Community & Economic Development, <i>representing Jacquelyn Izzo, Mayor, City of Rome</i>
<i>Derek Crossman</i>	Community Development Specialist, <i>representing Robert Palmieri, Mayor, City of Utica</i>

Voting Members absent:

Glenn Asnoe	Supervisor, Town of Frankfort
Pete Campione	Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
Timothy Seymour	Commissioner, Herkimer County Social Services

Non-voting Members present:

Dana Crisino, Clerk	Director, HOCTC
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Non-voting Members absent:

James Genovese, Secretary	Commissioner, Oneida County Department of Planning
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Other Attendees present:

Mark DeRocco	Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2
Barb Hauck	Principal Planner, HOCTC
Alexander Turner	Planner, HOCTC
Margaret Phipps	Intern, Oneida County Department of Planning
Christine Labuzzetta	NYSDOT, Region 2
Nicole Harris	NYSDOT, Region 2
Caroline Reale	Oneida County Legislator, Oneida County
Evon M. Ervin	Oneida County Legislator, Oneida County

• **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to amend the minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting to correct the title of Vincent Bono, to change the name of Schuylerville to Schuyler, and to change the reference made to a railroad stop to a railroad spur, made by: John Piseck
 - Seconded by: Anthony Picente
 - Discussion: None
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0
- Motion to approve, as amended, the minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting made by: Anthony Picente
 - Seconded by: John Piseck
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0

- **Public Comment**
 - No public comment.

- **Director's Report**
 - Dana Crisino gave the following report on behalf of the Herkimer – Oneida Counties Transportation Council:
 - Transportation Improvement Plan
 - The MPO has been developing the next four-year capital program Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in conjunction with NYSDOT Region 2 for FFY 2023 – 2027. HOCTC put out a call for projects from member municipalities and partner agencies and incorporate those into an illustrative list of projects. The draft will be released for public review in early August and the committee will receive notification. Action will be taken at the September 2022 meeting on the plan after a presentation with NYSDOT.
 - Transportation Program Manager
 - The MPO has been able to hire a Transportation Program Manager to assist in the operations. They will be joining the organization at the end of July, and they have previous experience in running an MPO.
 - Summary of the IIJA
 - A new 5-year surface transportation bill was recently passed by the Federal government funded at \$1.2 trillion.
 - New formula/guaranteed highway grant programs include: bridge investment program (\$12.5 billion), congestion relief (\$250 million), charging and fueling (\$2.5 billion), rural surface transportation program (\$2 billion), PROTECT/Resiliency (\$7.3 billion), Reduce Truck Emissions at Ports (\$400 million), National Infrastructure Project Assistance (\$5 billion), Safe Streets Program (\$5 billion), Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Program (\$500 million), Wildlife Crossing Pilot (\$50 million), Reconnecting Communities Pilot (\$1 billion), Prioritization Pilot (\$50 million).
 - New competitive grant programs: National Infrastructure Project Assistance (\$5 billion), Bridge Investment Grants (\$5 billion), Grants for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (\$2.5 billion), Rural Surface Transportation (\$2 billion), Congestion Relief (\$250 million), Healthy Streets (\$500 million), National Infrastructure Project Assistance (\$5 billion), Safe Streets for All (\$5 billion), SMART program (\$500 million), Truck Emissions at Ports (\$400 million), National Culvert Removal, Replacement, Restoration (\$1 billion), Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative Efficient Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) (\$1.4 billion), Reconnecting Communities (\$1 billion).
 - Safe Streets for All (SS4A)
 - One of the new competitive grant programs is SS4A. The program supports planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operation initiatives to

prevent death and serious injuries on roads and streets for all roadway users. The program is funded at \$5 billion for five years and is open to MPOs, cities, counties, and towns with applications due September 15. There are two types of grants available: Action Plan (\$200,000 to \$1,000,000) and Implementation (\$3,000,000 to \$30,000,000) funded at an 80% federal and 20% local match (in-kind services or cash) split. An Action Plan grant will show where unsafe conditions exist in the transportation network, show where underserved communities exist, and how to make these unsafe and underserved areas safer. An Implementation Grant funds the solutions outlined in the Action Plan. The MPO, Oneida County, and Herkimer County are eligible to apply. Actions that are advised to be taken to apply include: adoption of a complete streets policy to make application competitive and ensuring that the local match of funding is available (\$40,000 minimum and \$200,000 maximum). The MPO will have discussions with both counties to gauge interest in applying. A resolution authorizing the application will need to be made at the next quarterly meeting if interested as well as supporting resolutions from each county.

- **NYSDOT Region 2 Report**

- Mark DeRocco gave a report on the activities that NYSDOT Region 2 has performed in the last quarter
- A new five-year capital plan for New York State has been approved funded at \$32.8 billion for SFY 22-23 through SFY 26-27. This represents a 40% increase over the previous five-year capital plan. Building the TIP/STIP is a part of this plan and will be approved in September. BRIDGE NY will be funded \$1 billion over five years, this will increase \$100 million annually to \$200 million annually. NYSDOT is exploring options to award additional funding. Breakdown of the funding includes: \$538 million for CHIPS, \$150 million for Pave NY, \$100 million for Extreme Weather Recovery (EWR), \$100 million for State Touring Route Road Revitalization (new for 2021), and a new \$100 million for Operation Pave our Potholes.
- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorized a Bridge Investment Program funded at \$2.36 billion in planning funds. Minimum award of up to 90% for off-system bridges with a maximum of \$100 million. States, MPO's, county, local, and tribal governments are eligible. The purpose is to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight by replacing, rehabilitation, preserving, and protecting bridges in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI). Additionally, improving the conditions of bridges in poor condition and support bridges in fair condition from dropping to poor condition. There is a deadline of September 8 to apply.
- NYSDOT Region 2 applied for two grants for the North Genesee Street Multi-Modal Connector and Bridge Replacement project: RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) for \$18 million and Multi-Discretionary Grant for \$25 million. NYSDOT expects to hear back in the Fall for award announcements.
- State projects under construction
 - Route 51 (Otsego Street) over Steele Creek bridge replacement in the Village of Ilion for \$3.8 million – Rifenburg

- Route 5s over Route 51 Deck Replacement in the Village of Ilion for \$1.6 million – Slate Hill
 - Route 26/365 Safety and Pavement Project in the City of Rome for \$6.7 million – Hanson
- Route 8 over 5 & 12 Bridge Replacement is expected to be completed in Fall 2022. Three ramps will be closed from April through August.
- Local projects under construction:
 - Middle Settlement Road in the Town of New Hartford for \$4 million – CCI Contractor
 - Oneida Street over Sauquoit Creek in the Town of New Hartford for \$1.0 million – DH Smith Contractor
 - Mohawk River Trail, Phase 2 in City of Rome for \$1.0 million.
- Local projects for Fall letting
 - West Main Street over Moyer Creek in the Village of Frankfort as a BNY 2018 awardee for \$4.5 million
- NYSDOT Staff Updates
 - Ron Epstein, Assistant Commissioner of Policy and Planning & CFO retired in April.
 - Dave Rettig, Planning and Program Management Office Director will be retiring in June. Brian Kelly will be promoted to this position.

- **Other Reports**

- None

- **Presentations**

- None

- **Old Business**

- None

- **New Business**

- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 – 09: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Safety Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
 - Description: A project on the MPO TIP, PIN 280643 – Guiderail and Signs Replacement Project 22 shall be revised to reflect a \$4,452,000 increase to the project cost. The phases of the project utilizing STP Flex as the funding source will be changed to STBG Flex funding.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Scott Musacchio
 - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 – 10: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
 - Description: PIN 204707 – Route 921C (North Genesee Street) over Mohawk River, Harbor Lock Road, and Erie anal Bridge Replacement Project shall be added to the TIP funded in the amount of \$38,052,000 for FFY 2021, 2023, and 2024

utilizing State Dedicated Fund, FAST Act, and National Highway Performance Program sources.

- Discussion: None
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Derek Crossman
 - Seconded by: Anthony Picente
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 – 11: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Bridge Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
- Description: PIN 275474 – Utica Harbor Pedestrian Bridge shall be added to the TIP funded in the amount of \$2,000,000 for FFY 2023 utilizing a Congressional Earmark funding source.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Tim Julian
 - Seconded by: Derek Crossman
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 – 12: UPWP Budget Amendment**, presented by Dana Crisino.
- Description: The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) budget shall be amended to reflect: an increase in the base allocation for FHWA PL funding from \$200,000 to \$250,000, allocation for FTA Section 5303 MPP funds increased from \$63,020 to \$83,100, and a FHWA PL carryover in the amount of \$295,987.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: James Wallace
 - Seconded by: Anthony Picente
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 – 13: Amendment to the HOCTC Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan 2021 – 2024**, presented by Barb Hauck.
- Description: The Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan Appendix 1 to be amended to include two additional agencies: LutheranCare and The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Seconded by: E.J. Moses
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 – 14: Support of CNYRTA’s Safety Performance Targets**, presented by Dana Crisino.
- Description: HOCTC MPO will agree to support CNYRTA’s safety performance targets for the public transportation system and will incorporate those safety targets in any updates made to the LRTP and TIP.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: John Piseck
 - Seconded by: Tim Julian
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 – 15: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Maintenance Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
 - Description: PIN TWSE22 – NYS Thruway, Albany and Syracuse Division, Pavement Striping on I-87 and I-90 for FFY 2022 shall be added to the TIP. The project will be funded in the amount of \$638,000 utilizing NHPP funding sources for FFY 2022.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Anthony Picente
 - Seconded by: David Wood
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0
- **Administrative Modifications to the 2020 – 2024 TIP**
 - Dana gave a report of the administrative modifications made to the MPO TIP in the last quarter as the following:
 - 2022 – 04MOD, PIN 280639, Culvert Repair and Replacement Project 22. ROW Acquisitions and ROW Incidentals will increase project cost by \$35,000.
 - 2022 – 05MOD, PIN 265057, 2018 TAP Rome Wheels to Heels Streetscapes. Funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection changed from 2022 to 2023.
 - 2022 – 06MOD, PIN 213457, Route 5 French Road Interchange Bridge Repairs. Construction costs increased by \$336,000 to \$3,905,000.
- **Other Business**
 - John Piseck asks Anthony Picente about the NYS Canal Corporation and chargers along the canal. Anthony replies that there is a meeting coming up at the end of July where this will be discussed, and he will report back to the committee.
 - John Piseck mentions that he and other representatives have met with Centro regarding a study to have transit service in Herkimer County, specifically, to the Schuyler Business Park and Utica. Dana replies that a possible transit service into Herkimer County had been analyzed by HOCTC’s consultant, Transpo, in the System Wide Analysis for Transit Based Connections.
 - A discussion is had between Jerrin George and the committee regarding new exits on the Thruway, specifically in Herkimer County. Jerrin states that the Thruway main office would have to be involved to undertake a study to explore the possibility of opening new exits. Exit 31 is also mentioned and how HOCTC will be undertaking a study analyzing the interchange. The scope of the study is currently in development. Anthony Picente asks if discussion can take place at the next meeting regarding Exit 31 and a new exit in the vicinity of Schuyler with additional people representing the Thruway.
- **Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Scott Musacchio

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Alexander Turner, HOCTC