



GOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Minutes for the June 15, 2023 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Quarterly Meeting – Q2 2023 Oneida County Board of Legislative Chambers, 10th Floor Oneida County Office Building

Administered by:

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

Chairperson Anthony J. Picente, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

Welcome and Introductions

Voting members present:

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Vincent J. Bono

James Wallace
Timothy Seymour

Mary Austin Pratt

Michael Waterman

Derek Crossman

Joseph Smith
Tara Spraker

Linda Lubey

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Herkimer County
Oneida County Legislator, representing Gerald
Fiorini Chairman, Oneida County Board of
Legislators
Chairman, Public Works Committee, Oneida County
Board of Legislators
Community Development Specialist, City of Utica,
representing Robert Palmieri, Mayor, City of Utica
Supervisor, Town of Trenton
Director of Grants and Revenue Contract
Administration, Central New York Regional
Transportation Authority, representing Nicholas
Laino, Chairman, Central New York Regional
Transportation Authority
Regional Director, NYSDOT Region 2, representing
Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner, New
York State Department of Transportation

Jerrin George	Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer, representing Joanne Mahoney, Chair, New York State Thruway Authority Board of Directors
Shaun Kaleta	Director, Economic Development, Oneida County
Dave Wood	Representing George Joseph, Oneida County Legislative Major

Non-voting members present:

James J. Genovese II, Secretary	Commissioner, Department of Planning, Oneida County
Dana Crisino, Clerk	Director, HOCTC
Deborah Windecker	Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT Region 2
Mark DeRocco	Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT Region 2
Christine LaBuzetta	Associate Capital Program Analyst, NYSDOT Region 2
Ashton Roberts	NYSDOT
Mary MacEnroe	Oneida County Legislator
Barb Hauck	Principal Planner, HOCTC
Nicole Correll	Planning Specialist, HOCTC
Julie Richmond	Transportation Program Manager, HOCTC
Nicholas DiGennaro	Deputy Commissioner, Oneida County Department of Public Works
Susan Jaquish	Staff, Brian Miller, New York State Assemblyman
Maryanne Davis	Staff, Marianne Buttenschon, New York State Representative

- **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2023, meeting made by: Linda Lubey
 - Seconded by: Joseph Smith
 - Discussion: None
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **Public Comment**

- Dana Crisino read a letter, dated February 25, 2023, from Mary LeClaire regarding concerns for the local community after the toxic spill due to a train derailment that is affecting an Ohio community.
- Anthony J. Picente, Jr. noted that Vincent Bono brought up concerns about chemical spills at the last GP&L meeting and that there has been subsequent training to prepare for a potential situation.
- Dana Crisino noted that a response will be drafted to Mary LeClaire that the County is aware of and prepared for a similar accident if it were to occur.

- **Director's Report**

- HOCTC Director, Dana Crisino gave a synopsis of HOCTC activities for the past quarter.
 - Dana acknowledged that having Julie Richmond on staff, with the grant skills she brought to Oneida County, has been very helpful in opening opportunities for more grants than before.
 - SS4A Grant – RFP Released: The SS4A Grant was awarded at the end of January and the RFP was released this Spring: The grant will fund a comprehensive local roadway safety analysis. The analysis will reveal and prioritize the most critical local roadways and corridors that have safety issues to be addressed. The intent is to move forward with future funding applications for implementation. The RFP was released in April, and responses were due May 26th. Three (3) quality responses were received. Currently, HOCTC staff is starting its internal technical review and may be reaching out to members to participate on the review team and assist with the interview process. HOCTC cannot award consultant contracts until the grant contract is reviewed and approved for signature by federal highways, which is expected to take at least 60 days.
 - PEL – Conditionally Awarded: A consultant was selected by a committee for the PEL Study. The project is of regional importance due to it being a gateway to the North and South, as well as the main gateway into Utica. Staff is currently waiting to finalize the scope with the consultant, and it is expected to be in a contract in August. A kickoff of the project is expected to be in August/September. It is a 22-month project, and there will be updates given every few months. It is expected that the results of the study will lead to applications for grants to pursue project implementation.
 - LTPAP – In Progress: There was great feedback from the public and public engagement on this project. The first survey had over 700 and 300 responses, second survey is still open. The second survey is also intended to be educational, as it shows options and tries to get an understanding of the preferences of the public. Surveys and public engagement are expected to go into early Fall.
 - PROTECT/BOND Act: The application, due August 18th, will apply for the Sauquoit Creek. Still, coordination is needed to figure out who will be the lead applicant. Kristin Campbell with the Oneida County Department of Planning is assisting with research needed for the application. Looks to be a promising funding source, however, the application guidance has not yet been released.
 - Dutch Transport Innovation Study Tour: Dana Crisino will be attending the Institute for Sensible Transport's Dutch Transport Innovation Study Tour. The Tour will be in the Netherlands from the 25th of June to the 30th of June. She was one of two Americans selected to attend. The conference will focus on multi-modal transportation such as biking amenities, public transport, and holistic roadway design. Attendees will learn from the successes and failures of mobility planning in the Netherlands and be immersed in a first-

hand learning lab. Upon returning, the goal is to be able to translate, tailor, and implement this practical knowledge locally.

- **NYSDOT Region 2 Report**

- Deborah Windecker reported on the activities that NYSDOT Region 2 has performed in the last quarter.
 - Governor's Budget has been approved.
 - CHIPS 11% increase (\$60M) from \$539M to \$598M.
 - State Touring Route 40% increase (\$40M) from \$100M to \$140M.
 - Bridge NY: Applications have all been reviewed and they are waiting for the announcement to occur very soon. Anticipated that by the next meeting, they will have the resolutions for the projects that have been selected.
 - Environmental Bond Act Listening Sessions: Can find sessions on Google. The session in Cortland was last week and the session in Albany is upcoming. Stressed the importance of leveraging all possible funds to invest in projects that will help local communities.
 - Automated Work Zone Enforcement: The program started on April 17th. Vans with cameras have been placed in certain active work zones. Twenty (20) on DOT roads and 10 cameras on NYS Thruway. The website is active and shows where most vans will be located. Rules are very strict on where vehicles can be placed, signage required, and the type of work zone. DOT is the certifier to ensure that the pictures are clear, and license plates can be read. Must be on interstates and limited access highways for construction and maintenance. Speeds have been clocked over 100 miles an hour. This will be a permanent program. Violations have started being issued. Fines will increase with each violation.
 - Discussion:
 - Vice Chairperson, Vincent Bono brought up that courts in Herkimer County are already backed up with about 3,000 unadjudicated speeding tickets and the tickets resulting from this program are further exacerbating the courts.
 - He noted that if violators do not live in NY, there are not any ramifications for not paying the fine for speeding through a work zone.
 - He has talked to his District Attorney and lawyers, and they have confirmed that there currently are no ramifications as far as suspending a driver's license if fines go unpaid.
 - Deborah Windecker and Linda Lubey responded that this program is a work in progress. The fines assessed are New York State traffic fines. It was noted that there is room for refinement.

- Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Round 2: Applications due July 10th. Current recipients can request additional funding – \$170M left from the prior round rolled into this NOFO.
 - RAISE Planning Grant: Burrstone/Champlin/French announcement anticipated June 28th. The funding would be used to complete a planning study that would include right-sizing, complete streets, and road diet elements.
 - PROTECT Grant – Resiliency: \$848M, 25% set aside for rural areas. Applications are due August 18th.
 - Transportation Alternative Program
 - NOFA will be coming out in late Summer 2023.
 - Region 2 will be having information sessions to assist municipalities.
 - Upcoming Projects
 - Genesee Street Town and Village of New Hartford and Campion Road: 2-year project. Pavement rehab, waterline (MVWA), intersection upgrades, complete streets. \$7.986M/3.0M waterline. CCI is the awarded contractor.
 - Route 5S over Nowadaga Creek and culvert replacements, Herkimer County: \$4.1M. ING Construction low bid award.
 - Champlin Avenue Pavement Reconstruction, Village of Yorkville: Complete streets, ADA ramps, sidewalks, signal, and intersection improvements. \$3.1M, \$0.650M MVWA waterline. Rifenburg awarded contractor.
 - Route 8 Village of Cold Brook to W. Canada Creek: 11 miles of pavement resurfacing and guide rail and sign upgrades. Heidelberg awarded contractor.
- **New York State Thruway Authority Report**
 - Jerrin George, NYSTA Assistant Engineer, gave a synopsis of NYSTA activities for the past quarter.
 - Ongoing Projects:
 - TAS 22-8B - MP 240.48 Judd Rd bridge replacement– open to traffic on June 21st
 - TAS 22-35B - MP 262.01 N. Main St bridge replacement – Completion date November 2023.
 - TAS 21-23B - MP 225.48 Millers Grove mainline bridge replacement– Completion date November 2023. They are doing the EB side this year. WB was completed last year.
 - 2024 Projects:
 - B222.1 MP 227.40 Mainline bridge rehabs MP 227.4 and 227.41 over Sterling Creek – Letting 1st Qtr./2024, completion November 2024.

- MP 219.91 – Mohawk St (Rt 28) – Letting of 2nd Qtr./2024, Completion November 2026. Got delayed due to environmental issues/permitting and redesign.
 - B499.1 MP 238.22 Thruway bridge replacement over Oriskany Blvd. (Rt 69) – Letting 3rd Qtr./2024, completion November 2026.
 - Other:
 - Oneida and Schuyler Service Areas that are currently under construction are scheduled to open in Fall 2023.
- **Other Reports**
 - None
- **Presentations**
 - None
- **Old Business**
 - None
- **New Business**
 - **HOCTC Resolution 2023 - 16: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to Add a Bridge Repair & Replacement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
 - Description: PIN 230351 – Bridge Repair / Replacement Project in the Town of Western, Oneida County shall be added to the TIP; and the project will be funded in the amount of \$7,350,000 for FFYs 2023, 2024, and 2028 utilizing Non-Federal Aid (NFA) funding and federal STBG Flex funding sources.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Joseph Smith
 - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0
 - **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 17: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to Remove an Overhead Sign Structure Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
 - Description: PIN 2806.89 – Overhead Sign Structure Project 26 for the repair and replacement of various overhead sign structures and panels along highways in the region shall be removed from the TIP; and the total project amount of \$1,614,000 in federal STBG Flex funds shall be moved to PIN 2008.10 for a project outside of the MPO.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve resolutions made by: David Wood
 - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 18: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to Revise a Guiderail & Signs Replacement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
 - Description: PIN 2806.51 – Guiderail & Signs Replacement Project 23 to repair, replace, or remove hazardous roadside elements (guide rail, bridge rail, trees, etc.) as necessary along highways at various locations in Region 2 shall be revised on the TIP; and the Construction and Construction Inspection costs have increased by a total of \$2.274M increasing the project cost from \$3,262,000 to \$5,536,000.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve resolutions made by: Mike Waterman
 - Seconded by: Dave Wood
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 19A: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to remove a Block Safety Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
 - Description: PIN 2TTR.23 – Block Safety Project 23 for traffic signal/devices, channelization, traffic signs, sight distance improvements, alignment work, and skid treatment w/grooving shall be removed from the TIP; and that \$555,000 of the project funding amount shall be moved to PIN 2806.55, and the remaining \$255,000 were used for projects outside of the MPO; and that the resolution will move the funding to PIN 2806.55 contingent on HOCTC resolution 2023-19B.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve resolutions made by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Seconded by: Dave Wood
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 19B: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to revise a Traffic Systems Improvement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
 - Description: PIN 2806.55 – Traffic Systems Improvement Project 24 for safety improvements in traffic signals/devices shall be revised on the TIP, and the Construction and Construction Inspection costs have increased with the funds from PIN 2TTR23 by the total amount of \$555,000 increasing the project cost from \$2,476,000 to \$3,031,000; and that the resolution will move the funding from PIN 2TTR23 contingent on HOCTC resolution 2023-19A.
 - Discussion: None.
 - *Approved in previous motion.*

- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 20: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to revise a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.

- Description: PIN 2806.66 – Bridge Replacement Project, in Madison and Oneida Counties, shall be revised on the TIP; and the total project cost shall be decreased by a total of \$644,000 from \$744,000 to \$100,000, and the resolution will move the funding to PIN 2303.48 contingent on HOCTC resolution 2023-21.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve resolution made by: Shawn Kaleta
 - Seconded by: Linda Lubey
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 21: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
- Description: PIN 2303.48 – Bridge Replacement Project, that replaces the bridge carrying Rt. 46 over Oneida Creek (BIN 1025680) in the City of Oneida in Madison County and the Town of Verona in Oneida County, shall be added to the TIP; and the project will be funded in the amount of \$5,720,000 with funds from PIN 2TB2.62, which is outside the MPO; and that the resolution will move the funding from PIN 2806.66 contingent on HOCTC resolution 2023-20.
 - Discussion: None.
 - *Approved in previous motion.*
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 22: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add an FTA Section 5310 Award Project for NYSARC, Oneida-Lewis Chapter**, presented by Barbara Hauck, HOCTC.
- Description: PIN 282212 for the FTA Section 5310 Award for FY 2022 in Oneida County for the NYSARC, Inc. Oneida-Lewis Chapter for three (3) Lot K replacement buses, each with 26 adult passenger seating and two (2) wheelchair stations, shall be added to the TIP; and that the project will be funded with \$435,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds and \$108,000 in Non-Federal Aid (NFA) funds for a total amount of \$543,000; and that the GP&L Committee amends the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add the PIN, as described above and shown on the accompanying table.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve resolutions made by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Seconded by: Joseph Smith
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 23: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add an FTA Section 5310 Award Project for LutheranCare – Katherine Luther Center**, presented by Barbara Hauck, HOCTC.
- Description: PIN 282213 for the FTA Section 5310 Award for FY 2022 in Oneida County for the LutheranCare-Katherine Luther Center for four (4) Lot E buses, each with 10 adult passenger seating and two (2)

wheelchair stations, shall be added to the TIP; and that the project will be funded with \$290,000 in FTA Section 5310 funds and \$72,000 in Non-Federal Aid (NFA) funds for a total amount of \$362,000; and that the GP&L Committee amends the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add the PIN, as described above and shown on the accompanying table.

- Discussion: None.
- Motion to approve resolution made by: Linda Lubey
 - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolutions 2023-24, 2023-25, 2023-26, and 2023-27: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add BridgeNY Replacement Projects**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.

Bridge NY awards have not been made as of the meeting date. Therefore, these four resolutions are to be tabled until the next GP&L meeting.

- Motion to Table made by: James Wallace
 - Seconded by: Derek Crossman
- Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **Administrative Modifications to the 2023 – 2027 TIP**

- Description: A report of the administrative modifications made to the MPO TIP in the last quarter was given as the following:

ADMIN MOD. #	PIN	DESCRIPTION	AGENCY
2023 – 13MOD	282171	Purchase Paratransit / Call-A-Bus Vehicles with Lifts for Centro-Utica, Oneida County. The funding level for the project has been increased by \$80,000 from \$440,000 to \$520,000 for FFY 2023.	Centro
2023 – 14MOD	2TLS24	Local Safety Project 24 (Block Fund). The funding years for the two miscellaneous phases will be changed from 2026 and 2027 to 2024 and 2026 respectively.	NYSDOT
2023 – 15MOD	280702	Culvert Repair/Replacement Project, Towns of Lee and Ava, Oneida County. The project name is being corrected to, “Culvert Repair/Replacement Project, Town of Lee, Oneida County”. The funding year for the Detailed Design phase will be changed from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024. Additionally, the Construction and Construction Inspection phases will be changed from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2023 – 16MOD	275474	Utica Harbor Pedestrian Bridge. A detailed design phase will be added to the project. The overall project cost will remain unchanged.	NYSDOT

- **Open Forum for Committee Discussion**

- James Genovese asked if the BRIDGE NY funding comes through before the next quarterly meeting, do we have to meet again prior? Dana Crisino – not necessarily, but we would have to see where it falls on the timeline and address it with the Chair and Vice Chair.

- **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
 - Seconded by: Vincent Bono
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Correll, HOCTC