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Minutes for the February 26, 2026 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Meeting Herkimer County Office Building Room 242

310 North Washington Street, Herkimer, New York

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

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

Voting members present:

Anthony J. Picente

Peter Campione

James Wallace

Timothy Seymour

Mary Austin Pratt

Peter Rovazzi

Linda Lubey

Tara Spraker

Sara Sherlock

Michael Waterman

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Board of Legislators

Supervisor, Town of German Flatts

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

Assistant Engineer, NYS Thruway Authority

Chairman, Public Works Committee, Oneida County

Board of Legislators

Representing Timothy Julian, Oneida County

Legislative Minority Leader

Director of Economic Development, Oneida County

Audrey Alix	Planner, City of Utica, Representing Michael Galime, Mayor of Utica
William Weakley	Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
Victoria Adams	Operations Manager, Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), Representing John Piseck, Executive Director, Herkimer County IDA
Garret Wyckoff	Planner, City of Rome, Representing Jeffery Lanigan, Mayor of Rome

Non-voting members present:

James J. Genovese II, Secretary	Commissioner, Department of Planning, Oneida County
Julie Richmond, Clerk	Director, HOCTC
Mark DeRocco	Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT Region 2
Deborah Windecker	Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT Region 2
Austin Cornacchia	City of Utica Engineering
Barb Hauck	Principal Planner, HOCTC
Amy Heiderich	Senior Planner, HOCTC
Grace Whiffen	Planning Specialist, HOCTC
Francisca Ortiz	Planner, HOCTC

2. Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from December 18, 2025 by James Wallace.
 - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Voting passed 16-0-0

3. Public Comment

- None

4. Director's Report

HOCTC Director, Julie Richmond gave a synopsis of HOCTC activities for the past quarter.

Transportation Atlas

- HOCTC has completed their Transportation Atlas. The Atlas is a visual representation of HOCTC's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Going Places 2045. The purpose of the document is to be a user-friendly resource for the public and elected officials which highlights Herkimer and Oneida County's history, existing conditions, and future path. It is all based on the data collected during the update to the LRTP and provides a snapshot in a graphic format that complements HOCTC's planning efforts and those of our planning partners. It is updated immediately following the adoption of the LRTP, which is a 5-year cycle.

Exit 31 PEL Study

- The last several months have been reserved for the review of the concept screening process, selection of the final two concept alternatives, supporting the Technical Memorandums and the supporting analysis that goes along with them. The consultant team is finalizing this review phase in the coming weeks with a final email being circulated to the agency stakeholders as the last call on comments.
- While the review has been underway, the consultant team are advancing work on the 2D visuals.
- The project schedule has been revised slightly. It is anticipated that the final draft report will be presented to HOCTC around March. NYSDOT and FHWA final review will be in April. The tentative final TAG meeting will be mid-June with a final public meeting shortly following in late June.

HOCTC LRTP Add-on Task: Freight Analysis Memo

- When HOCTC completed the Long-Range Transportation Plan update, one of the outcomes and recommendations was to take a closer look at freight. As a result, HOCTC has conducted a freight network analysis task with assistance from Cambridge Systematics and Transpo Group.
- The primary objective of the freight and truck analysis task revolved around evaluating and identifying the needs for improving the network within the planning area. It involved assessing the current state of the freight network by conducting a comprehensive review of the region's existing conditions and then analyzing both current and future transportation needs, considering factors such as demand trends, growth projections, and evolving industry requirements.
- HOCTC conducted interviews with regional economic development stakeholders, and the agricultural community, to discuss the current and future needs of these industries. Their input was incorporated into the analysis.
- The final report, or technical memorandum details freight demand drivers, directional flow, supply chain operations within the broader logistics industry and determines how these sorts of dynamics will influence freight movement in the region today and in the future. It also outlines recommendations and identifies both short- and long-term policy and capital improvements and the assigned stewards for implementation.
- The final draft of the content of the Technical Memorandum is complete; it has been formatted by the consultant team. HOCTC has slowly started to circulate the final product to the planning and policy committee members, as well as the stakeholders who participated in the interviews. It is currently available to view on the [LRTP ArcGIS Hub website](#). A full summary of the findings will be presented at the June meeting.

2026 – 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- The UPWP is a document that is updated annually. It's the planning component of the funding HOCTC receives. HOCTC receives both FHWA PL funds and FTA MPP funds.
- The purpose of the UPWP is to direct the daily operations of the MPO and delivery of transportation planning. It helps HOCTC move towards implementing the LRTP goals.

HOCTC ensures all modes of travel are included and it provides a forum for the community to have input, it aligns with regional development goals with transportation investments, and it utilizes data and analysis to support transportation planning.

- HOCTC works to achieve LRTP and TIP goals through interim planning in the annual UPWP to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process.
- For this UPWP there are a few things to note: Federal Fiscal Year 2026 is the final year of the IIJA, which is set to expire September 30, 2026. This matters because:
 - Federal surface transportation reauthorization is the process Congress uses to renew, fund, and update the programs that build and maintain the nation's roads, bridges, transit, and multimodal networks.
 - Reauthorization is one of the most important tools Congress has to shape national transportation policy. Typically, transportation legislation is passed every five to six years. These bills establish funding levels, define federal priorities, and guide how transportation investments are made.
 - These decisions influence which types of projects are eligible, what outcomes are prioritized (such as safety, mobility, economic development, etc.), and how regions access and manage federal dollars.
 - As an example of how this impacts us at municipal level, HOCTC was advised by NYSDOT Main Office and FHWA representatives to remove the joint FHWA and FTA planning Priority Emphasis Areas set forth in IIJA, from the UPWP narrative. The PEA's included:
 - Tackling the Climate Crisis, Advancing Racial Equity, Evaluating the impact of Complete Streets, increasing meaningful Public Involvement, Coordination with federal agencies on connectivity for public roads that connect to Department of Defense facilities or Federal Lands, Environmental Review Process, and Transportation Data Sharing.
 - These emphasis areas have been removed from the UPWP, and we are in a holding pattern until the new surface transportation bill is passed and we get guidance on what the current administration's emphasis areas will be.
 - HOCTC received further guidance after the UPWP was drafted advising MPOs to remove reference to rescinded executive orders that referenced Environmental Justice and refer only to NYS guidance on environmental justice requirements. HOCTC will continue to periodically conduct demographic analysis, but it will be called a Non-Discrimination Demographic Analysis.
- Some highlights of what was completed in the 2025-2026 Planning State Fiscal Year are:
 - Long Range Transportation Planning
 - Transportation Atlas update finalized.
 - Freight Planning – Technical Memo was created and will have more on that at the next meeting.
 - Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Non-Motorized Transportation Systems – Story Map was created.
 - HSTP Implementation – Established a Regional Mobility Coordination Council.
 - TIP Update and Maintenance
 - Adopted the 2025-2029 TIP in June 2025

- Program Support and Administration
 - Environmental Justice/Title VI Analysis update which will be renamed to 'Non-Discrimination Demographic Analysis/ Title VI Policy'
- New tasks have been added to the UPWP:
 - Housing and Community Planning Task was added. This task is to examine the need for affordable housing and jobs, which intersects with transportation, infrastructure, safety, complete streets, planning and multi-modal connectivity as it relates to accessing jobs. HOCTC has a few projects currently underway working toward implementing the Oneida County Housing Study and Cornhill Public Realm Improvement Plan.
 - Regional Sidewalk Inventory Task was added. HOCTC is working in cooperation with the NYSDOT Region 2 office in undertaking a pilot mapping study of all sidewalks and multi-use paths within Oneida and Herkimer Counties. HOCTC began by coordinating with NYSDOT Region 2 staff to identify locations where upgrades to the pedestrian network should be prioritized. Currently, only NYSDOT and a few municipalities between the two counties have any digital record of their sidewalk networks. HOCTC determined the development of a comprehensive sidewalk inventory would facilitate larger scale mapping, analysis, planning and maintenance prioritization.
 - A question was asked about which routes would be inventoried.
 - There will be a GIS inventory using a desktop analysis. There is one community being used as a pilot, but the goal is to inventory all sidewalks.
 - It was noted that the Town of New Hartford has very few sidewalks and they are needed, especially on Higby Road.
 - A question was asked once the inventory is complete, will there be updates?
 - Yes, HOCTC is hoping to create a dashboard to be shared with municipalities and can be updated in real time.
 - A question was asked about the predictive accuracy of a desktop application.
 - Currently, staff is reviewing aerial imagery and there is only line work being done with field verification. ESRI will be used.
 - Slow Moving Vehicles & Agriculture Equipment on Roadways Safety Study Task was added. This task will expand the work started under the Safety Action Plan and establish a data driven process to assist in documenting the safety challenges based in the rural communities.
 - 5311 Mobility Management Activities Task was added. This is more of an active task line because Oneida County has received separate funding sources for this work. This is where the HSTP implementation work will happen as well as the development of the mobility manager.
- Tasks were also updated in the UPWP:
 - Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Non-motorized Transportation System task was updated to include Active Transportation.
 - Complete Streets/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Planning has a separate set aside and it is the last year of IIJA and last year to utilize the: Increasing Safety &

Accessible Transportation Options Metropolitan Planning Set-Aside funding. So, HOCTC will utilize that within this task.

- Consolidation of GIS Task lines to be more inclusive and allow flexibility to adapt to changing technology. For example, Road Scoring/ Pavement Management, traffic counting is something that will continue to happen, but it falls under a more general category of Transportation Data Collection and Analysis.
- The UPWP aligns with the federal planning factors that were talked about, and it ensures that all modes of travel are included. It engages the community, the decision-making process, aligns the goals and investments, and utilizes data analysis.
- Programming funding is a balancing act that is all interrelated and coordinated with short- and long-range planning, as well as required administrative and coordinated planning and management of the TIP Program.
- A quick look at the HOCTC Budget 2026-2027:
 - The pie chart is an illustration of how staff time is allocated to carry-out each of the supporting planning tasks, which includes the maintenance and implementation of the MPO required core documents: Long Range Transportation Plan, Human Services Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Plan, Public Participation Plan and Non-Discrimination Demographic Analysis/Title VI Policy. Categories will shrink or expand depending on whether it is an update year for one of those core documents – (for example, even though TIP maintenance is an ongoing core function of the policy committee, staff will not be undertaking the update process this UPWP program year, so it's showing 2%.)
 - Of the \$1,201,922 budget the allocation received by HOCTC's is roughly \$500,000 for FHWA PL Funds and an additional \$83,000 in MPP (Transit Planning funds). The balance of the budget incorporates carry-over funds that HOCTC has in reserve for consultant supported studies (during the update years).
 - The "Other Activities" category includes administrative support services to the MPO (printing, travel, equipment, supplies, reproduction, etc.) and just under 20% of that is for consultant supported services. This is why there is not always enough room to undertake studies that fall out of the required activities under the current legislation.
 - We worked cooperatively with NYSDOT Region 2 on the Exit 31 PEL Study to get additional Statewide Planning funds to be able to undertake that study- and we are very fortunate we have that working relationship – and that's really what the "cooperative" piece of the three C's planning process is about.
- When preparing the UPWP, HOCTC circulated a call for projects. Some of the issues heard were:
 - It was identified that there were needs for Freight Planning:
 - Pedestrian, vehicle, and freight access optimization to areas near the Griffiss Chobani site, Turning Stone Resort Casino, and the Nexus Neighborhood.
 - Freight access at Chaminade Road in the Town of Marcy.
 - Traffic safety and connectivity improvements for roadways between NY 840 and Westmoreland I-90 Exit 32.
 - Freight traffic coming into and out of distribution facilities in the Town of Schuyler in Herkimer County.
 - **How addressed in UPWP** This analysis was incorporated into recommendations in the Freight Analysis Technical Memorandum.

- Enhance first and last mile connections focusing on public transit nodes, major employment centers, and areas of high housing density.
 - **How addressed in UPWP:** Planning can be incorporated into new TASKS: Housing and Community Planning, Active Transportation, Complete Streets and Mobility Management.
- Need to provide pathways to accessible, affordable, and available transportation options that assist in keeping non-institutionalized disabled population active and less isolated.
 - **How addressed in UPWP:** TASKS 5310 & 5311 Transit Service Planning: HSTP Implementation, Mobility Management Activities, formation of Regional Mobility Coordination Council (RMCC), inclusion of consumers in ongoing public engagement activities.
- Assess the intersection of NYS Route 5 and Dyke Road/Newport Road, including NYS bike parking.
 - **How addressed in UPWP:** TASKS: Roadway Safety Planning, Active Transportation.

5. **NYSDOT Region 2 Report** – *Deborah Windecker, NYDOT gave a synopsis of Region 2 activities this past quarter.*

- NYSDOT hopes that sidewalk inventory will help municipalities with the biannual grants like the Transportation Alternative Program.
 - A pattern that the DOT is seeing is that program delivery is difficult for municipalities.
 - It was asked if there is a better way of achieving maximum reward?
 - NYSDOT Region 2 responded that capacity is always a challenge, so the best method would be for counties to partner with towns (cities, villages) due to additional capacity.
 - A committee member asked NYSDOT if they met with the entire town board or town Supervisor?
 - NYSDOT Region 2 met with Town Supervisor Messa, Rick Sherman the Highway Supervisor and the planning board.
 - A committee member heard that NYSDOT is having difficulty with DEC with permitting, especially getting permitting for some bridge projects.
 - NYSDOT Region 2 explained that the culvert projects are their biggest challenge with DEC. They know that the DEC is looking at streamlining the process and maybe changing some things. However, DEC is making it difficult for NYSDOT to just do a culvert rehab, where DEC would prefer them to replace it. They don't have as many challenges with the bridge projects as with the culverts.
- Sidewalks come up in every two-year grant cycle in the Town of New Hartford. The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) final application is due March 12, 2026. It was announced on November 12, 2025, the pre-review was due January 15, 2026. Region 2 has been pleased with the amount of interest in the 6-county area. The award is 80% Federal Funding with a 20% match – if a project is on a state highway, then NYSDOT will cover 15% of the match, leaving only 5% to be covered locally. Awards range from \$0.500M to

\$7.0M, an increase from the last funding round. TAP provides an opportunity for pedestrian enhancements to roll into DOT paving projects.

- Upcoming Projects:
 - Route 46/Wright Settlement Road Intersection Improvement: It is a \$1.9M project and was awarded to Central Paving. It will be completed by the end of 2026. The intersection is going to be replaced with a new signal. The project is going to address geometric deficiencies to improve traffic operations at Wright Settlement and North James Steet (left turn lane North Madison) and improve pedestrian accommodations to Ridge Mills School.
 - Bridge NY 2021- South James Street over Erie Barge Canal in the City of Rome in Oneida County was awarded to Vector at \$1.9M. This is bridge rehabilitation, element specific work, bridge painting, repairs, steel bolts, and nuts and joints repairs.
 - Bridge NY 2022- Oswego Road over Fish Creek in the Town of Vienna in Oneida County. This is a \$3.2M bridge rehabilitation project. The funding will cover bridge painting, repairing steel bolts and nuts and joint repairs.
 - Bridge BY 2022- Railroad St. over CSX/Mohawk River & Barge Canal in the Towns of Frankfort/Schuyler in Herkimer County. This project is scheduled to be let in March 2026. It is a \$2.3M bridge rehabilitation project which will repair joints, replace bearings & pedestals, new concrete deck and replace approach slabs. There will be an off-site detour and will be completed at the end of the 2026 season.
- At the last meeting it was noted that the Paving Improvement Program was announced by Governor Kathy Hochul. This program is an investment to renew dozens of vital state roadways across New York State during the 2026 construction season. Oneida and Herkimer Counties were awarded \$15.1M to improve 89 lane miles. Herkimer County was awarded \$4.3 M for 12 lane miles from Route 5 to Route 167 at the village line in Dolgeville. These projects were let in Q4 2025 and are scheduled to be under construction this season.
- Discussion:
 - NYSDOT Region 2 added that with the PEL study wrapping up, they need money to move the project into the next design phases. NYSDOT Region 2 has sought some additional money with federal grants but has not heard about an award yet.
 - Assemblyman Miller is very interested and is pushing for a budget line for design. Region 2 asked if the County Executive could provide any assistance in getting this funding request to state officials.
 - The County Executive said that he would be glad to do what he can to help. He can start with a letter and then he can reach out to Senators. He asked if there was a specific amount NYSDOT Region 2 had in mind?
 - NYSDOT Region 2 responded \$2 million is needed to get started on the design phases and that they want to keep the project progressing.
 - NYSTA would also like to be copied on the letter to get through the planning process since they will be involved in the entire process.

6. **NYS Thruway Report** –*Sara Sherlock, NYSTA gave a synopsis of the activities undertaken by NYSTA this past quarter.*

Ongoing Projects:

- Thruway bridge replacement over Oriskany Boulevard (Route 69). The eastbound lanes will be replaced next spring/summer and will be completed fall/winter 2026.
- Replacement of Thruway Bridge over Mohawk Street (Route 28). Westbound lanes replaced next spring/summer and to be completed in fall/winter 2026.
- Replacement of Route 46 Bridge over Thruway. It was awarded to Tioga and is to start in spring 2026.
- Genesee Street away bridge has been completed. There is still some cleanup to be done this spring.

Tentative 2026 Projects:

- Removal of an abandoned railroad bridge at mile marker 244.85 and it will be let in quarter 4. Region 2 asked where this bridge was and NYSTA responded that it is near the Oneida Service Area.
- Pavement Resurfacing MP 253-262 4th quarter letting.
- Safety Upgrades 210 to 220.
- Slope repairs from 198-207.
- Exit 29 Little Falls bridge is getting rehabilitated.

7. Other Reports – None

8. Presentations – None

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business – HOCTC Resolutions 2026-01 – 2026-11

STIP Approval 2026-2029 Presenter: Julie Richmond, HOCTC

- Description: GP&L approved HOCTC's draft TIP in June of 2025. NYSDOT submitted the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program on January 6, 2026 for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2029. The submission was reviewed by FHWA and FTA, and NYSDOT received approval confirmation on Friday, February 6, 2026.
- HOCTC received notification after the TPC meeting packet went out, so just be mindful that all the resolutions approved at TPC were adjustments to the 2023-2027 TIP, but HOCTC made the change to the GP&L agenda to reflect these amendments as being added to the 2025-2029 TIP to help minimize the backlog adjustments that have to be made as a result of all the policy committee activity since June.
- There is a resolution added to the GP&L docket that will adopt all the changes to the previously approved TIP.

2026-01 – Approval of the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program *Presenter: Julie Richmond, HOCTC*

- Description: Federal regulations (23 CFR Chapter 1, Part 450, Subpart C, and 49 CFR Chapter VI, Part 613, Subpart B) require that the urban transportation planning process shall include the development of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

- The UPWP shall annually describe all urban transportation and transportation planning activities anticipated.
- The UPWP will document the work to be performed with technical assistance provided under:
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Section 5303 Program.
- HOCTC staff developed the 2026– 2027 UPWP through the continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process in coordination with state, regional, and local agencies and officials.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: Peter Campione
 - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-02A – Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to revise a Bridge Deck Replacement Project,
Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT

- Description: PIN 2754.89 - Bridge NY 2022: Oswego Rd over Fish Creek (BIN 2206390) in the Town of Vienna in Oneida County
- This project is a deck replacement of a bridge that carries Oswego Road over Fish Creek in the Town of Vienna in Oneida County.
- The project shall be decreasing the total project cost by \$2.298M. The Construction and Construction Inspection phases will be moving to PIN 2755.13. The new total project cost is \$0.411M.
- Discussion: None
- *Motion to approve this Resolution will be made in combination with Resolution 2026-02B*

2026-02B– Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to add a Bridge Rehabilitation Project,
Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT

- Description: PIN 2755.13- Oswego Rd over Fish Creek (BIN 2206390) in the Town of Vienna in Oneida County.
- This project will rehabilitate the bridge that carries Oswego Road over Fish Creek in the Town of Vienna in Oneida County.
- The project shall be adding the whole project to the TIP. The project will consist of Construction and Construction Inspection phases only. Construction & Construction Inspection phases moved from PIN 2754.89 and additional funds were added. The total project cost is \$3.608M.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolutions 2026-02A and 2026-02B made by: William Weakly
 - Seconded by: Peter Rovazzi
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-03– Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to revise a Traffic Safety Enhancements Project,
Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT

- Description: PIN 2806.94 – Traffic Systems Improvement Project 26

- This project will provide safety enhancements to the signal system and ADA elements at various intersections. Elements may include signal upgrades, removal of embedded poles, and installation of back plates.
- The project shall be increasing the total project cost by \$0.705M from \$2.260M to \$2.965M.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: James Wallace
 - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-04– Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to revise a Bridge Replacement Project,

Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT

- Description: PIN 2047.07 - North Genesee Street Gateway Bridge and Multi-Modal Connector Project
- This project will replace the two bridges carrying Route 921C (North Genesee Street) over Mohawk River, Harbor Lock Road and Erie Canal in the City of Utica in Oneida County. This project will also rehabilitate North Genesee Street from Wurz Avenue to I-790.
- The project shall be increasing the total project cost by \$20.357M by increasing Construction and Construction Inspection phases with a combination of BFP funds from PIN 2118.08 and adding Construction Utilities and Betterment funds to the project. The total project cost is \$83.324M.
- Discussion: This project is to be let in June. It went to Albany in March for packaging. The cost increase is due to inflation and the utilities portion of the project and will come from future projects. The ROW, Construction Inspection, and Construction costs also increased. There is \$18M in a federal grant but funding also had to be offset with in-house funding.
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Seconded by: Peter Rovazzi
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-05– Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to revise a Culvert Replacement Project,

Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT

- Description: PIN 2806.87 – Route 20/Unnamed Creek (C260033) Culvert Replacement Project
- This project will resurface approximately 0.57 centerline miles of Route 20 in the Town of Bridgewater in Oneida County, to the Otsego County line and will replace Route 20/Unnamed Creek Culvert, located approximately 430 feet east of Route 20/Route 8 intersection.
- The project is changing the scope for a project resulting in a significant change to the Project limits or Scope of Work. The total project cost is \$ 3.910M.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Seconded by: Peter Campione
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-06– Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to revise a Bridge Repair and Replacement Project, Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT

- Description: PIN 2303.51 – Route 46 over Stringer Brook (BIN 1025780) & Route 46 over Lansing Kill (BIN 1025790) in the Town of Western in Oneida County.
- This project will rehabilitate the substructure and replace the superstructure of the bridge carrying Route 46 over Stringer Brook, fully replace the structure carrying Route 46 over Lansing Kill, and replace the Route 46 over unnamed creek culvert in the Town of Western in Oneida County.
- The project is changing the scope for a project resulting in a significant change to the Project limits or Scope of Work. The total project cost was increased by \$0.004M in Detailed Design Phase from \$7.355M to \$ 7.359M.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: Mary MacEnroe
 - Seconded by: Garret Wyckoff
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-07– Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to revise a Preventative Maintenance Project, Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT

- Description: PIN 2806.80 – Pavement Marking East Project 26
- This project is a preventive maintenance project, and it will be used to replace worn or missing pavement markings at various locations in Region 2.
- The project shall be increasing the total project cost by \$2.425M by adding NHPP funds to Construction & Construction Inspection phases. Also, the Scoping phase was removed and merged the funds with Preliminary Design. The total project cost is \$ 5.821M.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: James Wallace
 - Seconded by: William Weakly
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-08– Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to add a Safety Project, Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT

- Description: PIN 2755.14 – Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan 25: Herkimer County Roadside Safety Enhancements
- This project will replace cable guide rail with box beam guide rail along Butler Road (CR 88), install cards along the entire length of Jordanville Road and post-mounted reflective delineators from NYS Route 167, and replace cable guiderail with box beam guiderail on Roberts Road and Watkins Road.
- The project shall be funded in the amount of \$1.326M with HSIP funds.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: Peter Campione
 - Seconded by: Timothy Seymour
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-09– Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to add a Safety Project, *Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT*

- Description: PIN 2755.15 – Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan 25: 2024 Project Road Guide Rail Improvement
- This project will install new guide rail at 34 locations and remove and replace outdated /damage segments at 13 locations, totaling 22,421 feet of new guide rail throughout Oneida County.
- The project shall be funded in the amount of \$1.541M with HSIP funds.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Seconded by: Peter Rovazzi
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-10– Amendment to the 2025 - 2029 TIP to add a Safety Project, *Presenter: Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT*

- Description: PIN 2755.16 – Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan 25: Potter Road & Williams Road Safety Improvements
- This project will install new flashing beacons with speed feedback signs (total of 4 sign assemblies, 2 on each roadway) in the City of Rome in Oneida County.
- The project shall be funded in the amount of \$0.065M with HSIP funds.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: Garret Wyckoff
 - Seconded by: Linda Lubey
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

2026-11– Amendment to the 2025 – 2029 TIP to add Resolutions 2025-26 through 2025-40, *Presenter: Julie Richmond, HOCTC*

- Description: These projects were previously added to the 2023 – 2027 TIP in accordance with HOCTC Resolution 2025-26, Resolution 2025-27, Resolution 2025-28, Resolution 2025-29, Resolution 2025-32, Resolution 2025-33, Resolution 2025-34, Resolution 2025-35, Resolution 2025-36, Resolution 2025-37, Resolution 2025-38, Resolution 2025-39, and Resolution 2025-40.
- PIN 2806.87, PIN 2134.61, PIN 2065.40, PIN 2806.79, PIN 2807.47, PIN 2303.53, PIN 2009.02, PIN 2111.35, PIN 2V25.61, PIN 2134.63, PIN 2118.09, PIN 2754.92, and PIN 2650.67 shall be added to the 2025-2029 TIP and removed from the 2023-2027 TIP.
- This resolution seeks to amend the 2025 – 2029 TIP to ensure the projects are correct and can move forward without delay.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve Resolution made by: Peter Campione
 - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Voting: Passed 16-0-0

11. Administration Modifications to the 2023-2027 TIP, Presenter: Julie Richmond, HOCTC -
Presentation and discussion of the TIP Administrative Modifications Memorandum.

- This is a report on the actions that the MPO has taken.
- These are all the smaller revisions to the TIP capital program that equate to a change of less than 10% of the total project cost or a change in phases or federal funding years and don't require action by the policy committee.
- The 2025-2029 TIP, adopted in June 2025, has included some additional thresholds to minimize the number of Resolutions required as well.
- There is no vote required for these modifications. This saves on the number of resolutions.
- Admin Mods 2025-05 through 2025-18 were initially added to the 2023-2027 TIP and are being moved to the 2025-2029 TIP to ensure that projects are correct and can move forward without delay.

ADMIN MOD. #	PIN	DESCRIPTION	AGENCY
2025 – 05MOD	2LC1.21	Culvert Resiliency Project 21- Contract 4. This project will replace and rehabilitate large culverts on the state system with a focus on safety, infrastructure and hydraulic resiliency, supporting the state's economy and environmental stewardship (CINS C230051, C230091). The total project cost increased by \$1,311,00 to match PS&E cost. The NHPP funds will be removed and adding the amount to the STBG flex for C & CI phases. The total project cost will be increased from \$3.786M to \$5.097M. Also, the funding year for ROW Acquisition phase will be changed from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025.	NYSDOT
2025- 06MOD	2ITS.26	This project funds the operation and maintenance of the Regional Transportation Management Center (TMC). This includes the salaries for consultant staff as well as equipment purchases and any costs associated with maintenance of the equipment and TMC building. The funding covers one federal fiscal year. The total project cost increased by \$126,000.	NYSDOT
2025- 07MOD	2754.66	Bridge NY 2021: Round Lake Road over Lake Outlet (BIN 2205740). This project will replace the bridge that carries Round Lake Road over the Long Lake outlet in the Town of Forestport in Oneida County. The funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection Phases is changing from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026.	NYSDOT
2025- 08MOD	2806.86	Culvert Repair/Replacement Project 25. This project will replace three large culverts C230001, C270011 and C240055 in the Towns of Schuyler, Augusts and Georgetown in Herkimer and Madison Counties. The total project cost is increasing by \$0.071M in Construction and Construction Inspection phases. The total project cost will be increased from \$3.489M to \$3.560M. The funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection Phases is changing from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026.	NYSDOT
2025 – 09MOD	2650.60	2018 TAP: Willow Place Sidewalk Improvements in the Town of Verona in Oneida County. This project will be changing funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection Phases from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026.	NYSDOT
2025- 10MOD	2806.87	Route 20/Unnamed Creek (C260033) Culvert Replacement Project. This project will be changing the funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection Phase(s) from FFY 2026 to FFY 2027.	NYSDOT

2025-11MOD	2236.27	New York State Route 29 over East Canada Creek (BIN 1051170) in Herkimer and Fulton Counties. This project is changing the funding year for Detailed Design and ROW Acquisition from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026. This project is also changing the funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection Phase(s) for FFY 2026 to FFY 2027.	NYSDOT
2025-12MOD	2134.61	Route 5, 8, & 12 Paving Project in the City of Utica in Oneida County. This project is deleting the Scoping Phase(s). This change will not change the Total Project Cost. The funds were added to Preliminary Design phase. This project will also be changing the funding year for Preliminary Design and Detailed Design from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026. The funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection Phase(s) will also be changed from FFY 2026 to FFY 2027.	NYSDOT
2025-13MOD	2755.03	Bridge NY 2023: Greenway Road (County Road 50) over Stony Creek (BIN 3311210) in the Town of Verona in Oneida County. This project is changing the funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection Phase(s) from FFY 2026 to FFY 2027.	NYSDOT
2025-14MOD	2806.94	Traffic Systems Improvement Project 26. This project will be deleting the Scoping Phase(s). This change will not change the Total Project Cost. The funds were added to Preliminary Design. This project will also be changing the funding year for Preliminary Design and ROW Incidentals Phase(s) from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026.	NYSDOT
2025-15MOD	2754.76	Gridley Paige Rd over Big Creek (BIN 2205850) Bridge Replacement. This project will be changing the funding year for the Detailed Design and ROW Acquisitions phases from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026. The funding year for the Construction and Construction Inspection Phases will also be changed from FFY 2026 to FFY 2027.	NYSDOT
2025-16MOD	2754.85	Bridge NY 2022: Railroad Street over CSX/Amtrack and Mohawk River/Barge Canal (BIN 4423040) in the Town of Frankfort in Herkimer County. This project will be deleting the ROW Incidentals and ROW Acquisition Phases. This change will not change the Total Project Cost. The funds were added to the Construction phase. This project will also increase the Total Project Cost by \$0.228M. The funds were added to the Construction phase from BNY slush fund 2BNY.U2.	NYSDOT
2025-17MOD	2754.71	Bridge NY 2021: South James Steet over Erie Barge Canal (BIN 4206450) in the City of Rome in Oneida County. This project will be changing the fund source type for the Construction and Construction Inspection Phase(s) from STBG Off-System to STBG Flex.	NYSDOT
2025-18MOD	2134.59	Route 5 (BIN 1002460) Bridge Replacement in the Town of Manheim in Herkimer and Montgomery Counties. This project will be adding the ROW Incidentals and ROW Acquisitions Phases. This will change the Total Project Cost by less than 10% (\$15,000). This project will be changing the funding year for the Detailed Design Phase from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026.	NYSDOT
2025-19MOD	2755.03	Bridge NY 2023: Greenway Road (CR 50) over Stony Creek (BIN 3311210), in the Town of Verona, Oneida County. This project will be changing the funding year for Detailed Design and ROW Acquisition phases from FFY 2026 to 2027 and changing the funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection Phases from FFY 2027 to FFY 2028.	NYSDOT
2026 – 01MOD	2806.83	Crack Sealing Project 27 to extend the service life of pavements at various locations on the state and/or federal highway systems within Region 2. This project will be deleting the Scoping and Preliminary Design Phases and decreasing the Total Project Cost by \$0.048M.	NYSDOT

2026-02MOD	2806.95	Intersection Improvement Project 27 to provide safety enhancements for pedestrians and motorists at various intersections within Region 2. This project will be deleting the Scoping Phase(s). This change will not change the Total Project Cost but will add the funds to the Preliminary Design Phase.	NYSDOT
2026-03MOD	2754.85	Bridge NY 2022: Railroad Street over CSX/ Amtrack & Mohawk River/Barge Canal (BIN 4423040) in the Town of Frankfort in Herkimer County. This project will be increasing the total project cost by \$0.294M from \$2.935M to \$3.229M. The Bridge NY 22 reserve funds will be used to cover this increase.	NYSDOT

12. Open Discussion

- Barb Hauck and James Wallace are retiring. A big thank you for everything they have done.

13. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Peter Campione
 - Seconded by: James Wallace
 - Voting: Passed, 16-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Whiffen