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**Minutes for the December 17, 2019
Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee
Quarterly Meeting – Q4 2019
Herkimer College
Robert McLaughlin College Center, Room 282-283
Herkimer, NY**

Administered by:

Herkimer – Oneida Counties Transportation Study, Metropolitan Planning Organization

Call to order at 9:32 am made by Chairman Bernard Peplinski.

Roll Call

Voting Members present:

Bernard Peplinski, Chairman
Linda Lubey

Chair, Herkimer County Legislature
Director, New York State Department of Transportation Region 2,
*representing Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner, New York State
Department of Transportation*

Timothy Seymour
Raymond Smith
Joseph Smith
Philip Sacco
Dan Guzewich

Commissioner, Herkimer County Social Services
Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
Supervisor, Town of Trenton
Minority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators
Oneida County Board of Legislators Majority Analyst, *representing
Michael Waterman, Chairman, Public Works Committee, Oneida County
Board of Legislators*

E.J. Moses

Director of Facilities, Central New York Regional Transportation
Authority, *representing Brian Schultz, Chairman, Central New York
Regional Transportation Authority*

Scott Musacchio
Vincent Bono

Supervisor, Town of Verona
Chairman, Planning and Development Committee, Herkimer County
Legislature

Jim Wallace

Herkimer County Administrator

Non-voting Members present:

Regina Venettozzi, Secretary
Carolyn McAleese

Interim Commissioner, Department of Planning, Oneida County
*representing Marianne Buttenschon, Assemblywoman, New York State
Assembly, 119th District*

Dana Crisino

Director, HOCTS

Barb Hauck	Principal Planner, HOCTS
Alexander Turner	Planning Specialist, HOCTS
John Piseck	Executive Director, Herkimer County IDA
Mark DeRocco	Region 2 Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT

Voting Members Arriving After Roll Call

Matt Andrews Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development, City of Rome, representing *Jacquelyn Izzo, Mayor, City of Rome*

Non-Voting Members Arriving After Roll Call

Christian Mercurio Vice President Planning and Development, Mohawk Valley EDGE

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Meeting made by: Scott Musacchio
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 11 (Peplinski, Lubey, Seymour, R. Smith, J. Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Bono, Wallace) – 0 – 0

Public Comment

No public comment given.

Presentation

TIP Local Project Update, presented by Dana Crisino

The Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) will be tasked to determine which projects will be selected for inclusion on the TIP. There will be two processes that the committee will undertake, the first deals with identifying traditional projects for the Local Project blocks on the local roadway system, one block each for Oneida and Herkimer County, and a shared safety block for the local system in both counties. The TPC will review the list of candidates that are eligible for the Local Transportation Planning Assistance Program (LTPAP). The TPC is looking to refine that to a smaller group of candidates as it is written in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) determines which LTPAP projects are funded through the UPWP task item.

The new UPWP will also be presented to the GP&L between February and March. Concerning the creation of the new UPWP, are in flux until the State fiscal year ends on March 31, as such, the budget planning for the 2020 – 2021 program year is estimated until the 2019 – 2020 program year financials are closed out.

LRTP Update, presented by Dana Crisino

The Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study (HOCTS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Herkimer and Oneida Counties, responsible for a broad range of transportation planning activities in the region. HOCTS serves Herkimer and Oneida Counties through a broad set of ongoing transportation planning activities. HOCTS is charged with planning the region's transportation system, with a specific focus on disbursing federal funding.

Going Places is HOCTS' Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). It lays out a fresh vision for the region's transportation assets and services for the next 20 years, with the horizon year of 2040. It updates HOCTS' previous (2014) LRTP. All of HOCTS' day-to-day activities are guided by the goals, objectives, priorities, and investment strategies outlined in its LRTP.

The main challenge for the HOCTS region will be to preserve the existing infrastructure to allow the transportation network to provide for tomorrow's mobility needs. Therefore, the vast majority of the region's transportation investment over the next 20 years will focus on state-of-good-repair maintenance and operations. However, constraints in the traditional sources of funding for transportation system investment mean that it is uncertain whether the required resources will be available. This is not limited to the HOCTS region – it is a recognized problem both statewide and nationally. While the solutions that will ultimately be enacted are unclear, Going Places discusses alternative funding options that are part of the national conversation about transportation infrastructure funding.

Aside from meeting basic maintenance needs, Going Places envisions taking action to ensure that HOCTS and its partners in the region are well-positioned to meet new challenges as they arise. The Plan aims to discuss the current and future transportation network, in accordance with the regional needs. It also includes a set of aspirational capital projects – projects that are identified as valuable but not formally programmed for funding.

Finally, Going Places outlines a series of near-term in-depth studies to be undertaken, addressing emerging issues such as:

- The unique challenges raised by the on-road presence of Agricultural Vehicles in the HOCTS region;
- How the region can best leverage the national trend of rapid developments in Micromobility;
- Strategies to harden the region's infrastructure against the effects of extreme weather; and

How to best prepare the region's infrastructure – including our communications networks – for the buildout of Connected and Autonomous Cars.

Going Places was prepared in the new Performance-Based era of transportation planning in the U.S. The Plan describes HOCTS' commitments to supporting New York's statewide Performance Measures in areas such as safety, state-of-good-repair, and reliability. Progress towards Performance Targets will be monitored over time, and ultimately will help HOCTS in setting priorities in the future.

In this spirit, Going Places has been prepared as a partnership between HOCTS and our partners in planning the region's transportation system, with a three-tier approach.

The first tier of partners is the membership of the Technical Committee for overseeing the preparation of Going Places. The second and third tiers of HOCTS' partners are stakeholders (which are external organizations, whether public or private), and the wider public in Herkimer and Oneida Counties. Over three months of outreach activities were conducted to engage stakeholders and the public as part of the development of the Going Places long-range transportation plan.

Long-Range Transportation Plans are periodically updated. Going Places will be revisited no later than 5 years after it is adopted by HOCTS. The HOCTS region has been buffeted by economic headwinds in recent decades and has a number of active economic development efforts to attract and nurture growth industries such as Nanotechnology, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Advanced Manufacturing. It is hoped that when this Plan is reviewed during HOCTS' next LRTP update, it will be recognized as having made a substantial contribution, by catalyzing transportation investments that support the region's efforts to achieve its potential.

New Business

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 27, on the question of the adoption of the 2020 – 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan “Going Places”.

- Motion to combine both HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 27 and HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 28 made by: Jim Wallace

- Seconded
- Voting: Passed, 12 (Peplinski, Lubey, Seymour, R. Smith, J. Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Bono, Wallace, Andrews) – 0 – 0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 28, on the question of the adoption of the Long-Range Transportation Plan 2020 – 2040 System Performance Report.

- Resolution accepted in previous motion

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 29, on the question of adopting an amendment to the 2017 – 2020 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan to update Appendix 1 with 2020 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Project List.

- Motion to accept the resolution made by: Jim Wallace
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 12 (Peplinski, Lubey, Seymour, R. Smith, J. Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Bono, Wallace, Andrews) – 0 – 0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 30, on the question of adopting an amendment of PIN 280610 – Traffic Systems Improvement Project 19. The proposal calling for changing the scope of the project with the addition of a Non Federal Aid (SDF) share for work needed to install signal disconnect switches.

- Motion to combine and accept both HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 30 and 2019 – 30A made by: E.J. Moses
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 11 (Peplinski, Lubey, Seymour, R. Smith, J. Smith, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Bono, Wallace, Andrews) – 0 – 0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 30A, on the question of adoption of an amendment of PIN 211805 – NYS Route 28: Preventative Maintenance Paving in the Village of Mohawk. The proposal calling for changing the scope of the project to include adding a signal at the intersection of NYS Route 28, South Washington Street, East Center Street, and West Center Street.

- Resolution approved in previous motion

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 31, on the question of adoption of an amendment of PIN 205675 – NYS Route 8 Bridge Replacement at NYS Routes 5, 8, and 12 Interchange. The proposal calling for incorporating National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) funding sources in the amount of \$18,875,000 into the project’s Detail Design, Construction, and Construction Inspection phases.

- Motion to accept the resolution made by: Joseph Smith
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 12 (Peplinski, Lubey, Seymour, R. Smith, J. Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Bono, Wallace, Andrews) – 0 – 0

Reports

Administrative Modifications

The following table is inserted from the Admin. Mods. Memo covering the time period of October 2019 – December 2019 which was presented during the meeting:

ADMIN MOD. #	PIN	DESCRIPTION	AGENCY
2019-28MOD	280623	Bridge Rehabilitation Project, General Bridge Rehabilitation, Oneida County. The modification increases the funding levels for the project in the Construction phase category from \$2,550,000 to \$2,742,000 for FFY 2020 utilizing NHPP funds. Additionally, the Construction Inspection phase NHPP funding also is being increased from \$306,000 to \$326,000. This modification also corrects BIN numbers for sites included in the project. The scope of the following projects have been changed: BIN 1002239 – Route 5 over NYS&W Railroad, BIN 1051491 – Route 8 SB over Oneida Street, and BIN 1051492 – Route 8 NB over Oneida Street. BIN 1051482 – Route 8 NB over Elm Street is being added to the project.	NYSDOT

Funding Solicitation Update

There is currently no expected date on the release of Section 5310 and 5311 transit funding. HOCTS is still waiting on the main office of NYSDOT to put the solicitations out for years 2020 and 2021. HOCTS is also still waiting for the funding solicitation to come out for 2019. Additionally, transportation enhancements for non-motorized projects round is coming out, but there is no definitive date yet.

NYSDOT Region 2 Update

Mark DeRocco gave a report to the committee detailing the transpired work of the NYSDOT Region 2.

The recent BUILD grant application that was submitted for North Genesee Street was not selected by USDOT, nor were any other projects in the State of New York. Valuable insights into the corridor, its inadequacies, and critical needs were provided to NYSDOT main office through the application process. NYSDOT will be meeting with USDOT for a debrief on why the application was not selected.

Bagg's Square Pedestrian earmark connection was let on November 7 with two bidders and the apparent low bidder was CCI Contractors. CCI was awarded the project for \$4.37 million. A 10' multi-use multi-modal trail will be added to the bridge that spans the CSX railroads connecting Genesee Street to North Genesee Street. The project will be carried to the 5s Safety Project to the south and Leland Avenue to the north.

A \$2.8 million culvert repair project that is rehabilitating nine culverts is underway for Herkimer and Montgomery counties on State Routes 5, 5s, 8, 28, and 167.

A project to rehabilitate Horton Road in the Town of Forestport was awarded to Tioga Construction.

A project to replace the Mill Street Bridge in Camden will be awarded to Wind Construction.

BRIDGE NY project for replacement of a bridge in the Village of Ilion and the Town of German Flatts is progressing.

Richfield Street over Steele Creek is scheduled to be let on January 1, 2020.

State Route 51 in Ilion South Washington Street bridge painting project will commence in the amount of \$3.4 million.

A \$2.5 million bridge rehabilitation project will take place on eight bridges in town of new Hartford and town of Paris all on State Route 8.

NYSDOT Region 2 is meeting with FEMA to get applications in for funding reimbursement due to the floods of October 31st.

The Higginsville Road Bridge over the Erie Canal in the Town of Verona will be kept up over the winter. Concrete work will begin on the bridge in early Spring 2020. The project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2020.

Other Business

Bernard Peplinski was thanked for his service to the GP&L through Regina Venettozzi presenting him with a formal letter of appreciation.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Jim Wallace
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 12 (Peplinski, Lubey, Seymour, R. Smith, J. Smith, Sacco, Guzewich, Moses, Musacchio, Bono, Wallace, Andrews) -0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.

Respectfully submitted by Alexander Turner, Planning Specialist, HOCTS