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**Minutes for the September 6, 2023  
Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee  
Quarterly Meeting – Q3 2023  
Herkimer County Office Building  
Room 242  
310 North Washington Street, Herkimer, New York**

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

Chairperson Anthony J. Picente, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:39 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

Linda Lubey

E.J. Moses

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Community Development Specialist, City of Utica,  
representing Robert Palmieri, Mayor, City of Utica  
Regional Director, NYSDOT Region 2, representing  
Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner, New  
York State Department of Transportation

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

Shaun Kaleta	Director, Economic Development, Oneida County
John Piseck	Chief Executive Officer, Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency
Scott Musacchio	Supervisor, Town of Verona
<u>Non-voting members present:</u>	
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 LaBuzzetta	Associate Capital Program Analyst, NYSDOT Region 2
Kevin Revere	Chief of Staff to the Oneida County Executive
Barb Hauck	Principal Planner, HOCTC
Amy Heiderich	Planner, HOCTC
Julie Richmond	Transportation Program Manager, HOCTC
Erin Tylutki	GIS Analyst, Oneida County Department of Planning
Adam Palmer	Senior Planner, Oneida County Department of Planning
Nicholas DiGennaro	Deputy Commissioner, Oneida County Department of Public Works
Brian Miller	Assemblyman, 122 <sup>nd</sup> District
Susan Jaquish	Staff, Brian Miller, New York State Assemblyman
Lorrie Phillips	Staff, Representing Marianne Buttenschon, New York State Assemblywoman

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Motion to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2023, meeting made by: Linda Lubey
    - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Discussion: None
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **Public Comment**
  - None
- **Director's Report**

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

  - PEL – I-90 Exit 31 Feasibility and Redesign Study. The full contract will go to the Board of Legislators on October 11 with the selected project team. The contract will last for 22-months. The study will have a direct impact on the City of Utica as well as the regional network to the North/South and East/West linkages. HOCTC

- is working with NYSDOT Region 2. HOCTC will be reaching out to members for representation on the project steering committee and the technical advisory committee, and for assistance with public outreach.
- SS4A Grant – This Safe Streets for All grant is through the FHWA for a 12-month safety analysis on the local road system. The report will determine where safety conditions exist and what countermeasures can be addressed for safety issues to make roadways equitable and safe for all. This project has been conditionally awarded with the contracts being reviewed. It is expected that the contract will be approved in November. .
  - LTPAP – The current timeline is to have the projects wrapped up by the end of 2023.
  - LRTP – This document is due for a 5-year update beginning in 2025. HOCTC will be launching an RFP in the Winter to develop a scope of work.
    - One item not included in the current LRTP is freight, which has increased by 20% at Exit 31, for example. This will be an added section to the existing plan. The increase is due to an increase in several industries in the two County area and an increase in agricultural transport. This may require a consultant team due to the significant task of conducting a technical analysis.
  - AMPO National Conference – The conference is taking place in Cleveland at the end of September. Dana Crisino and Julie Richmond will be presenting on three topics.
    - Complete Streets and how to work with the public when they do not see the benefit and when there are so many different viewpoints. The presenters will discuss the next steps to determine the best way to move forward for everyone. There are two other MPOs presenting with HOCTC.
    - The Dutch Transport Innovation Study that Dana Crisino attended in late June.
    - The Transportation Atlas: The Atlas condenses the LRTP into a readable document with diagrams and pictures. It presents linkages to the community, smart infrastructure, and it looks to the past, present, and future for transportation innovation. The Atlas is meant to be used as a tool. Anyone is welcome to a copy.
      - HOCTC received the National Best Practice Award for a small non-TMA (fewer than 500,000 population) MPO for the Transportation Atlas.
    - Anthony Picente also received the Outstanding Elected Official Leadership Award. Both awards highlight the importance of the GP&L Committee.
  - Dutch Transport Innovation Study Tour Presentation: Dana Crisino attended the Tour in June, which focused on a people-first versus a vehicle-first approach to active transportation planning.
    - The climate is very similar to here in the Netherlands and they have very narrow streets. They don't use these as excuses for bike infrastructure.
    - They integrate rather than compete, like plantings on top of a bus shelter and bike ramps through stairways, for example. There are easy solutions to

make riding a bike an easy option such as trash bins at arm level and channels on stairways.

- The train stations are equipped with fast chargers for taxis and bike rental systems, providing a quick and reliable clean transportation system.
- The Netherlands is doing a complete retrofit with a goal of 20,000 EV charging stations by 2025 being installed on streets. There is a bike rush hour that has to be accommodated where bikers are shoulder to shoulder.
- There are e-bikes that have a little different frame than the standard bike and there are e-scooters. They are one of the biggest safety concerns since they travel in the bike lane but move at much higher speeds.
- The Netherlands does not have a helmet law so as not to discourage bike riders, but the mass of bikes creates a safer path than here along with a lower overall speed limit there.
- There is a prevalence of cargo bikes, replacing the large van or SUV to pick up children or go shopping within urban areas. Overall, vehicles are smaller there, with very few trucks and large SUVs. Larger vehicles are used to move goods and freight and on the roadways that connect population centers.
- Reimagining roadways to decrease air pollution and create safer streets by reducing lanes from four to two, installing pocket parks, flowers, and plants in the medians, and making local traffic-only roadways. There is a split opinion on this.
- Energy conservation is a top priority in the Netherlands, and they are working to decrease usage and utilize clean energy. 20% of vehicles are electric now, but that number is increasing.
- Gas prices are very high, about \$5.99/Liter, discouraging fuel vehicles. A comment was made about how everyone here would be riding bikes if gas prices were that high.
- There is no bike tax, but bike theft is high. It doesn't compare to the cost of a vehicle and the tax structure on a vehicle, in addition to paying to park.
- Discussion about the I-90 corridor alternative transportation since some people are pushing for a bike path, which would be scary to ride. A commuter train between Rome and Little Falls would be a better option to move people safely and quickly.
- Netherlands has a high-income tax and a high standard of living, allowing them to pay for these infrastructure upgrades. Their federal government pays for and decides on policy and what work gets done versus local authorities.

- **NYSDOT Region 2 Report**

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

- All of NYS Route 5S from the C. Utica/Herkimer County line to Mohawk is being repaved.
- Thank you to Dana Crisino for all the collaboration efforts.

- There has been a staffing change at NYSDOT – Sam Zhou retired in August and took a position with the MBTA in Boston, MA. They are searching for a replacement. (Jim Rusak has been appointed as of 10/2/2023)
- BridgeNY Program funding announced. The six-county region was awarded almost \$28 Million. The projects will be further discussed by Mark DeRocco for the TIP Resolutions.
  - There is \$14.97M for three bridges in the HOCTC Region – Railroad St. in Frankfort/Schuyler, Oswego Rd. in the Town of Vienna, and Firehouse Rd. in the Town of Deerfield.
  - The Culvert Program is state-funded – \$4.5M awarded – Herkimer County – Hard Scrabble Rd., City of Rome – Merrick Rd., and Oneida County – Simmons Rd. and \$8.5M awarded for bridges. These are state-funded, so there will not be resolutions.
  - Due to inflation, there is a slush fund to keep project delivery on track.
  - There should be another announcement by the end of 2023 about the Governor’s budget, urging municipalities to be ready to apply for BridgeNY funding.
- Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) should be available by early October 2023.
  - Currently working with \$12M to deliver projects
  - Build trails, streetscapes, pedestrian accommodations, and complete street projects.
  - There is an eight-week window to submit, so Region 2 is looking for ideas that will produce awards. There has been outreach to communities
  - Region 2 and MPO are willing to assist municipalities with the application
  - One successful project example is the Mohawk River Trail
- Emergency bridge contract for a box culvert on Route 46 (Old Erie Canal) in the Town of Verona. Canoe access has been incorporated here.
- Routes 31/46 in Durhamville have twin pipes with steel corrosion. The replacement is underway with the Emergency Contract.
- Genesee St./Village of New Hartford Project detours should be done for the year. Underground electric work is being performed. Next year, the signals, sidewalk, and curb install will take place.
- The Champlain Ave. project is coming along. There is a new traffic pattern. Region 2 is grateful that all went smoothly during the Boilermaker Road Race.
- Route 5S – the harsh winter pavement program caused disruption with detours since the Nowadaga Bridge is closed until the end of October.
- Route 8 in Cold Brook is taking longer than expected to complete the 11-mile repaving project. There is a lack of availability of contractors.
- The Chairperson asked about the North/South Arterial Project. It will be completed this year. The bridge is undergoing joint repairs and will be one lane until the end of October with the expected opening of the Lomond Place exit on October 14, 2023.

- **New York State Thruway Authority Report**

- Dana Crisino, on behalf of Sara Sherlock, 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 will be completed by the end of 2023.
- Tentative 2024 Projects:
  - MP227.40 Mainline bridge rehab MP227.4 & 227.42 over Sterling Creek – Letting Q1 2024, completion Winter 2025
  - MP219.91 Thruway bridge replacement over Mohawk St. (Rt. 28) – Letting Q2 2024, completion Winter 2026
  - MP238.22 Thruway bridge replacement over Oriskany Blvd (Rt. 69) – Letting Q3 2024, completion Winter 2026.
  - There was a delay in letting, so these will all most likely be delayed to 2025.
- Oneida and Schuyler Service Areas that are currently under construction are scheduled to open in Fall/Winter 2023.
  
- **Other Reports**
  - None
  
- **Old Business**
  - None
  
- **New Business**
  - **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 36: Approval of the Urban Area Boundary (UAB) for the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council**, presented by Erin Tylutki, HOCTC
  - Approval of the Urban Area Boundary (UAB) for HOCTC, Erin Tylutki, GIS Analyst, Oneida County Department of Planning presented the findings based on the 2020 Census.
    - Urban Areas are defined as having a population of 5,000 or 2,000 housing units. This replaces the former Urban Clusters and Urbanized Areas.
    - These areas are examined every 10 years to adjust along with population changes in urban and rural areas. Herkimer County now has urban areas and the areas within Oneida County have expanded.
    - The GIS staff and Census Data Affiliate reviewed the HOCTC area and then consulted with NYSDOT Region 2 to see where adjustments are needed.
    - No municipal or MPO boundaries are being changed.
    - The increase is good news since the MPO lost some funding after the 2010 Census showed a decrease in population. There should be a bump in funding since this mapping directly impacts the HOCTC funding formula.
    - The FHWA has determined four UAB in Herkimer-Oneida Counties – Utica area, Rome area, Vernon area, and Ilion-Herkimer area.
    - The Utica and Ilion-Herkimer boundaries connect due to the Schuyler Business Park and the newly built warehouses in Frankfort
    - There were very few changes in Rome

- The newly formed UAB around Vernon is due to the Turning Stone and the Oneida Nation’s continual expansion of business. This is the biggest change
  - This UAB has to look 10 years into the future and how roadways will be used, so areas that the Oneida Nation owns and will presumably be developing were added.
  - The areas surrounding Turning Stone are considered urban due to the amount of traffic.
- This goes to NYSDOT Region 2 then to the FHWA and should be accepted by the end of the year.
- Additional funding is based on population and urban lane miles.
- Description: The UAB now includes areas of Herkimer County and an expanded Oneida County area. HOCTC and NYSDOT Region 2 developed an updated UAB for submission to the DOT for approval.
- Discussion: The UAB must be adjusted every time there is a Census, so every 10 years, about three years after the Census.
- Motion to approve resolutions made by: Mary Austin Pratt
  - Seconded by: John Piseck
  - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 - 24: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add a BridgeNY 2022 Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
  - Description: PIN 2754.85 – Bridge Rehabilitation Project of Railroad Street over the CSX Railroad and Barge Canal in the Towns of Frankfort and Schuyler, Herkimer County shall be added to the TIP, and the project will be funded in the amount of \$2,707,000 utilizing BridgeNY 2022 award funding.
  - Discussion: Deborah Windecker stated that the DOT is funding the Towns of Frankfort/Schuyler and the towns are splitting the 5% required match. It was also noted that it is a challenge to work with CSX, but the DOT oversees the entire process when it is a bridge. The towns will hire an engineering consultant.
  - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Seconded by: John Piseck
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 25: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add a BridgeNY 2022 Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
  - Description: PIN 2754.89 – Replacement of a bridge deck that carries Oswego Road over Fish Creek in the Town of Vienna, Oneida County shall be added to the TIP, and the project will be funded in the amount of \$2,709,000 utilizing BridgeNY 2022 award funding. This is expected to commence in the 2025 construction season.
  - Discussion: None.
  - Motion to approve resolutions made by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Seconded by: Shaun Kaleta
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 26: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP add a BridgeNY 2022 Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
  - Description: PIN 2754.90 – Bridge replacement that carries Firehouse Road over Reall Creek in the Town of Deerfield, Oneida County shall be added to the TIP, and the project will be funded in the amount of \$3,514,000 utilizing BridgeNY 2022 award funding. This is expected to commence in the 2025 construction season.
  - Discussion: None.
  - Motion to approve resolutions made by: John Piseck
    - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
  
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 27: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add a BridgeNY 2022 Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
  - Description: BridgeNY only funded three bridges in this cycle, so this will be delayed indefinitely. This item should be removed from the agenda.
  - Discussion: The motion was made to un-table this item
  - Motion to un-table Resolution made by: Linda Lubey
    - Seconded by: Scott Musacchio
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
    - Motion to remove from the original Resolution from the table made by Shaun Kaleta
    - Seconded by: Jim Bono
    - Voting Passed, 12-0-0
  
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 28: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to revise a Pavement Marking Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
  - Description: PIN 2806.50 – Pavement Marking Project 23 to replace worn or missing pavement markings in various locations in Region 2, shall be revised on the TIP. Construction funds will be increased due to materials cost increases from \$3.2M to \$4.6M, construction inspection increased from \$0.480M to \$0.690M, and the total project cost increased from \$4.480M to \$6.090M.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to approve resolutions made by: Mike Waterman
    - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
  
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 29: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to remove a Block Fund Pavement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
  - Description: PIN 2TP2.51 – Block Fund PM Pavement 25 – Pavement preventative and corrective maintenance in Herkimer and Oneida Counties shall be removed from the TIP. The total project amount of



\$7.830M in STBG Flex, NHPP, and NFA funds shall be moved to PIN 2303.52 (Resolution 2023-31) for a project in Oneida County.

- Discussion: None.
  - Motion to approve resolution made by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Seconded by: Linda Lubey
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 30: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to remove a Block Fund Paving Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
- Description: PIN 2V24.01– Vendor Placed Paving 24 (Block Fund) for pavement preventative and corrective maintenance in regionwide locations shall be removed from the TIP. The total project cost of \$8.852M in STBG Flex and NFA funds shall be moved to PINS 2807.03 in the amount of \$0.628M in Montgomery County, which is Resolution 2023-32, 2807.04 in the amount of \$4.119M in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, 2303.52 in the amount of \$0.645M in Oneida County, which is Resolution 2023-31, and 2V23.11 in the amount of \$3.460M in Fulton County.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to approve resolution made by: John Piseck
    - Seconded by: Jim Bono
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 31: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add Bridge Rehabilitation Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
- Description: PIN 2303.52 for a Bridge Rehabilitation Project, on Route 46 from the bridge over Lansingkill Creek (BIN 1025790) to Holmes Road in the Towns of Western, Ava, and ends inside Town line in Boonville in Oneida County, shall be added to the TIP The project will be funded utilizing NFA and STBG Flex funding sources from: PIN 2TP2.51 – Res 2023-29 and PIN 2V24.01 – Resolution 2023-30 for a total amount of \$11.472M.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to revise name and approve resolutions made by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Seconded by: Jim Bono
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 32: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add a Region 2 Multi-Site Pavement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT
- Description: PIN 2807.04 shall be added to the TIP to rehabilitate the various state routes in Herkimer, Madison, and Oneida Counties: Route 13 in the Village of Canastota, Route 31 in the Town of Vernon, Burrstone Road (Route 921B) in the Town of New Hartford, City of Utica, and Village of New York Mills, and Route 28 between Canal and

Caroline Streets and Route 922 B (South Washington Street) in Herkimer County. The Project will be funded with NHPP and STBG Flex funding in the amount of \$4.156M from PIN 2V24.01 – Resolution 2023.30 for \$4.156M in total project costs.

- Discussion: None
  - Motion to approve resolution made by: Scott Musacchio
    - Seconded by: Shaun Kaleta
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 33A: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to remove a Block Fund Pavement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
- Description: PIN 2TLB.25 – Local bridge/pavement rehabilitation project 25 (Block Fund) is to be removed from the Project TIP. The total project amount of \$2M in STBG Off System funds shall be moved to PIN 2754.92 – Resolution 2023-33B for a project in Herkimer County.
  - Discussion: None.
  - Motion to combine and approve resolutions made by: John Piseck
    - Seconded by: Jim Wallace
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 33B: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
- Description: PIN 2754.92 – Bridge Replacement Project that carries Peckville Road (C.R. 148) over Gillette Creek in the Town of Manheim in Herkimer County shall be added to the TIP. This project will utilize \$2M of STBG Off System funding from PIN 2TLB.25 – Resolution 2023-33A for a total project amount of \$2.064M.
  - Discussion: This project will begin in the 2025 FFY.
  - *Resolution passed in previous motion*
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 34: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to revise a Safety Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
- Description: PIN 2047.12 – A Safety Project on Route 921C (N. Genesee St.) in the City of Utica, Oneida County to address safety issues with traffic signals, channelization, and sight distance improvements, shall be revised on the TIP. The Construction and Construction Inspection phases from PIN 2807.01 - Route 5S Bagg Square Landscape Project totaling \$0.888M in SDF funds shall be added to PIN 2047.12. The original project is being funded through the Highway Safety Improvement funds and the additional project is 100% State funded. Combining these projects should allow for better bids and better pricing. These projects shall be added to this PIN covering the project cost increase from \$2.307M to \$3.195M

- Discussion: Has there been any discussion of attempting to find employees? When the project is complete on the State level, then who is responsible for maintaining the landscaping? Blacktop was suggested. This would not be for a bike path. NYSDOT wants the area to be permeable, but they are using a more sustainable, low-maintenance product. There is always a discussion between the State, County, and municipality about responsibility after the fact, which isn't always successful.
  - Motion to approve resolutions made by: Derek Crossman
    - Seconded by: Shaun Kaleta
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 35A: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to Revise a Safety Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
- Description: PIN 2016.80 – Route 12 Boonville Safety Improvement Project in Oneida County to address intersection improvements and realignment, shall be revised on the TIP. The Construction and Construction Inspection phases shall be decreased by \$3.710M and be moved to PIN 2053.07 – Resolution 2023-35B. The Construction and Construction Inspection phases shall be moved from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024. The total project cost decreases from \$5.730M to \$2.020M. There was an expectation that the Town of Boonville would receive funding for water line work. The funding is taking longer than expected, so NYSDOT is decoupling the project resulting in a cost decrease.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to approve resolutions made by: John Piseck
    - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
    - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0
- **HOCTC Resolution 2023 – 35B: Amendment to the 2023 – 2027 TIP to revise a Pavement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco, NYSDOT.
- Description: PIN 2053.07 – Pavement Maintenance Project in the Town of Boonville, Oneida County to pave Routes 12D, 294, and 46 shall be revised on the TIP. The Construction and Construction Inspection phases shall be added, and the Detailed Design phase shall be increased with funds from PIN 2016.80 – Resolution 2023-35A. The total project cost shall increase from \$0.280M to \$4.410M in STBG Flex funds.
  - Discussion: None.
  - *Resolution passed in previous motion*
- **Administrative Modifications to the 2023 – 2027 TIP**
- Description: A report of the administrative modifications made to the MPO TIP that do not change in scope or any significant component and are less than 10% of the total project cost or \$550,000 or less. This was

recently updated due to the cost increase in projects. There have been delays in construction and right-of-way issues. These modifications for the last quarter were given as the following:

ADMIN MOD. #	PIN	DESCRIPTION	AGENCY
2023 – 17MOD	2650.59	New Construction & Reconstruction-New /Improved Pedestrian Facility Project, 2018 TAP: Sherrill Route 5 Corridor Pedestrian Accessibility Project, Oneida County. The funding year for the Construction and Construction Inspection phase will be changed from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024.	NYSDOT
2023 – 18MOD	2065.38	Rehabilitation-Cold Mill with Hot Mix Overlay Preventative Paving Project, Routes 12B & 412 in the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton in Oneida County. The phases of ROW Incidentals and ROW Acquisition will be added increasing the Total Project Cost by \$0.111M to \$4,080,000; and the funding years for the Detailed Design Phases will be changed from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024.	NYSDOT
2023 – 19MOD	2047.12	Traffic Safety Project: Signals/Channelization/Sight Distance Improvements on North Genesee Street/Route 921C; in the vicinity of the intersections with the NYS Thruway Exit 31 and Interstate 790 ramps to North Genesee Street in Oneida County. The phases of ROW Incidentals and ROW Acquisition will be removed, which will not change the Total Project Cost; and the funding sources for the Scoping, Preliminary Design, and Detailed Design Phases will be changed from HSIP to HPP.	NYSDOT
2023 – 20MOD	2754.50	BridgeNY 2018 Project: West Main Street/Moyer Creek (BIN 2263720) for the replacement of the existing West Main Street bridge over Moyer Creek in the Village of Frankfort in Herkimer County. The funding years for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases will be changed from FFY 2023 to FFY 2024.	NYSDOT
2023- 21MOD	2806.99	Preventative Bridge Maintenance Project: 2022 Job Order Contract (JOC): Bridge for a regionwide bridge preventative maintenance job order contract. The ROW Incidentals and ROW Acquisition phases will be added to this project. The Total project cost will be increased by \$.009M from \$1.3M to \$1.309M.	NYSDOT

- **Open Forum for Committee Discussion**

- John Piseck, Herkimer County IDA indicated Herkimer County, City of Little Falls requires assistance with the State bridge closure to the Salada Tea Building. There has been interest from developers. Little Falls is undergoing administrative changes. There is an opportunity for development on that island and the city is hoping for ideas and assistance.
  - The city is thinking of trying for a USDA grant but wants to ensure that NYSDOT inspects the bridge. It is confirmed that NYSDOT must inspect all bridges, regardless of how they are funded.
  - BridgeNY recent application was unsuccessful, but it was suggested by NYSDOT Region 2 to keep applying.
  - John Piseck stated they will be looking into USDA funding for any opportunities.
- County Executive Picente announced the opening phases of the exploration of consolidating the Oneida and Herkimer Counties E911 system, since both counties are struggling with their workforce.

- The counties are looking for ways to come together to provide the best public safety. They will be forming an internal committee to move forward quickly, since there is in-house expertise.
  - The consolidation in New Hartford and New York Mills has been successful in addressing personnel issues.
  - The goal is to provide the most benefit in terms of technology and safety to both the counties and their residents. Technology continually changes. Oneida County has 911 texting, for example, but Herkimer County does not yet.
  - Currently, the two counties are competing for the same resources such as jobs and technology.
  - The plan is to rebuild a backup center at the Oneida County Office Building since Herkimer County does not have one.
  - Both counties would like to see this be a model for the State. The Herkimer County Legislature has approved this, hopeful that Oneida County Board will as well.
- Vice-Chairperson Jim Bono has been working to get municipalities in Herkimer County agreeable to consolidate.
    - There is competition among governments and the private sector.
    - Basing this off economy of scale between two counties - Herkimer County, population 60,000 has a smaller budget than the City of Utica, population 50,000.
    - One of the challenges is the size of Herkimer County. It takes one hour and ten minutes to drive through the county, some of which lies in the Adirondack Park. It has very hilly terrain, but issues can be overcome.
    - Some Herkimer County villages have the highest taxes in the state, so businesses have difficulty moving into these places, furthering the need for consolidation.
    - Oneida County also introduced the Nurse Navigator Program to help prevent unnecessary emergency room visits. This program will allow people to connect with a nurse or medical professional from home.
    - Police and Fire overlap in so many ways as well.
- **Adjournment**
    - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: John Piseck
      - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
      - Voting: Passed, 12-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

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Respectfully submitted by Amy Heiderich, HOCTC