

**Minutes for the June 13, 2019**  
**Governmental Policy & Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica Campus**  
**Alumni College Center, Room 116**  
**Utica, NY**

*Administered by:*

*Herkimer – Oneida Counties Transportation Study, Metropolitan Planning Organization*

---

Call to order at 9:37 am made by Chairman Bernard Peplinski.

**Roll Call**

Voting Members present:

Nick Choubah	Region 2 Director, NYSDOT, <i>representing Paul Karas, Commissioner, NYSDOT</i>
Emil Paparella	Legislator, Oneida County Board of Legislators, <i>representing Gerald Fiorini, Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators</i>
Timothy Seymour	Commissioner, Herkimer County Social Services
Scott Mussachio	Supervisor, Town of Verona
Bernard Peplinski, Chairman	Chair, Herkimer County Legislature
James Wallace	Administrator, Herkimer County
Raymond Smith	Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
Joseph Smith	Supervisor, Town of Trenton
Philip Sacco	Minority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators
Michael Waterman	Chairman, Public Works Committee, Oneida County Board of Legislators
E.J. Moses	Director of Facilities, CNYRTA, <i>representing Brian Schultz, Chairman, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority</i>
David Wood	<i>representing George Joseph, Majority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators</i>
Jerrin George	Professional Engineer I, NYSTA, <i>representing Joanne Mahoney, Chairman, NYS Thruway Authority Board of Directors</i>
Vincent Bono	Chairman, Planning and Development Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
Regina Venettozzi	Interim Commissioner, Oneida County Department of Planning, <i>representing Anthony J. Picente Jr., Vice Chairman GP&amp;L, Executive, Oneida County</i>

Non-voting Members present:

Linda Lubey  
Mark DeRocco

Dana Crisino  
Barb Hauck  
Alexander Turner  
Bella Cicci

Incoming Director, NYSDOT Region 2  
Region 2 Assistant Regional Planning and  
Program Manager, NYSDOT  
Director, HOCTS  
Principal Planner, HOCTS  
Planning Specialist, HOCTS  
Intern, HOCTS

- Motion to accept Regina Venettozzi, Interim Commissioner, Oneida County Department of Planning, as the representative of Anthony J. Picente Jr., Vice Chairman made by Jim Wallace.
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2019 Meeting made by: Joseph Smith
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

### **Public Comment**

No public comment given.

### **New Business**

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 09, on the question of supporting New York State Department of Transportation's 2019 Targets for Safety Performance Measures. The performance measures are targets based on five-year rolling averages related to: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized series injuries.

- Motion to accept made by Jim Wallace
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 10, on the question of amending the 2017 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding a narrative section addressing Performance measures addressing safety, capital assets condition, system reliability, freight movement and economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and reduced project delivery delays.

- Motion to accept made by Vincent Bono
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 11, on the question of adopting a Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study (HOCTS) Complete Streets policy that would encourage infrastructure improvements that allow travel by all users to be objectively considered in the project planning and design processes throughout the region.

- Motion to table made by Jim Wallace
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 12, requesting the deletion of PIN 2TTR20 – Safety Project 20 from the 2017 – 2021 TIP, and that existing PIN 280621 – Route 26: PM Paving on Route 26/365

Overlap shall receive the HSIP funds from PIN 2TTR20. Furthermore, the descriptive name of the PIN shall be requested to be changed to Route 26 and 26/365 Overlap: Safety and PM Paving in the City of Rome.

- Motion to approve Resolution 2019 – 12a made by David Wood
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
- Motion to combine Resolution 2019 – 12a and 2019 – 12b made by Jim Wallace
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
- Motion to approve the combined Resolution 2019 – 12a and 2019 – 12b made by David Wood
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 13, requesting approval of a funding increase in the amount of \$451,000 for the phases of Construction and Construction Inspection phases of PIN 275440 – Mill Street/Fish Creek within the Town and Village of Camden.

- Motion to approve made by Mike Waterman
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 14, requesting approval of a funding increase in the amount of \$646,000 for the phases of construction and construction inspection of PIN 275443 – Horton Road/Big Woodhull Ck (BIN 2205730) within the Town of Forestport.

- Motion to approve made by Nick Choubah
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 15, requesting approval of a new project to be added to the TIP entitled 2018 TAP: Downtown Rome Wheels to Heels Streetscapes in the City of Rome with a PIN designation of 265057 in the amount of \$1,324,000.

- Motion to approve made by Jim Wallace
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 16, requesting approval of a new project to be added to the TIP entitled 2018 TAP: Sherrill Route 5 Corridor Pedestrian Accessibility in the City of Sherrill with a PIN designation of 265059 in the amount of \$897,000.

- Motion to approve made by Ray Smith
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 17, requesting approval of a new project to be added to the TIP entitled 2018 TAP: Willow Place Sidewalk Improvements in the Town of Verona with a PIN designation of 265060 in the amount of \$1,752,000.

- Motion to approve made by Jim Wallace
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 20, requesting approval of a new project to be added to the TIP entitled NYS Thruway Albany and Syracuse Division project for pavement striping in 2019 with a PIN designation of TWSE19 in the amount of \$395,000.

- Motion to approve made by Philip Sacco
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 18, requesting approval of a policy that allows HOCTS to self-certify its Metropolitan Planning Process to support the development and implementation of the transportation plan, the TIP, and subsequent project development activities.

- Motion to approve made by Philip Sacco
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 19, requesting approval of the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and that the priorities and project selections contained within reflect the needs and priorities of Herkimer and Oneida Counties.

- Motion to approve made by E.J. Moses
  - Seconded
  - Voting: Passed, 14-0-1
    - Abstention: Philip Sacco

## **Reports**

- Administrative Modifications
  - 2019 – 04MOD: Horton Road/ Big Woodhull Creek BIB 2205730, Town of Forestport, Oneida County; Reconstruction Bridge Replacement. The ROW Incidentals and ROW Acquisition funding is increased, but is under the 10% of the total project cost allowed for the TIP Administrative Modification. All other items remain unchanged.
  - 2019 – 05 MOD: Mohawk River Trail Phase II, City of Rome (TAP), New/Improved Shared Use Paths in Oneida County. The RW Incidental phase is being moved from FFY2018 to FFY2019. Although the overall project cost and the overall amount of federal funds is the same, the funds are being moved within the phases.

- 2019 – 06 MOD: Intersection Improvement Project, safety: traffic signals/ devices and traffic signs. The Construction phase is increasing from \$510,000 to \$560,000 using NHPP funds and Construction Inspection respectively. The total project increases from \$989,000 to \$1,045,000.
- 2019 – 07 MOD: Preventative Maintenance: Single Course Overlay (D Contract), Safety: Traffic Signs, SR 12 PVT: SR 5A to Putnam Rd. & O/H Signs in Oneida County. The Construction phase is increasing from \$8.054M to \$8.356M and Construction Inspection is increasing for \$.867M to \$.901M, with the funding sources of STP Flex, Non-Federal, and NHPP remain unchanged. The total project increases from \$9.692M to \$10.028M. This is less than a 10% increase and is less than a \$349,999.99 increase.
- 2019 – 08 MOD: Culvert Repair/Replacement Project 20, Various Locations, Regionwide. The scoping, preliminary design, and ROW Inc will be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2022. The detailed design, and ROW acquisition will be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2023, and construction and construction inspection will be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2023.
- 2019 – 09 MOD: Clinton-Route 12B: PM Paving; Route 12B & 412. The Scoping, Preliminary Design, and ROW Inc. funding shall be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2022, the detailed design and ROW Acquisition funding will be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2023, and the Construction and Construction Inspection funding shall be moved from FFY 2020 to FFY 2023.
- 2019 – 10 MOD: State Route 12 Over Mill Creek Culvert Repair and Rehabilitation in Boonville. The Construction and Construction Inspection funding shall be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020.
- 2019 – 11 MOD: Intersection Improvement Project. The NHPP and STP Flex funding shall be adjusted within the Construction and Construction Inspection phases with a corresponding overall slight increase in funding to both of the aforementioned.
- 2019 – 12 MOD: Clinton St/Sauquoit Creek Bridge Reconstruction/Replacement BIN 2206280, Town of New Hartford, Oneida County. The ROW acquisition funding shall be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2021. Construction and construction inspection funding shall be moved from FFY 2020 to FFY 2022.
- 2019 – 13 MOD: PM General Bridge Rehabilitation in Town of Steuben, Town of Annsville, and Town of Lee in Oneida County. ROW acquisition, construction, and construction inspection funding shall be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020.
- 2019 – 14 MOD: Oneida St/Sauquoit Creek Bridge Replacement/Reconstruction (BIN 2263310) in the Village of Clayville and Town of Paris. The ROW acquisition, construction, and construction inspection funding shall be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020.
- 2019 – 15 MOD: Route 365 Rehabilitation from Route 920V to the Oneida County Line. The funding from the Detailed Design Phase shall be moved from FFY 2020 to FFY 2019.

- 2019 – 16 MOD: Bridge NY 2018: West Main Street over Moyer Creek (BIN 2263720) New Bridge Structural Construction/Replacement. The funding from ROW acquisition shall be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020.
- 2019 – 17 MOD: Route 51/Steele Creek (BIN 1026490) in the Village of Ilion. The funding from the Detailed Design and ROW Acquisition phases shall be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020. The funding from the Construction and Construction Inspection phases shall be moved from FFY 2019 to FFY 2021.
- 2019 – 18 MOD: Will correct the existing information from the approved Administrative Modification 2018-12Mod to match what is shown on the 2017-2021 TIP and show the proposed section as matching Administrative Modification 2019-5Mod. Once finalized this will override all previous Administrative Modifications for PIN 265053.
- 2019 – 19 MOD: Bagg’s Square/Harbor Point Pedestrian Way (NY283, NY418, and NY310). The Construction and Construction Inspection phases shall be moved from FFY 2020 to FFY 2019.
- 2019 – 20 MOD: Bridge Cleaning Project 18. The Construction and Construction Inspection phases shall be moved from FFY 2020 to FFY 2019.
  
- NYSAMPO Conference
  - The NYSAMPO Conference will be held on July 15-18, 2019 in Syracuse, NY. Registration is free for all member agencies of HOCTS. Travel costs are not covered. This is a great opportunity to learn about the transportation industry and what is happening throughout New York State.
  
- NYSDOT Region 2 Update
  - There is a new commissioner for NYSDOT, Marie Therese Dominguez.
  - Nick Choubah will be leaving for the regional director position in Binghamton.
  - Linda Lubey will be the new NYSDOT Region 2 Director.
  - 5s Safety Project
    - The project brought about an additional \$30 million investment with a significant portion coming from National Grid.
    - Utility work in the area is ongoing with a projected completion by the end of the summer. At that time, the construction of the roundabout will commence.
    - Substantial completion of the project is on track for the end of 2020.
  - Other Projects
    - CSX Bridge will be closed until the end of August
    - Many paving projects taking place such as on NYS Route 49 to NYS Route 291 covering 13 lane miles. NYS Route 5s to NYS Route 167 on the Montgomery County line covering 15.6 miles is being repaved at a cost of \$4.8 million. A project on NYS Route 12 will be let at the end of July.

- The Higginsville Road Bridge was recently awarded funding through the Bridge NY program.
- The Empire State Trail in the Town of Frankfort had construction started a couple of weeks ago.
- BUILD Grant Application
  - Region 2 was asked to submit for a BUILD grant of funding between \$1 million and \$25 million by the main office of NYSDOT. A project for the replacement of the North Genesee Street Bridges over the Barge Canal and Mohawk River was developed. This proposal is for the small urban/rural region of New York State as per the BUILD grant guidelines.

**Other Business**

None noted

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jim Wallace

- Seconded
- Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

---

Respectfully submitted by Alexander Turner, Planning Specialist, HOCTS