



GOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND LIAISON COMMITTEE

**Boehlert Center at Union Station
321 Main St., Utica NY 13501**

**Phone: 315.798.5710 E-mail: transplan@ocgov.net
www.hocts.org**

Chairperson, BERNARD PEPLINSKI, SR., Chairman, Herkimer County Legislature
Secretary, REGINA VENETTOZZI, Interim Commissioner, Oneida County Dept. of Planning

Vice-chairperson, ANTHONY J. PICENTE, JR. Oneida County Executive
Director, DANA R. CRISINO, AICP, Herkimer-Oneida County Transportation Study

Minutes for the October 8, 2019 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Quarterly Meeting 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 9:50 am made by Chairman Bernard Peplinski.

Roll Call

Voting Members present:

Bernard Peplinski, Chairman
Regina Venettozzi, Secretary

Chair, Herkimer County Legislature
Interim Commissioner, Oneida County Department of Planning,
*representing Anthony J. Picente Jr., Vice Chairman GP&L, Executive,
Oneida County*

Deb Windecker

Regional Planning & Program Manager, New York State Department of
Transportation Region 2, *representing Marie Therese Dominguez,
Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation*

Emil Paparella

Legislator, Oneida County Board of Legislators, *representing Gerald
Fiorini, Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators*

Timothy Seymour

Commissioner, Herkimer County Social Services

Raymond Smith

Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature

Joseph Smith

Supervisor, Town of Trenton

Philip Sacco

Minority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators

Dan Guzewich

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*

Non-voting Members present:

Carolyn McAleese

*representing Marianne Buttenschon, Assemblywoman, New York State
Assembly, 119th District*

Robert Smullen

Assemblyman, New York State Assembly, 118th District

Carlos Gonzalez

Community Planner, FHWA

Dana Crisino

Director, HOCTS

Barb Hauck
Alexander Turner

Principal Planner, HOCTS
Planning Specialist, HOCTS

- Due to the absence of quorum, in accordance with the GP&L Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order §40, a motion was made to approve Barbara Hauck, Principal Planner, HOCTS. Having been a resident of the Village of New York Mills for over ten years, to vote in place of John Bialek, Mayor, New York Mills by Philip Sacco.
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 10-0-0

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2019 Meeting made by: Timothy Seymour
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 11-0-0

Public Comment

No public comment given.

Presentation

Long Range Transportation Plan 2020 – 2040 Update, presented by Dana Crisino

The LRTP is the fundamental and big-picture document for the 20-year vision of transportation in Herkimer and Oneida Counties. The plan is required to be updated every five years with the last plan being updated in December of 2014. The plan is developed with direct and indirect stakeholders as well as members of the public to ensure that the transportation network is resilient, sustainable, fiscally constrained, and that it meets the goals and objectives of the public.

The plan includes a project listing of future projects that may be included on the 5-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for capital programming.

The current schedule of adoption is to publically release a draft document at the end of October for a 30-day public review period. A public hearing will be held within the 30-day review period. The final draft of the plan will be presented to the TPC and GP&L at their meetings in November and December 2019 for review and approval. The LRTP will be submitted to FHWA prior to the December 31, 2019 deadline.

New Business

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 21, on the question of supporting New York State's Targets for Safety Performance Measures for 2020. The performance measures being the following: reduction in the number of fatalities on roadways by 4%, the overall fatality rate reduced by 4%, the number of serious injuries reduced by 2%, the overall serious injury rate reduced by 2%, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries reduced by 4%.

- Motion to accept made by Raymond Smith
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 11-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 22, on the question of a revision to be made to the TIP, PIN 2TM233 – Blocked PM Pavement. The proposal calling for the funding source of the project to be changed from STP Off-System Bridge to STP Flex.

- Motion to accept made by E.J. Moses
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 11-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 23A, on the question of adoption of a removal from the TIP, PIN 2TM202 – Blocked Bridge PM. The proposal calling for the removal of the project from the TIP.

- Motion to accept HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 23A, 2019 – 23B, 2019 – 23C, and 2019 – 23D made by Philip Sacco
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 11-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 23B, on the question of adoption of the addition of a project to the TIP, PIN 211806 – Route 28 over Forestport Reservoir (BIN 1020210) and County Route 72 (BIN 1020220). The proposal calling for the aforementioned roadway to receive bridge deck and superstructure replacement utilizing NHPP funding in the amount of \$2,875,000.

Resolution approved in conjunction with motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 23A

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 23C, on the question of adoption of the addition of a project to the TIP, PIN 280663 – Bridge Cleaning Project 20. The proposal calling for NHPP and STP Off System funding in the amount of \$700,000 to be used for cyclical bridge maintenance throughout the area.

Resolution approved in conjunction with motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 23A

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 23D, on the question of adoption of the addition of a project to the TIP, PIN 213457 – Route 5: French Road Interchange Bridge Repairs. The proposal calling for NHPP funding in the amount of \$1,792,000 to be used for general rehabilitation of the aforementioned bridge.

Resolution approved in conjunction with motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 23A

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 24A, on the question of adoption of the revision of an existing project on the TIP, PIN 2TM223 – Blocked PM Pavement. The proposal calling for the NHPP and STP Flex funding of the project to be reduced from \$17,090,000 to \$15,626,000 for single course overlay paving.

- Motion to accept HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 24A, 2019 – 24B, and 2019 – 24C made by Philip Sacco
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 11-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 24B, on the question of adoption of the revision of an existing project on the TIP, PIN 280628, Pavement Marking Project 20. The proposal calling for the SDF and STP Flex funding to be increased from \$3,002,000 to \$3,734,000 for pavement markings throughout the region.

Resolution approved in conjunction with motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 24A

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 24C, on the question of adoption of the revision of an existing project on the TIP, PIN 280641 - Pavement Marking Project 22. The proposal calling for the SDF and STP Flex funding to be increased from \$3,109,000 to \$3,841,000 for pavement markings through the region.

Resolution approved in conjunction with motion to approve HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 24A

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 25, on the question of adoption of the revision of an existing project on the TIP, PIN 204901 – New Hartford PM Paving, Route 921E and Route 921T. The proposal calling for the PIN designation to be changed for PIN 280653 due to a clerical error of assigning a PIN that had already been used in the 1970s.

- Motion to accept made by Emil Paparella
 - Seconded

- Voting: Passed, 11-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2019 – 26, on the question of adoption of the revision of an existing project on the TIP, PIN 282170 – Section 5307 FFY 2020 Operating Assistance for Centro of Oneida. The proposal calling for the federal funding to be increased from \$2 million to \$2.8 million with a corresponding local share increase.

- Motion to accept made by Emil Paparella
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 11-0-0

Reports

Administrative Modifications

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

ADMIN MOD. #	PIN	DESCRIPTION	AGENCY
2019-21MOD	2BNY01	2016 BRIDGE NY Awards, Richfield Street/Steele Creek (Herkimer County), Roberts Road/Little Black Creek (Oneida County), Utica Street/Oriskany Creek (Oneida County), Hawkinsville Road/Black River (Oneida County), Woodhull Road/Woodhull Creek (Oneida County). Additional \$4,000 using STP Off-System Bridge funds for the ROW Incidental Phase for FFY 2019. Additionally, there shall be an increase in the ROW Acquisition Phase in FFY 2019 from \$20,000 to \$34,000 using STP Off-System Bridge funds. This increase in the ROW Phases is specifically for PIN 275430 – Richfield Street/Steele Creek (BIN 2266840) in Herkimer County.	NYSDOT
2019-22MOD	280610	Traffic Systems Improvement Project 19, various locations, Regionwide. Increase in funding for the ROW Incidental phase in FFY 2019 using SDF funds in the amount of \$21,000. Additionally, there shall be an increase in funding for the ROW Acquisition phase in FFY 2019 from \$6,000 to \$61,000 utilizing STP Flex Funds. This shall increase the total cost of the project from \$2,880,000 to \$2,956,000.	NYSDOT
2019-23MOD	280595	Culvert Repair/Replacement Project 18, various locations, Regionwide. Increase in funding for the STP Flex Funds for Construction in the amount of \$600,000 with a corresponding decrease of \$600,000 from the NHPP funds for Construction. Additionally, there shall be an increase in funding for the STP Flex Funds for Construction Inspection in the amount of \$72,000 with a corresponding decrease of \$72,000 from the NHPP funds for Construction Inspection. The overall cost of the project shall remain the same.	NYSDOT
2019-24MOD	204710	Bagg's Square/Harbor Point Pedestrian Way (NY283, NY418, and NY310), City of Utica. Increase in the amount of earmarked funds under the Construction Phase with a corresponding decrease in the Construction inspection phase. Furthermore, the STP Flex funding shall be increased for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases. The amount of HSIP funding shall be reduced for the Construction and Construction Inspection phases. The overall cost of the project will be projected to increase from \$4,182,000 to \$4,501,000.	NYSDOT
2019-25MOD	280605	Bridge Cleaning Project 18, various locations, <u>regionwide</u> . Increase in the cost of the Construction and Construction Inspection phase of the project in the amount of \$76,000 (Construction phase constituting \$67,000 and the Construction inspection phase constituting \$9,000). The total cost of the project will be increase from \$787,000 to \$863,000.	NYSDOT
2019-26MOD	265053	Mohawk River Trail Phase II, City of Rome (TAP). Move the detailed design, ROW acquisition, construction, and construction inspection phases from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020 for the aforementioned project. There are no changes to the previous funding levels. This modification will supplant the previously approved modification to this project (Admin Mod 2019-18).	NYSDOT
2019-27MOD	205675	Route 8 Bridge Replacement at Routes 5, 8, and 12 Interchange, Town of New Hartford and City of Utica. Move the detailed design and ROW acquisition phases from FFY 2019 to FFY 2020 for the aforementioned project with the funding sources being changed from NHPP to National Freight Funds. There are no changes to the previous funding levels. This modification will supplant the previously approved modification to this project (Admin Mod 2018-11).	NYSDOT

TIP Local Project Identification

Dana stated that project solicitations were sent out to all municipalities starting in December 2018 and ran through to early March 2019, which resulted in around 25 projects being received by HOCTS. The

TIP has funds reserved for local projects in three blocked PINs. The programming of the projects will commence this winter. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is the third block of money that has been reserved from the Region 2 allocation that will be utilized for local projects. The TIP is a living document and proposals for projects are always welcome to be submitted.

NYS DOT Region 2 Update

Deb stated that Region 2 was selected as the only rural region to apply for a USDOT BUILD grant by NYS DOT. \$900 million nationwide grant with \$450 million set aside for rural areas. The grant was submitted for North Genesee Street in Utica to replace the two bridges over both the Mohawk River and the Barge Canal. The bridges are in need of replacement but there is no funds available in the program to do that. \$31 million dollar project asking for \$25 million of funding from the BUILD grant. Awards will be announced November 12, 2019 by USDOT. Benefit to cost ratio of over 4. The bridges would be widened to a 3 lane section with a wider 10' sidewalk/multi use trail.

NYS Route 5s Safety Project in Utica is starting to get defined, curbs are being poured currently, and the roundabout will be started in October dependent on weather. The project will be completed at the end of the next construction season.

NYS Route 51 Bridge over CSX has been opened back up and will be completed this fall.

Bridge NY projects, Litchfield Street in Ilion has yet to be let, it was delayed a year, will be let in December. Higginsville Bridge has been let, it made news with unstable soil conditions causing the piers to be compromised and the current bridge having to be removed. The new bridge will not have the style changed. Roberts Road over Little Fly Creek in Town of Remsen has been completed and opened up. Hawkinsville Road over Fly Creek is open. Utica Street over Oriskany Creek will be opened this fall. Horton Road in Forestport is a project that has yet to be let.

A \$3.1 million paving project is underway on NYS Route 49. NYS Route 5s from Little Falls to the Montgomery County line is wrapping up. NYS Route 12 from the Utica city line to Putnam Road will soon commence and it will be a two season job. Harsh winter paving, NYS Route 167 to Otsego county line is a \$1.3 million harsh winter paving project that is finishing up.

A \$3.3 million pedestrian improvement project utilizing repurposed earmark funding from Whitesboro Street to Wurz Avenue in Utica will commence this fall.

Other Business

None noted

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Emil Paparella
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 11-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by Alexander Turner, Planning Specialist, HOCTS