



## GOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND LIAISON COMMITTEE

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### **Minutes for the September 2, 2020 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Legislative Chambers, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Oneida County Office Building With Virtual Option via Cisco WebEx**

*Administered by:*

*Herkimer - Oneida Counties Transportation Study (HOCTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)*

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Chairman Anthony Picente called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

#### **Roll Call**

##### Voting Members present:

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.  
*Steve Billings (Virtual)*

Chairman, Oneida County Executive  
Personnel Officer, Herkimer County, *representing Jim Wallace, Herkimer County Administrator*

Timothy Seymour (Virtual)  
*David Wood*

Commissioner, Herkimer County Social Services  
Legislator, Oneida County Board of Legislators, *representing George Joseph, Oneida County Board of Legislators Majority Leader*

Kurt J. Ackerman

Chairman, Planning and Development Committee, Herkimer County Legislature

*Mary Austin Pratt*

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

*Linda Lubey*

Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation Region 2, *representing Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation*

*E.J. Moses (Virtual)*

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

Michael Waterman (Virtual)  
Scott Musacchio  
Joseph Smith  
*Matt Andrews (Virtual)*

Public Works Committee Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators  
Supervisor, Town of Verona  
Supervisor, Town of Trenton  
Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development, City of Rome, *representing Jacquelyn Izzo, Mayor, City of Rome*

Philip Sacco  
Glenn D. Asnoe (Virtual)

Minority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators  
Supervisor, Town of Frankfort

Non-voting Members present:

James Genovese, Secretary	Commissioner, Department of Planning, Oneida County
Christian Mercurio (Virtual)	Mohawk Valley EDGE
Mark DeRocco	Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2
Deborah Windecker	Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2
Carolyn McAleec (Virtual)	Representing Assemblywoman Marianne Buttonshon
Dana Crisino	Director, HOCTS
Barb Hauck	Principal Planner
Alexander Turner	Planning Specialist, HOCTS

Voting Members absent:

Vincent Bono	Vice-Chairman, Herkimer County Legislature
Joanne M. Mahoney	Chair, New York State Thruway Authority Board of Directors
Robert Palmieri	Mayor, City of Utica
Michael Mahoney	Mayor, Village of Yorkville
Brian D. Lamica	Mayor, Village of Ilion
Raymond Smith	Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
John Bialek	Mayor, Village of New York Mills

Dana took a roll call of virtual attendees.

**Public Comment**

Dana read a letter from Ann Burnette, Marcy, NY. She is a disabled senior and wanted to voice her concerns regarding the limited public transit routes in both urban and rural areas of Oneida County. She stated the high cost of ride-hailing companies, the need for affordable and accessible rides to medical appointments, and a great need for night transportation for work and recreation. Chairman Picente recognized the letter and noted her concern in the minutes of this meeting. At the direction of Chairman Picente, Dana will follow up with her for her need of alternative transportation. No other public comment given.

Note: Chairman Picente highlighted the remarkable progress of the NYSDOT's Oriskany Blvd. Safety project. On behalf of Oneida County, he thanked NYSDOT staff for the diligent work and safety measures in the way the project was carried out; even through the pandemic. It seems each day of the project, the landscape changes and takes shape. Chairman Picente also highlighted the demolition of a building in front of the Oneida County Public Market, in the REA wing of Union Station. This will also help with the landscaping tied with the Bagg's Square project. Other committee members also remarked of the progress as well.

Deb Windecker, NYSDOT, cited they are monitoring weekly traffic studies and the project is progressing to be completed on schedule by the end of 2020. Also, the Bagg's Square walkway project is progressing and is reconfiguring the landscape as well.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting made by: Philip Sacco
  - Seconded: Glenn D. Asnoe
  - Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 12a: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add FTA Section 5310 Award Project for the NYSARC, Oneida – Lewis Chapter**, concerning the purchase of one 35 feet long, 26 adult passenger (Lot K) bus, in the amount of \$148,445.

Motion to accept resolutions 2020 – 12a, 2020 – 12b, 2020 – 12c, 2020 – 12d, 2020 – 12e, and 2020 – 12f made by: Mary Austin Pratt  
Seconded: Scott Musacchio  
Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 12b: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add FTA Section 5310 Award Project for the Resource Center for Independent Living**, concerning the purchase of one 22 feet long, 8 adult passenger (Lot D) bus, in the amount of \$66,150.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 12c: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add FTA Section 5310 Award Project for the Lutheran Home of Central New York**, concerning the purchase of one 22 feet long, 10 adult passenger (Lot E) bus, in the amount of \$68,791.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 12d: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add FTA Section 5310 Award Project for Valley Health Services**, concerning the purchase of one 22 feet long, 10 adult passenger (Lot E) bus, in the amount of \$68,791.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 12e: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add FTA Section 5310 Award Project for NYSARC, Herkimer County Chapter**, concerning the purchase of two 35 feet long, 26 adult passenger (Lot K) buses, in the amount of \$296,890.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 12f: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add FTA Section 5310 Award Project for ElderLife**, concerning the purchase of the continuation of Mobility Management Services in the amount of \$184,891.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 13: Amendment to the 2020 – 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget**, concerning the operating budget being amended to reflect a reduction of FHWA PL programmed funds in the amount of \$70,351.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: David Wood

Seconded: Linda Lubey

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 14: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to include Appendix C – Expanded Project Listing**, concerning the adoption of the policy document.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Scott Musacchio

Seconded: Mary Austin Pratt

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 15: 2020 Public Participation Plan**

*Resolution tabled prior to meeting by HOCTS Director.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 16: 2021 Traffic Safety Performance Measures Targets**, concerning the adoption of the policy document.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Scott Musacchio

Seconded: Philip Sacco

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 17: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Bridge Replacement Project**, concerning the structural replacement of a State Route 51/Steele Creek bridge in the Village of Ilion to increase the project cost by \$361,000 to \$5,914,000.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Mary Austin Pratt

Seconded: David Wood

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 18: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Blocked Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project**, across various locations, concerning the decrease of the project cost by \$4,115,000 to \$2,501,000.

Motion to accept Resolution 2020 – 18 and 2020 – 18a made by: David Wood

Seconded: Mary Austin Pratt

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 18a: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Bridge Rehabilitation Project**, concerning the funding of a project to rehabilitate a bridge on State Route 825 in the City of Rome funded in the amount of \$3,645,000.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 19: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Traffic Management Center (TMC)/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Project**, concerning an increase of the project cost by \$432,000 to \$1,160,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2022.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Philip Sacco

Seconded: Scott Musacchio

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 20: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Traffic Management Center (TMC)/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**, concerning an increase of the project cost by \$440,000 to \$1,182,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2023.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 21: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Traffic Management Center (TMC)/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**, concerning an increase of the project cost by \$449,000 to \$1,205,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2024.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 22: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Paving Project**, concerning the funding of a project to pave a portion of State Route 51 in the Towns of Frankfort, German Flatts, and Litchfield, funded in the amount of \$690,000.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Timothy Seymour

Seconded: Scott Musacchio

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 23: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Paving Project**, concerning the funding of a project to pave a portion of State Route 12 in the Towns of Trenton and Deerfield, funded in the amount of \$3,600,000.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Joseph Smith

Seconded: Philip Sacco

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 24: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Blocked Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project**, across various locations, concerning the removal of all funding in the amount of \$1,363,000 from the project.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Scott Musacchio

Seconded: Linda Lubey

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 25: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Blocked Preventive Maintenance Paving Project**, across various locations, concerning the reduction in funding for the project in the amount of \$5,865,000 to \$11,225,000.

Motion to accept the Resolution 2020-25 and Resolution 2020-25a made by: Philip Sacco

Seconded: David Wood

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 25a: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Roadside Safety/Rustic Guiderail Project**, across various locations, concerning the increase in funding for the project in the amount of \$4,088,000 to \$7,244,000.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 26: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Culvert Repair/Replacement Project**, across various locations, concerning the increase in funding for the project \$448,000 to \$3,596,000.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Michael Waterman

Seconded: Mary Austin Pratt

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 27: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Blocked Safety Traffic Signals/Channelization/Sight Distance Improvements Project**, across various locations, concerning the complete reduction in funds of the project of \$1,906,000 to \$0.

Motion to accept Resolution 2020 – 27 and 2020 – 27a made by: Scott Musacchio

Seconded: Philip Sacco

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 27a: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Traffic Signals/Channelization/Sight Distance Improvements Project**, concerning the funding of a project for North Genesee Street in the City of Utica funded in the amount of \$1,906,000.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 28: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Safety Blocked Traffic Signals/Channelization/Sight Distance Improvements Project**, across various locations, concerning the complete removal of funding from the project in the amount of \$1,906,000 to \$0.

Motion to accept Resolution 2020 – 28 and Resolution 2020 – 28a made by: Scott Musacchio

Seconded: Linda Lubey

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

**HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 28a: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add an Intersection Improvements/Realignment Project**, concerning the funding of a project on State Route 12 in the Village of Boonville funded in the amount of \$1,906,000.

*Resolution accepted in previous motion.*

## **Report of Administrative Modifications Memorandum**

2020 – 18MOD

PIN 282190, Annual Allocation for FTA Section 5310 to Improve Efficiency in Operations; as Safety Improvement, to Improve Customer Experience (Block). The federal funding year has changed from 2021, 2020, 2023 to 2020 for all phases. The total project amount has increased from \$769,000 to \$833,959.

2020 – 19MOD

PIN 282190, Supplemental to 2020 – 18MOD. Further revised a clerical error in processing in eSTIP.

2020 – 21MOD

PIN 211806, Route 28 over Forestport Reservoir (BIN 1020210) and County Route 72 (BIN 1020220): Bridge Deck Replacement Superstructure Replacement. The funding years for the Construction and Construction Inspection phase of the project is being changed from FFY 2021 to FFY 2020.

## **NYSDOT Region 2 Report**

Deb Windecker cites that with the COVID pandemic, NYSDOT construction projects have continued as 100% essential and gave the following update on local NYSDOT projects:

### Route 5s/Oriskany Blvd Safety Project

Installing drainage structures at Broad, John and North Genesee, form and place concrete sidewalks/bike paths/stamped concrete and brick pavers. Roundabout at John St. is taking shape with traffic flowing in the new pattern east and west. It was noted that the reduction of fuel costs has resulted in savings in paving costs in the current bids.

### Bagg Square/Pedestrian Walkway

The adjacent pedestrian walk way project from on N. Genesee St. to Wurz Ave. is also underway. CCI Contractor Grading installing curb for new shared path at Genesee St Island and installing bike path over Genesee St.

### Higginsville Bridge:

Two girders have been set and preparing for the third and fourth to be set along with completing GRSS wall to final height. On schedule for end of year completion.

### Bridge Painting (Rt. 51/Washington St. Bridge) in Herkimer

Blasting, cleaning, prime, and finish coats are complete on 50% of the bridges at the State Rte. 51 and State Rte. 5 interchange. Contractor is moving to Washington St. Bridge over Mohawk/Canal to install containment & blast, prime, and paint.

### Recently let or upcoming projects for this year:

Awarded Projects:

- State Route 5 paving from East Herkimer to Little Falls has been awarded to Hanson Construction. - \$2.6M
- State Route 365 to State Route 920V to Oneida County line awarded to Dolomite Products. - \$3.4M

### Upcoming Lettings:

- State Routes 5/8/12 bridge replacement in Town of New Hartford will be let on 11/19/2020. The \$15M project was awarded freight funds in 2019. The new bridge will increase the vertical clearance

to address bridge hits. The LRTP also calls for an intersection improvement along this corridor. The bridge replacement was designed to allow for a future project of this type.

- In November, the Oneida County's Middle Settlement Road project will be let for widening State Rt. 5 to Clinton St. for \$3.5M.
- Eight traffic signals in both counties will be let for \$1 million for replacement as a part of a traffic signals improvement project.
- A deck replacement is scheduled to be let in November for State Route 28 over Forestport Reservoir and is scheduled for construction in Spring 2021 with completion before July 4, 2021. This will be accomplished via an off-site detour through Woodgate Drive (Village of Boonville) and County Route 61 (Hawkinsville Road).

### CHIPS

The next round of quarterly submissions for CHIPS is currently open until September 4 for municipalities to make a submission to NYSDOT. It was noted that CHIPS maybe subject to a 20% reduction in the Governor's budget proposal.

### Proposed NYS Budget

Also in the Governor's budget proposal, \$100 million was recently announced for BRIDGENY. NYSDOT anticipates that a solicitation for projects will occur by the end of the year or first part of next year. Additionally, TAP funds may be awarded as well. CMAQ funds will only be available for Montgomery County.

### New Federal Transportation Bill

It was noted that a new federal transportation bill is unlikely before the new federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020; a continuing resolution is more likely.

### **Other Business**

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: David Wood

- Seconded
- Voting: Passed 14- 0 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.

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Respectfully submitted by Barb Hauck, HOCTS