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Minutes for the February 24, 2022 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Quarterly Meeting – Q1 2022 Room 242 Herkimer County Office Building

Administered by:

Herkimer – Oneida Counties Transportation Council (HOCTC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Chairperson V. Jim Bono called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Roll Call

Voting Members present:

V. Jim Bono, Chairperson

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.

James Wallace

Timothy Seymour

Mary Austin Pratt

Dan Guzewich

Scott Musacchio

Joseph Smith

Linda Lubey

Tim Julian

E.J. Moses

John Piseck

David Catalfamo

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Oneida County Executive

Administrator, Herkimer County

Commissioner, Herkimer County Social Services

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

*representing Michael Waterman Public Works Committee
Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators*

Supervisor, Town of Verona

Supervisor, Town of Trenton

New York State Department of Transportation

Oneida County Legislator, *representing Philip Sacco,
Minority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators*

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

Executive Director, Herkimer County Industrial
Development Agency

Director, Economic Development, Oneida County

Non-voting Members present:

James Genovese, Secretary	Commissioner, Department of Planning, Oneida County
Dana Crisino, Clerk	Director, HOCTC
Christopher Burch	Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Works, Oneida County
Mark Nagele	Chairman, Superintendent, Herkimer County Highways Department
Deb Windecker	Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2
Christine LaBuzzetta	NYSDOT, Region 2
Barb Hauck	Principal Planner, HOCTC

Other attendees:

Robert Smullen Assemblyman, District 118, New York State Assembly

Voting Members absent:

Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
Majority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators
Mayor, City of Utica
Mayor, City of Rome
Supervisor, Town of Frankfort
Chair, NYS Thruway Authority Board of Directors

• **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting made by: Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
 - Seconded by: James Wallace
 - Discussion: None
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

• **Public Comment**

- No public comment.

• **Director's Report**, presented by Dana Crisino.

- Dana Crisino gave a synopsis of HOCTC activities for the past quarter.
- The new federal transportation legislation, IIJA, is still being unpacked: Reviewing and understanding the changes, evaluating documents to determine if compliance updates are needed, and learning about new funding programs are ongoing.
- Progress on LTPAP: The Local Transportation Planning projects that had been put on hold due to COVID has been restarted with an RFP solicitation to seek a consultant. This has been done in conjunction with the Oneida County Main Street program, which is funded with COVID recovery funding.
- Progress on PEL: The Exit 31 PEL Study is still being worked on with the scoping document progressed towards finalization. It is expected the PEL RFP will be released in the beginning of SFY 2022.

- Prepping for TIP development: The TIP for 2023 – 2027 will be developed over the next few months. Solicitation for this document have been sent out and now awaiting any projects for consideration.
 - John Piseck asked if a railroad spur in Herkimer County; Dana said it can be considered, but the concept needs have estimated costs and construction cost. Also asked about having transit in Herkimer County; there was a short discussion on this topic with James stating that future conversations will be needed to develop a Herkimer transit.
- Development of the UPWP: The UPWP for 2022 – 2023 highlights will be presented in the Presentation section.

- **NYS DOT Region 2 Report**, presented by Deb Windecker.
 - Deb Windecker introduced a new staff member Christine LaBuzzetta.
 - Deb gave a report on the activities that NYS DOT Region 2 has performed in the last quarter.
 - Noted two projects in progress:
 - Route 8 over Rtes. 5 & 12 will be completed in the fall of 2022. However, three ramps will be closed April through August so to finish the project.
 - Route 20 Culvert Replacement project is accelerated due to an emergency situation, therefore a section of Rt. 20 will be closed May through June to complete.
 - NYS DOT will have a transportation budget hearing on their Five Year Capital Plan on February 15th at 9:30 am. It is a \$32.8 billion plan for the SFY 22-23 through SFY 26-27. It includes the following:
 - \$6.1 billion in direct State aid to local government
 - \$538 million for CHIPS
 - \$150 million for Pave-NY
 - \$100 million for Extreme Weather Recovery (EWR)
 - \$100 million for State Touring Route road revitalization (new in 2021)
 - \$200 million annually for rehab./replace of culverts and bridges
 - \$100 million for New program – Operation Pave our Potholes.
 - Recent Lettings in December –January:
 - Route 51 (Otsego St.) over Steele Creek for a bridge replacement in Herkimer County. Contract was awarded to Rifenburg for \$3.8 million as low bidder.
 - Route 26/365 Safety & Pavement Project, City of Rome in Oneida County. Contract was awarded to Hanson for \$6.7 million as low bidder.
 - Bridge Painting Contract for Mulaney Rd. & Doyle Rd. Bridges over Rt. 12, in Oneida County. It was awarded to Amstar, Western NY for \$1.1 million as low bidder.
 - Transportation Alternative Program (TAP):
 - The 2018 TAP awarded project of Mohawk River Trail Phase II, C. in Rome will be let in March 2022 for \$1.1 million.
 - The 2022 TAP awards are anticipated in Spring 2022.
 - Bridge New York Awards for 4 bridges and 1 culvert in Herkimer & Oneida Counties are as follows:
 - A bridge replacement for the Town of Ohio, Harvey Bridge Rd. over West Canada for \$3.9 million.

- A bridge rehabilitation for the City of Rome, S. James St. over Erie/Barge Canal for \$2.4 million.
- A bridge replacement for the Town of Forestport, Round Lake Rd./Long Lake Outlet for \$1.15 million.
- A bridge replacement for the Town of Trenton, Old Poland Rd./Cincinnati Creek for \$3.7 million.
- A culvert replacement for the Village of Boonville, Summit St./Mill Creek for \$.99 million.
- Block Project Funding:
 - 2TLB21 for Oneida County Local Block for \$1.169 million.
 - 2TLS24 for Local Safety Project 24 for \$2.0 million.

- **Other Reports - *NONE***

- **Presentations**

- **2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**, presented by Dana Crisino.

Dana Crisino gave the following presentation: The 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be effective April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023. The new UPWP furthers the LRTP and project planning for investment as well as supports the TIP capital programming for investment. It will promote cooperation and coordination across modal systems and provide a forum for the community to discuss transportation. The regional development goals are aligned with transportation investments. The UPWP provides the ability to access technical and industry knowledge to member municipalities.

The primary task categories for the UPWP are Program Support and Administration, General Development and Comprehensive Planning, Long Range Transportation Planning on both a system and project level, Short Range Transportation Planning, and the Transportation Improvement Program.

As of December 31, 2021, FHWA and FTA designated new Planning Emphasis Area (PEAS): 1) Tackling the Climate Crisis-Transition to Clean Energy, Resilient Future, 2) Equality and Justice40 in Transportation Planning, 3) Complete Streets, 4) Public Involvement, 5) Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense Coordination, 6) Federal Land Management Linkages (PEL), and 7) Data in Transportation Planning. These are incorporated into the UPWP.

In summary, the UPWP: 1) directs the work of the HOCTC staff, 2) accounts for efforts to meet transportation goals, 3) supports the TIP/STIP projects, 4) lays the groundwork for future program years, and 5) continues the Federal purpose of the MPOs "...to carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive performance-based multimodal transportation planning process." (U.S. Code 23 CFR 450.300)

- **Old Business - *NONE***

- **New Business**
 - **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –01: Approval of the HOCTC 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**, presented by Dana Crisino.
 - Description: Adoption of the HOCTC 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: James Wallace
 - Seconded by: Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0
 - **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –02: Amendment to the 2020-2024 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Christine LaBuzzetta.
 - Description: A project shall be added to the MPO TIP, PIN 2754.65 – Bridge NY 2021: Harvey Bridge Road over W. Canada Creek (BIN 2204740), Town of Ohio in Herkimer County in the amount of \$4,120,000.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: James Wallace
 - Seconded by: Timothy Seymour
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0
 - **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –03: Amendment to the 2020-2024 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Christine LaBuzzetta.
 - Description: A project shall be added to the MPO TIP, PIN 2754.66 – Bridge NY 2021: Round Lake Road over Long Lake Outlet (BIN 2205740), Town of Forestport in Oneida County in the amount of \$1,212,000.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Scott Musacchio
 - Seconded by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0
 - **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –04: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Christine LaBuzzetta.
 - Description: A project shall be added to the MPO TIP, PIN 2754.67 – Bridge NY 2021: Old Poland Road (CR56) over Cincinnati Creek (BIN 2205960), Town of Trenton in Oneida County in the amount of \$3,968,000.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Joseph Smith
 - Seconded by: Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0
 - **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –05: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Christine LaBuzzetta.
 - Description: A project shall be added to the MPO TIP, PIN 2754.71 – Bridge NY 2021: South James Street over Erie Canal (BIN 4206450) City of Rome in Oneida County in the amount of \$2,576,000.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Anthony J. Picente, Jr.

- Seconded by: Tim Julian
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –06A: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to delete a Bridge Rehabilitation Project**, presented by Christine LaBuzzetta.
 - Description: The formerly tabled Resolution 2021-33A project on the MPO TIP, PIN 2TLB23 – Local Bridge/Pavement Rehabilitation Project 23 (Block) shall now be removed from the TIP and contingent upon the approval of HOCTC Resolution 2022-06B.
 - Discussion: None
 - *Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06A was held and done together with Resolution 2022-06B.*

- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –06B: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Christine LaBuzzetta.
 - Description The formerly tabled Resolution 2021-33B project, PIN 2754.64 has a project change. PIN 2754.64 is now a Bridge Replacement Project – Ashe Road (CR246) over Crum Creek (BIN 3307720) in the amount of \$2,000,000.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion to approve both Resolution 2022 –06A and 2022 –06B together made by: James Wallace
 - Seconded by: John Piseck
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –07: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Christine LaBuzzetta.
 - Description: A project shall be added to the MPO TIP, PIN 2029.69 – Route 5S over Nawadaga Creek (BIN 1002790) Town of Danube in Herkimer County in the amount of \$5,614,000.
 - Discussion: There was a question asking if NYSDOT is going to get rid of the trusses; NYSDOT stated that the trusses will be take down.
 - Motion to approve the resolution made by: John Piseck
 - Seconded by: Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 – 08A: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Preventative Maintenance Project**, presented by Christine LaBuzzetta.
 - Description: A project on the MPO TIP, PIN 2TM243 – Preventative Maintenance: Single Course Overlay (D Contract) shall be revised to have its NHPP funding eliminated due to fiscal constraints, and the STBG Flex funds transferred to PIN 2056.85, HOCTC Resolution 2202-08B upon its approval.
 - Discussion: None.
 - *Motion to approve Resolution 2022-08A was held and done together with Resolution 2022-08B.*

- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 – 08B: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Preventative Maintenance Project**, presented by Christine LaBuzzetta.

- Description: A project on the MPO TIP, PIN 2056.85 – Preventative Maintenance: CIPR w/Overlay (D Contract) – Rte. 8: Clayville to Rte. 840, Town of Paris and New Hartford in Oneida County, shall be revised to reflect a cost increase in the amount of \$2,810,000 upon approval of HOCTC Resolution 2022-08A.
- Discussion: None
- Motion to approve both Resolution 2022 –08A and 2022 –08B together made by: Mary Austin Pratt
 - Seconded by: Scott Musacchio
 - Voting: Passed, 13-0-0

- **Administrative Modifications to the 2020 – 2024 TIP**

- Dana gave a report of the administrative modifications made to the MPO TIP in the last quarter as the following:

ADMIN MOD. #	PIN	DESCRIPTION	AGENCY
2022-01MOD	280640	Overhead Sign Structure Project 22. Construction phase increased to \$2.5m and Construction Inspection increased to \$0.3m, for a Total Project Cost increase of \$90,000.	NYSDOT
2022-02MOD	282172	Purchase a Supervisory Vehicle for Centro of Oneida (Utica) in Oneida County. The funding year of the project is changed from FFY 2021 to FFY 2022. The funding sources and total project cost remain the same.	NYSDOT
2022-03MOD	282174	Purchase a Service Truck for Centro of Oneida (Utica) in Oneida County. The funding year of the project is changed from FFY 2021 to FFY 2022. The funding sources and total project cost remain the same.	NYSDOT

- **Other Business**

- Open forum of the committee
 - James Wallace requested a letter from Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the governor to wave the NYSDOT fee for broadband for Herkimer County. This request is based on the bill in Albany that would impose a fee for Broadband buildout costing the county hundreds of thousands of dollars.
 - Jim Bono stated the Frankfort bridge is key to the village and it needs work, and should be red flagged. He requests a letter from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for project support.
 - Deb Windecker state if bridge connects to state road, then NYSDOT can replace. If not, then the municipality would be responsible for replacement.
 - John Piseck asked if there could be a new Thruway exit in Schuyler in Herkimer County. Anthony J. Picente, Jr. said there was meeting with the Thruway Authority in December 2021 where additional exits were touched upon and briefly discussed as well as reconfiguring Exit 31 Utica.
 - It was noted the Thruway Authority had a consistent representation on the GP&L in the past.
 - It was further noted there are safety and traffic problems between Utica and Little Falls.

- John Piseck asked if there are and can be electric charging stations on the canal. Anthony J. Picente, Jr. said he would bring this up at the next Canal Corp. meeting. It was noted there needs to be a comprehensive plan for this on the entirety of the Canal.
- Dana Crisino noted the E.V. Charging Plan is in the process of being updated. Other concerns asked is the funding source.
- It was requested that a letter from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be sent to the NYS Thruway Authority to request a higher position representative be sent to attend the G&L meetings, to answer issues and questions pertaining to the Thruway.

- **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: John Piseck

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Hauck, HOCTC