



## GOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND LIAISON COMMITTEE

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### Minutes for the December 7, 2020 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Virtually held via Cisco WebEx

*Administered by:*

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

*A recording of this meeting is available upon request.*

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Chairman Anthony Picente called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.

#### **Roll Call**

##### Voting Members present:

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.

Jim Wallace

Vincent Bono

Timothy Seymour

*Mary Austin Pratt*

*Linda Lubey*

*Brian Schultz*

Michael Waterman

Scott Musacchio

Joseph Smith

*Matt Andrews*

Philip Sacco

Glenn Asnoe

*Chris Lawrence*

*Jerrin George*

Chairman, Oneida County Executive

Administrator, Herkimer County

Vice-Chairman, Herkimer County Legislature

Commissioner, Herkimer County Social Services

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

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

Chief Executive Officer, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority, *representing Nicholas Laino, Chairman, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority*

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*

Minority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators

Supervisor, Town of Frankfort

Planner, City of Utica, *representing Robert Palmieri, Mayor, City of Utica*

Professional Engineer I, *representing Joanne M. Mahoney, Chair, New York State Thruway Authority Board of Directors*

##### Non-voting Members present:

James Genovese, Secretary

Commissioner, Department of Planning, Oneida County

Mark DeRocco	Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2
Deborah Windecker	Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2
Carolyn McAleese	<i>Representing Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon</i>
Dana Crisino	Director, HOCTS
Barb Hauck	Principal Planner, HOCTS
Alexander Turner	Planning Specialist, HOCTS
John Piseck	Executive Director, Herkimer County IDA
Bob Pronteau	County Attorney, Oneida County
Carlos Gonzalez	Community Planner, FHWA NY Division
Mark Laramie	Commissioner, Oneida County Department of Public Works
Mark Nagele	Superintendent, Herkimer County Highway Department
Jeff Quackenbush	GIS Coordinator, Oneida County Department of Planning
Christian Mercurio	Vice President Planning & Development, Mohawk Valley EDGE
E.J. Moses	Director of Facilities, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority

Voting Members absent:

Michael Mahoney	Mayor, Village of Yorkville
Brian D. Lamica	Mayor, Village of Ilion
Raymond Smith	Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
Kurt J. Ackerman	Chairman, Planning and Development Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
George Joseph	Majority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2020 meeting made by: Scott Musacchio
  - Discussion: None
  - Seconded, Mary Austin Pratt
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
  
- **Oneida County Transportation Report**
  - Mark Laramie gave a presentation on the transportation projects and investments made by Oneida County for the past year. Mark highlighted the funding challenges that the COVID-19 Pandemic caused.

The total amount of funding expended on highway improvement projects for 2020 was \$3,500,000. There were 23 projects that covered approximately 34 linear miles of roadway. Of those projects, one was a Micro Pave project, one was a Nova Chip with Micro Milling project, five were Mill and Fill projects, and 16 of those were Hot Top Paving projects.

\$1.5 million dollars was expended on bridge and structure improvement projects. There were four projects, of which, one was a bridge deck replacement, and three were structure replacements.

The Marcy – SUNYIT Parkway reconstruction has a design in progress with an estimated cost of \$7 million. The letting and construction schedule of that project will commence in 2021.

Concerning locally administered Federal and/or State Aid projects, the reconstruction of Middle Settlement Road in the Town of New Hartford is currently being designed with an estimated cost of \$5,422,000. Additionally, the replacement of three arch bridges in the Towns of Annsville, Steuben, and Lee is currently being designed with a total cost estimate of \$1,584,000. The letting and construction of that project will commence in 2021.

There are some projects that are owned/funded by the respective Towns while being sponsored/administered by Oneida County. These projects include: the rehabilitation of Mill Street Bridge over Fish Creek in the Town of Camden for \$1,178,822, the replacement of Horton Road Bridge over Woodhull Creek in the Town of Forestport for \$1,487,200, the replacement of the Clinton Street Bridge over Sauquoit Creek in the Town of New Hartford for \$3,958,000, and the replacement of the Oneida Street Bridge over Sauquoit Creek in the Town of Paris for \$1,600,000. The Clinton Street Bridge project is currently underfunded but the County is targeting future Bridge NY programs as an additional funding source. The Oneida Street Bridge project is also underfunded but the County will allocate additional Local Block funds in order to complete.

- **Herkimer County Transportation Report**

- Mark Nagele gave a presentation on behalf of the Herkimer County Highways Department for projects undertaken for the past year.

There were many storm damage emergency highway repairs undertaken due to the October 2019 floods. These projects included: Dairy Hill Road roadway reconstruction in the Town of Salisbury (\$610,213.30 of FEMA and CHIPS funding), Black Creek Road Bridge Replacement in the Town of Norway (\$468,856.70 of CHIPS funding), Military Road culvert deck replacement in the Town of Russia (\$271,416.19 of CHIPS funding), highway rehabilitation of Ohio City Road and Church Street in the Town of Ohio (\$437,829.37 in PAVE NY funding), roadside bank armoring on Bush Road in the Town of Schuyler (\$82,268.06 in FEMA and CHIPS funding), a bridge replacement on Gray Wilmurt Road in the Town of Norway (\$842,630.43 in FEMA, CHIPS, and EWR funding), bank stabilization on White Creek Road in the Town of Newport (\$299,999.00 in FEMA and CHIPS funding), creek bank armoring along Emmonsburg Road in the Town of Salisbury (\$296,000.00 in FEMA and CHIPS funding), general countywide storm and flood damage repairs (\$600,000 in FEMA and county emergency funds), and emergency countywide pavement repairs (\$383,599.55 in FEMA and EWR funds).

Other projects undertaken by the department included: highway resurfacing of Chepachet Road in the Town of Winfield (\$253,747.85 in PaveNY funding), relining of a large culvert on Summit Road and Newport Road in the Towns of Newport and Schuyler (\$442,434.00 in CHIPS funding).

- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 29: Renaming of the Herkimer – Oneida Counties Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization** presented by Dana Crisino.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to accept resolution made by: Vincent Bono
  - Seconded, Chris Lawrence
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 30: Bylaws of the Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee** presented by Dana Crisino.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to accept the resolution made by: Chris Lawrence
  - Seconded, Scott Musacchio
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
  
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 31: Revision to the Voting Membership of the Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee** presented by Dana Crisino.
  - Discussion: Vice-Chairman Bono expressed his interest in seeing the inclusion of economic development onto the membership of the committee which was not present in the proposal. Chairman Picente expressed interest in Vice-Chairman Bono’s proposal as well. He also expressed his opinion on the importance of contributions by committee members. Dana states that she would like to have the resolution tabled until February 2021 in order to look into the inclusion of economic development members.
  - Motion to table the resolution made by: Michael Waterman
  - Seconded, Philip Sacco
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
  
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 32: 2020 Public Participation Plan**, concerning the approval of the HOCTS 2020 Public Participation Plan, presented by Dana Crisino.
  - Discussion: Carlos Gonzalez commends Dana on the quality of the Public Participation Plan and working with the MPO on the UPWP.
  - Motion to accept resolution made by: Jim Wallace
  - Seconded, Mary Austin Pratt
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
  
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 33: Amendment to the 2017-2020 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan to update Appendix 1 with 2021 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Senior and Individuals with Disabilities Project List**, concerning the adoption of the resolution, presented by Dana Crisino.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to accept the resolution made by: Timothy Seymour
  - Seconded, Mary Austin Pratt
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
  
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 34A: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Preventive Maintenance (PM) Project**, concerning the revision of a preventive maintenance project for Route 26/365 in Oneida County, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to accept Resolutions 2020 – 34A, 2020 – 34B, and 2020 – 34C together made by: Vincent Bono
  - Seconded, Chris Lawrence
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
  
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 34B: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Safety (Block) Project**, concerning a revision of the project, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - *Resolution passed in previous motion.*

- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 34C: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Blocked Preventative Maintenance (PM) Pavement Project**, concerning a revision of the project, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - *Resolution passed in previous motion.*
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 35: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Railroad Crossing Improvements Project**, concerning NYS&W Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements in Oneida County, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to accept resolution made by: Michael Waterman
  - Seconded, Mary Austin Pratt
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 36A: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Block Bridge Preventive Maintenance Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to accept Resolutions 2020 – 36A and 2020 – 36B together made by: Michael Waterman
  - Seconded, Scott Musacchio
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 36B: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Bridge Cleaning Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - *Resolution accepted in previous motion.*
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 37A: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to remove a Blocked Bridge Preventative Maintenance project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to accept Resolutions 2020 – 37A and 2020 – 37B together made by: Michael Waterman
  - Seconded, Mary Austin Pratt
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 37B: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to revise a Preventative Maintenance Bridge Repairs Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - *Resolution accepted in previous resolution.*
- **HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 38: Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 TIP to add a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Project**, concerning the addition of a project to install/improve pedestrian facility traffic signals and devices, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to accept resolution made by: Jim Wallace
  - Seconded, Philip Sacco
  - Voting: Passed, 15-0-0

#### **Report of Administrative Modifications Memorandum**

- 2020 – 23MOD

- PIN 280626, Crack Sealing Project 20. Construction phase increase in funding by \$90,000.
- 2020 – 24MOD
  - PIN 265055, Utica Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP). Funding year in Construction and Construction Inspection phases changed from FFY 2020 to 2021.
- 2020 – 25MOD
  - PIN 280663, Bridge Cleaning Project 20. Funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection phases changed from FFY 2020 to 2021.
- 2020 – 26MOD
  - PIN 280632, Crack Sealing Project 21. Deletion of Scoping and Preliminary Design phases. Increase in project funding by \$8,000.
- 2020 – 27MOD
  - PIN 280642, Crack Sealing Project 22. Deletion of Scoping and Preliminary Design phases. Decrease in project funding by \$8,000.
- 2020 – 28MOD
  - PIN 280634, Pavement Marking Project 21. Deletion of Scoping and Preliminary Design phases. Decrease in project funding by \$29,000.
- 2020 – 29MOD
  - PIN 280641, Pavement Marking Project 22. Deletion of Scoping and Preliminary Design phases. Increase in project funding by \$9,000.
- 2020 – 30MOD
  - PIN 280627, Roadside Safety/Guiderail Project 20. ROW phases deleted. Decrease in project funding by \$127,000. Change in funding year from FFY 2021 to 2020.
- 2020 – 32MOD
  - PIN 280630, Culvert Repair/Replacement Project 21. Project removed from TIP due to projects outside MPO. Project to remain on STIP. Changes to funding year of all phases. Decrease in project funding by \$2,000.

## **NYSDOT Region 2 Report**

Deb Windecker gave a report on the activities that NYSDOT Region 2 has performed in the last quarter. The following projects were let during the time period: Traffic Signal Improvement Project 19 was awarded to Powerline – Construction for \$1.057M, Route 28/Forestport Reservoir & CR 72 had Luck Brothers as the apparent low bidder at \$2.12M, Overhead Sign Structure – 20’ had Elderlee as the apparent low bidder at \$996,000, and the Route 8 Bridge Replacement at Route 5, 8, and 12 Interchange had the apparent low bidder among nine bidders as Bette/Cring, LLC at \$11.85M.

The Higginsville Bridge was opened on November 10 after ten years of being closed. Richfield Street in the Town of German Flatts was also recently opened after being awarded funding through BRIDGENY. All of the projects in the 2016 round of BRIDGENY have been completed.

The 5s Safety Project will have the roundabout opened on the week of December 13. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of the year with follow-up landscaping items to be completed next spring. The Bagg’s Square Pedestrian Way project is also nearing completion.

The paving projects on Routes 12 and 49 have been completed. Bridge painting on the Route 51 Washington Street Bridge in Herkimer County has also been completed.

Upcoming projects to be let include: Paving Improvement on State Route 51 let under a VPP/OGS contract on December 10, Paving Improvement on State Route 12 from State Route 8 to Putnam Road/Trenton Road Intersection also let under a VPP/OGS contract on December 10, and the Village of Mohawk Paving and Signal Upgrades which will be let in January.

NYSDOT received an announcement late last week that the 2020 Marchiselli funds that were applied for have been approved. These funds are used in projects when there is a federal match of 80% and the remaining 20% is locally matched. Marchiselli funds is a state funding source that will subsidize the local cost of a project for a total of 15%. Region 2 had \$910,000 with around \$600,000 for use in Oneida County.

NYSDOT has been working with HOCTS to get an RFP prepared for a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study on the Thruway Exit 31 Interchange in Utica. It is anticipated that the scope of work will be developed in January 2021 with a planned release in Spring 2021. HOCTS has allocated \$100,000 to such a study and NYSDOT has secured \$300,000 in statewide planning research funds.

A Bridge NY Round 3 was discussed to be included in the NYS Budget, Region 2 anticipates that another round of solicitation within the next year.

#### **Other Business**

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Vincent Bono

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

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Respectfully submitted by Alexander Turner, HOCTS