



GOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Minutes for the June 23, 2020 Governmental Policy & Liaison (GP&L) Committee Quarterly Meeting – Q2 2020 Virtual Meeting held via Cisco WebEx

Administered by:

Herkimer – Oneida Counties Transportation Study, Metropolitan Planning Organization

At 9:38 am Dana Crisino started the meeting with some comments about the process and procedures of the first WebEx GP&L meeting will follow. The call to order made by Kevin Revere, Chief of Staff, Oneida County at 9:38 am until Anthony Picente, Oneida County Executive took over the meeting as Chairman at 9:45 am.

Roll Call

Voting Members present:

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.	Chairman, Oneida County Executive
Vincent Bono	Vice-Chairman, Herkimer County Legislature
Jim Wallace	Herkimer County Administrator
Timothy Seymour	Commissioner, Herkimer County Social Services
Mary Austin Pratt	Legislator, Oneida County Board of Legislators, <i>representing Gerald J. Fiorini, Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators</i>
Andy Karas	Engineer, City of Utica, <i>representing Robert Palmieri, Mayor, City of Utica</i>
Linda Lubey	Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation Region 2, <i>representing Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation</i>
E.J. Moses	Director of Facilities, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority, <i>representing Nicholas Laino, Chairman, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority</i>
Michael Waterman	Public Works Committee Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators
Scott Musacchio	Supervisor, Town of Verona
Jerrin George	Professional Engineer I, <i>representing Joanne M. Mahoney Chair, New York State Thruway Authority Board of Directors</i>
Joseph Smith	Supervisor, Town of Trenton
Matt Andrews	Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development, City of Rome, <i>representing Jacquelyn Izzo, Mayor, City of Rome</i>
Philip Sacco	Minority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators

Non-voting Members present:

James Genovese, Secretary	Commissioner, Department of Planning, Oneida County
Kevin Revere	Chief of Staff, Oneida County
Chris Tuff	Vice-President of Administration, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority
Dana Crisino	Director, HOCTS
Barb Hauck	Principal Planner
Alexander Turner	Planning Specialist, HOCTS
Mark DeRocco	Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2
Deborah Windecker	Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT, Region 2

Voting Members absent:

Raymond Smith	Chairman, Highways Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
Kurt J. Ackerman	Chairman, Planning and Development Committee, Herkimer County Legislature
Brian D. Lamica	Mayor, Village of Ilion
Michael Mahoney	Mayor, Village of Yorkville
Glenn D. Asnoe	Supervisor, Town of Frankfort
John Bialek	Mayor, Village of New York Mills
George E. Joseph	Majority Leader, Oneida County Board of Legislators

Dana took a roll call of attendees.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2020 meeting made by: Jim Bono
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed, 13 (Picente, Karas, Moses, Wallace, Smith, Lubey, Pratt, Andrews, Sacco, Musacchio, Seymour, Bono, Waterman) – 0 – 0

Public Comment

No public comment given.

Note: Jerrin George, NYS Thruway Authority, joined the meeting. Now 14 voting members.

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 5: TIP Amendment is for the addition of a project to the TIP, PIN 280656 Wrong Way Mitigation 21. The proposal calling for the addition of \$650,000 for the total project cost for 2020 FFY utilizing HSIP funding. It was noted that the project is for signage at various arterial locations; 58 locations have been identified but actual project inclusion will depend on costs and funding availability.

- Motion to accept made by: Mike Waterman
- Seconded
- Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 6A: TIP Amendment is for the revision of a current project on the TIP, PIN 2TM222 – Blocked Bridge Preventative Maintenance. The proposal calling for the removal of \$3,086,000; of which \$212,000 in NHPP funding for the FFY 2021, \$48,000 in STBG Off-System funding for the FFY 2021, \$63,000 in NHPP funding for the FFY 2022, \$32,000 in in STBG Off-System funding for the FFY 2022, \$2,364,000 in NHPP funding for the FFY 2023, and \$367,000 in STBG Off-System funding for the FFY 2023. There was no discussion. Note: Voting was made after Resolution 2020-6B since they are relating.

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 6B: TIP Amendment is for the revision of a current project on the TIP, PIN 211806 – Bridge Deck Replacement- Route 28 over Forestport Reservoir (BIN 1020210) and CR 72 (BIN 1020220). The proposal calling for the addition of \$496,000 to the project; of which \$36,000 in NHPP funding shall be added to the Detailed Design phase in FFY 2020, \$400,000 in NHPP funding shall be added to the Construction phase in FFY 2021, and \$60,000 in NHPP funding shall be added to the Construction Inspection phase in FFY 2021.

Motion to accept the resolutions 2020-6A and 2020-6B made by: Scott Musacchio

Seconded

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 7: TIP Amendment is for the revision of a current project on the TIP, PIN 275441 – Reconstruction/ Bridge Replacement: Clinton Street Over Sauquoit Creek in the Town of New Hartford (BIN 2206280). The proposal calling for the addition of \$59,000 to the project, which would increase it from \$2,128,000 to \$2,187,000. There was no discussion.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Philip Sacco

Seconded

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 8: TIP Amendment is for the revision of a current project on the TIP, PIN 2TM233 – Preventative Maintenance: Single Course Overlay (D Contract) Blocked PM Pavement. The proposal calling for the removal of \$3,320,000 from the project; of which \$9,000 in NHPP funding shall be removed from FFY 2021, \$176,000 in STBG Flex funding shall be removed from FFY 2021, \$157,000 of NHPP funding shall be removed from FFY 2022, and \$2,978,000 of STBG Flex funding shall be removed from FFY 2022.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Mike Waterman

Seconded

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 9: TIP Amendment is for the revision of a current project on the TIP, PIN 2TM212 – Bridge Painting, Minor Maintenance, General Repair and Washing, Blocked Bridge PM. The proposal calling for the removal of \$3,073,000 from the project; of which \$2,878,000 in NHPP funding and \$195,000 in STBG funding, for a new project cost of \$1,363,000. The removed funding shall be applied to a project outside of the HOCTS MPO jurisdiction, PIN 205735 – Route 13 over Route I90 NYS. Thruway. There was no discussions. Mark DeRocco cited an error on the resolution but the spreadsheet table is correct. Dana will have it corrected before a final resolution is given for signature.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Scott Musacchio

Seconded

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 10: TIP Amendment is for the removal of a current project on the TIP, PIN 2TM213 – Blocked Preventative Maintenance. The proposal is calling for the removal of the project totaling \$11,938,000; of which \$352,000 is in NHPP funding for FFY 2020, \$1,058,000 is in STBG funding for FFY 2020, and \$10,528,000 is in STBG funding for FFY 2021. The total funding allocated to this project shall be applied to projects outside of the HOCTS MPO jurisdiction in Montgomery County, PIN 200808- Route 162 Corbin Hill Road and PIN 218813, Route 67, Route 10 Ephrata to Johnstown city line. There was no discussions.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Mike Waterman

Seconded

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

HOCTS Resolution 2020 – 11: TIP Amendment is for the revision of a current project on the TIP, PIN 2ITS21 – Transportation System Management: TMC/ITS Operations and Maintenance. The proposal calling for the addition of \$105,000 in NHPP funding be added to the Operations phase for the FFY 2020 for a total project cost

of \$819,000. This is due to increased need in staffing requirements contained in the new contract for the TMC operations.

Motion to accept the resolution made by: Mike Waterman

Seconded

Voting: Passed, 14-0-0

Report of Administrative Modifications

Dana Crisino explained that the Administrative Modifications follow the established HOCTS TIP Modification Process. Under this process, an Administrative Modification is necessary when there is one or all of the following conditions: 1) addition or deletion of any phase for an existing project without a change to the total project cost; 2) cost change of less than \$349,999; 3) fund source change for any phase; and 4) change in funding year for the phases of construction or construction inspection. Dana noted that the Administrative Modifications Memo is just for information to the committee and if there are any specific questions, to contact her directly. There was no discussions from the committee members.

NYSDOT Region 2 Report

Deb Windecker, RPPM NYSDOT Region 2, gave the following status report:

NYSDOT 2020 Budget

- The NYSDOT 2020 Budget provides funding to support repair, rehabilitation, and modernization of local roads/bridges. The CHIPS program statewide is funded at \$438M; PAVE NY is funded at \$100M, and EWR at \$65M. The amount authorized may be subject to a reduction of up to 20% due to COVID 19 impacts. Any roller over funds are also re-appropriated. There was a question on the status of non-DOT state grant funds. Deb is not aware of the statuses of non-DOT state grant funds.

CHIPS Program

- CHIP database is open for reimbursement for expenditures that occurred within last 18 months from 12/15/2018 through 6/15/2020. Paperwork needs to be submitted to DOT by 6/24/2020. Payment target date is 7/17/2020.

Federal Transportation Legislation Update

- The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America) Act. Moves onto the House floor. The INVEST in America Act—which the committee says enables the completion of critical projects through long-term, sustainable funding—authorizes \$494 billion over five years to address some of the country’s surface transportation and infrastructure needs. The Transportation bill proposal puts an emphasis on tackling the massive maintenance needs and building smarter, safer infrastructure, all while putting the nation on a path toward zero emissions from the transportation sector—which is the number one source of carbon pollution in the U.S

Project Updates:

With the COVID Pandemic, DOT Construction projects have continued as 100% essential.

- Oriskany Blvd. Safety project is progressing into Phase 2 with a finish date of this year. The ½ of the roundabout is under construction and traffic movement seems to be working well. Left turns have been implemented at Genesee St. /Oriskany Blvd. Curbs, sidewalk, and bike paths are being worked on. (\$16.5M) Sealand
- The adjacent pedestrian walkway project from on N. Genesee St. to Wurz Ave. is also progressing with a completion date of this fall. (\$4.3M) CCI

- Higginsville Bridge – The southside wingwalls have been poured. Steel and deck work will be underway this month – currently reviewing erection plan drawings. On track for completion later this fall. (\$4.9M) - Economy
- The bridge painting on Washington St. and Rt. 51 in Ilion are progressing – (\$2.6M) Rover Contracting
- Rt. 8/12 & I-790 pavement rehab./overhead sign structure – work continues (\$7.6M) Hanson

Recently let or upcoming projects for this year:

- Last 2016 Bridge New York project - Richfield St. over Steele Creek was let in February and construction is underway. Project is being built in conjunction with the Village of Ilion’s Green Infrastructure flood mitigation project. \$1.963M (Joblanski)
- Regionwide Roadside safety guiderail project was let in March and has been awarded for \$4.7M. This project will replace guiderail and other road side safety elements at the sites of 2019 Harsh Winter Paving projects.
- Route 12 over Mill Creek culvert project was let in May and will be under construction this year.

Upcoming Lettings:

- June – Route 5 paving from East Herkimer to Little Falls - \$2.6M let 6/18 (Hanson apparent low bidder) mill/fill.
- June – Route 365 920V to Oneida Co. Line - \$3.3M (apparent low bidder Dolomite) – asphalt prices are down significantly – fuel prices – seeing favorable bids).
- July - Regionwide Roadside safety guiderail for this hears extreme weather paving - \$3.3M.
- July – Utica Pedestrian Safety Action Plan to enhance cross walks/midblocks.
- September – Oneida County’s Middlesettlement Road project - widening from Rt. 5 to Clinton St.

NYSDOT Staffing during COVID

DOT has played significant role in ICS for the State during the Pandemic. Twenty-five percent of DOT staff has provided resources to assist with: warehouse moving of PPE, sanitizer; personnel/trucking for NY Respond tickets; specimen testing transport; Dept. of Health and Labor call center assistance; and initial transport of testing kits to nursing homes.

Other Business

Dana noted the next GP&L meeting will be in the first two weeks of September 2020.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Jim Bono
 - Seconded
 - Voting: Passed 14– 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Hauck, HOCTS