

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, 6th Floor Boardroom, 181 Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY.**

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2007

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Amendment:
 - Cars on Main Street Buffalo (5822.12): Project Acceleration – Tupper to Goodell
- B) Recommendation of UPWP Worksopes and Budget 2008-2010

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee, Administrative Subcommittee
- B) Traffic Changes in the Area Post Toll Removal
- C) Rideshare Program Progress and Next Steps
- D) Human Services Transportation Plan project requests
- E) Regional Freight Study – Status of Deliverables
- F) February 2008 Policy Committee Agenda and Date
- G) Annual GBNRTC Memorandum Of Understanding
- H) 2008 Federal Budget and Projects Funding
- I) National Revenue and Policy Commission discussions-some perspectives for MPOs
- J) New GBNRTC Website Display

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: February 6, 2008, Buffalo City Hall

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on January 9, 2008 at the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:30a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 1. Gary Gottlieb | NYSDOT |
| 2. Robert Gower | NFTA |
| 3. John Bidell | City of Buffalo |
| 4. Kevin O'Brien | County of Niagara |
| 5. Douglas Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 6. Charles Sickler | County of Erie |
| 7. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Richard Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 3. Barb Courtney | GBNRTC |
| 4. Steve Szopinski | GBNRTC |
| 5. Robert Wagner | GBNRTC |
| 6. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 7. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 8. Peter Nixon | NYSDOT |
| 9. Gary Witulski | Buffalo OSP |
| 10. Melissa Golen | NFTA |
| 11. Michael Laydecker | Buffalo Niagara Partnership |
| 12. Heidi Bugenhagen | Buffalo Niagara Partnership |
| 13. Jim Seymour | ESDC/USA Niagara |
| 14. Paul Tronolone | ESDC |
| 15. Frank Dolan | Bergmann Associates |
| 16. Brian Moore | Bergmann Associates |
| 17. Keith Lucas | Seneca Nation |
| 18. Sheila Ransbottom | Fisher Associates |
| 19. Chanel White | The Knoer Group |
| 20. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 21. Kelly Dixon | Center for Transportation Excellence |
| 22. John Mecca | ECHDC |
| 23. Thomas Frank | Bi-National Niagara Bicycle Coalition |
| 24. Roy Schneggenburger | Bowmansville/Lancaster Resident |
| 25. Debra Chernoff | Buffalo Place Inc. |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. At the time of roll call, all members or representatives were present or arrived shortly after.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, suggested Nancy Naples be called in to discuss Amtrak; also talked about the Greenway Commission, Niagara County Bi-Centennial and Niagara Watershed. Roy Schneggenburger talked about the Bike-Ped subcommittee and the healthiness of walking; expressed concern about traffic on Rt 33 between Transit Rd and Harris Hill also the environmental effects of new development

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (1/9/08) as amended for order of presentations

Mr. Gottlieb moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (12/5/07)

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the meeting minutes of 12/5/07, seconded by Mr. Sickler, and all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendment – Cars on Main Street (5822.12) Project Acceleration – Tupper to Goodell

Mr. Trabold explained the project acceleration, a comment was made regarding project separation for TIP and NEPA purposes by Mr. Gottlieb. Mr. Bidell responded yes, separate NEPA was taking place. Mr. DeSantis noted that project acceleration is good. After the brief discussion a vote was called.

Mr. Bidell moved to approve Amendment # 3, seconded by Mr. Sickler, and all were in favor.

B. Recommendation of UPWP Workscopes and Budget 2008 - 2010

Mr. Morse presented the proposed UPWP budget numbers and workscope narratives as recommended by the Administrative Committee to proceed to the final UPWP document phase.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to proceed to the final UPWP document phase, for final approval at February Policy and PCC meetings, seconded by Mr. Gower, and all were in favor.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Regional Freight Study

Mr. Guarino gave a presentation on the status of the regional freight study. Technical Memos 1 and 2 are complete and expect to have Technical Memo 3 ready for the steering committee review by next PCC meeting.

B. New GBNRTC Website

Mr. Guarino presented the new GBNRTC Website, showing layout and functionality of the product to improve public information and interaction with the MPO.

C. Traffic Changes in the Area Post Toll Removal

Mr. Szopinski gave a presentation on the extensive changes in traffic and patterns in the past year, especially post toll barrier removal. Mr. Szopinski noted traffic is up significantly in the two county area on the major expressways and interstates. Vehicle Miles Traveled continues to rise as well. Mr. Tronolone asked when traffic counts on the arterial roads would be taken. Steve responded the summer of 2008

D. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Subcommittee, Administrative Subcommittee

Mr. Sickler reported the TPS approved a cost increase for the Babcock Street Bridge Project and recommended acceleration of a portion of the Cars on Main Street Project to PCC for approval. Also discussed was Project tracking, Safe Routes to School, High Risk Rural Road and Bridge Preventative Maintenance programs.

Mr. Morse reported on the Administrative Subcommittee review and recommendation to move forward with the UPWP program for approval.

E. Rideshare Program Progress and Next Steps

Ms. Courtney discussed activities to promote the areawide program (GoodGoingWNY) including website development, media campaign and direct outreach to local employers.

F. Human Services Transportation Plan project requests

Ms. Courtney stated applications for JARC (\$497,000) and New Freedoms (\$872,000) will be solicited soon. Current projects are pending an approved grant management plan.

G. February 2008 Policy Committee Agenda and Date

Mr. Morse offered a date and time for the meeting and also stated Commissioner Glynn will attend and chair the meeting on Feb 21.

H. Annual GBNRTC Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Morse distributed the annual MOU, detailing agreement of members to cooperate in the MPO planning process, and gave a brief description. Morse also stated that any proposed modifications can be incorporated in preparation for February action

I. 2008 Federal Budget and Projects Funding

Mr. Morse stated the Federal Budget is expected to be approved by the next PCC date. A brief overview of funding levels and expected impacts was presented.

J. National Revenue and Policy Commission discussions-some perspectives for MPOs

Mr. Morse discussed the mission of the Commission and offered a preview of findings in the soon to be released report. Substantial discussion on the federal role in transportation and longer term impacts followed.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Mr. DeSantis reported on the new administration for City Niagara Falls

Mr. O'Brien noted the change with Bill Ross as Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature

Mr. Sickler also noted change in administration with Chris Collins new County Executive and Gerry Sentz as Public Works Commissioner

Mr. Bidell noted City of Buffalo appointed an interim City Engineer

Mr. Gower reported on the opening of the new transit center in Niagara Falls

Mr. Laydecker reported the work is nearly complete for the BNP Regional Agenda and will be available for review at the February meeting

Mr. Tokarczyk stated bids for South Grand Island Bridge were let in December and came in higher than estimate, stated they are deciding about moving forward with project. Also noted there are a variety of reasons for change in traffic on the interstates

Mr. Gottlieb reported on Safe Routes to School, High Risk Rural Roads, also offered help to any municipalities with Right of Way Acquisitions

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse reported on the following:

- Scope of work for supporting the UB 2020 Master Plan was detailed and reviewed. An Advisory Group meeting will be convened to discuss and assign tasks.
- A January meeting in Lancaster will be attended to present the interactive land use and traffic model developed by GBNRTC.
- The new Traffic Count program contract RFP will be advertised in January
- Members were offered a review of the most recent Signal Systems Study scope

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2008 at Buffalo City Hall.

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m., seconded by Mr. Bidell, and all were in favor.

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PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Amendment: Minor Amendment #4-NFTA Bus Purchase Acceleration-Approval to initiate public notification process
- B) Recommendation for GBNRTC Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Approval: Resolution 2008-1
- C) Recommendation of UPWP 2008-2010: Resolution 2008-2
- D) Recommendations Regarding BNP Regional Agenda: Resolution 2008-3
- E) Approval of February 21, 2008 Policy Committee Agenda

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) TIP Projects Status and Look Ahead
- C) Transportation Enhancements Program timeline
- D) Safe Routes to School application process deadline
- E) Demand Management: Sustainability Conference/Earth Day
- F) National Revenue and Policy Commission final recommendations
- G) Lancaster Area Land Use and Traffic Analysis demonstration

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NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: March 5, 2008 at Erie County Public Works Department

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2008 MEETING OF THE
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| 7. Ron Hayes | NYSDOT |
| 8. Peter Nixon | NYSDOT |
| 9. Christopher Church | NYSDOT |
| 10. Gary Witulski | Buffalo OSP |
| 11. Nancy Peters | NFTA |
| 12. John Bidell | City of Buffalo |
| 13. Seyed Ghasemi | City of Buffalo |
| 14. Steven Stepniak | City of Buffalo |
| 15. Michael DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |
| 16. Michael Leydecker | Buffalo Niagara Partnership |
| 17. Heidi Bugenhagen | Buffalo Niagara Partnership |
| 18. Jim Seymour | ESDC/USA Niagara |
| 19. Sheila Ransbottom | Fisher Associates |
| 20. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 21. Chris Fahey | Congressman Higgins |
| 22. Bonnie Kane Lockwood | Congressman Higgins |
| 23. Cristen Manning | The Knoer Group |
| 24. Tim Kennedy | Erie County Legislator |
| 25. Jon McNulty | Senator Mary Lou Rath |
| 26. Thomas Frank | Bi-National Niagara Bicycle Coalition |
| 27. Roy Schneggenburger | Bowmansville/Lancaster Resident |
| 28. Michael Gent | Advisory Group |
| 29. Greg Merlihan | GPI |
| 30. Paul Pfleuger | Watts A/E |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. At the time of roll call, all members or representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, suggested Nancy Naples be called in to discuss Amtrak; Niagara County Bi-Centennial and Niagara Watershed. Roy Schneggenburger talked about the Bike-Ped subcommittee and the healthiness of walking; expressed concern about flooding in the area. Mr. Michael Gent talked about a Regional Advisory group and listed its many members. Erie County Legislator Tim Kennedy asked the members to consider including the South Park Ave Business strip in the TIP

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (2/6/08)

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Gottlieb, all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (1/9/08)

Mr. Gower moved to approve the meeting minutes of 1/9/08, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Notification – Minor Amendment # 4 NFTA Bus Purchase Acceleration

Mr. Trabold explained a proposed acceleration of NFTA Bus Procurement using FTA funds currently designated for Inner Harbor Redevelopment projects, which are not ready to proceed in the current year. A memorandum of understanding would be drafted between NFTA and Empire State Development Corporation outlining the flow of the funding and repayment schedule.

After the brief discussion, Mr. Gower moved to proceed to Public Notification Process, was seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

B. Recommendation for GBNRTC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Approval Resolution 2008-1

As previously presented in January Mr. Morse stated no revisions had been made. Mr. Morse commented on the significance of the agreement.

Mr. O'Brien moved recommendation of the Memorandum of Understanding to Policy Committee, was seconded by Mr. Bidell, all were in favor.

C. Recommendation of UPWP 2008 – 2010: Resolution 2008-2

Mr. Morse presented the final UPWP document and noted the workscopes and budget were previously recommended for assembly and no revisions had been made since.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to recommend approval of the UPWP document to Policy Committee, was seconded by Mr. Bidell all were in favor

D. Recommendations Regarding BNP Regional Agenda: Resolution 2008-3

Mr. Turner of Buffalo Niagara Partnership talked about the Regional Agenda and the importance of the document. Members had questions regarding endorsement of the BNP agenda and what that means. Mr. Morse explained the intent is to have Regional Focus from the Business community through BNP be consistent with what government officials and the Long Range Plan have recommended. After the brief discussion,

Mr. Gottlieb moved to table the resolution pending discussion with BNP and revision to the resolution, with member concurrence, prior to the Policy Committee meeting, was seconded by Mr. Hornung all were in favor

E. Approval of February 21, 2008 Policy Committee Agenda

Mr. Morse briefly went over the proposed agenda

Mr. Bidell moved to approve Policy Agenda, was seconded by Mr. Gower all were in favor

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee

Mr. O'Brien reported the TPS approved Demand Management/CMAQ Obligations. Also discussed was project tracking, Everyone was reminded there is a call for Bridge Maintenance projects, High Risk Rural Road program. Mr. Trabold reported on several of the discussions that took place at the Bike-Ped Subcommittee meeting such as City Buffalos proposed plans for the development of the LaSalle corridor pathway, Two Mile Creek Greenway project update, Bicycle Master Plan for the region and Bicycle Level of Service scores.

B. TIP Projects Status and Look Ahead

Mr. Trabold reported on TIP project status especially the next six months of possible project lettings through June. Also noted was Bridge Maintenance Strategy now in place.

C. Transportation Enhancements Program Timeline

Mr. Trabold handed out brochures outlining the new program this year. Application deadline is June 27, 2008. Also noted the application and brochure are on the NYSDOT website. Two workshops have been scheduled to present the program to the public

D. Safe Route to School application process deadline

Mr. Trabold noted workshops were all held through December the application deadline for this program is April 1, 2008 and should be sent to Matt Balling NYSDOT.

E. Demand Management: Sustainability Conference/Earth Day

Ms. Courtney stated GBNRTC is working with Ecology & Environment to set up an Earth Day committee she noted the NFTA has recently come on board as sponsor of Earth Day and encouraged other member agencies to consider sponsor earth day as well.

F. National Revenue and Policy Commission final recommendations

Mr. Morse presented a summarization of the Commission's findings, focused on challenges for the next fifty years in transportation development. Commission recommendations regarding possible revenue solutions and project delivery improvements were highlighted. Implications for MPOs and especially this region were discussed.

G. Lancaster Area Land Use and Traffic Analysis demonstration

Mr. Szopinski went over the presentation that was given to Lancaster Town Board recently. He also demonstrated the traffic simulation tool, which provides the Town an interactive tool to analyze impacts of proposed development and land use changes. Possible expansion of the tool and intergovernmental utilization was discussed.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Mr. Gottlieb mentioned the State is in the process of looking at the 20 year needs of Transportation and he introduced Mr. Hayes. Mr. Hayes reported the State will be having roundtable forums at nine locations around the state; Buffalo's date is March 4, 2008 from 4pm – 6:30pm.

Mr. Sickler reported County still in transition, and noted the County Attorney position has not been named. Also starting to select candidates for the 2008 pavement program.

Mr. Hornung from the City of Buffalo introduced himself to the members and is looking forward working with everyone.

Mr. Gower stated over the last four years public transit usage continues to experience growth

Mr. DeSantis reported the city is also in personnel transition under the new administration.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse reported on the following:

- Task 3 of the Freight study has been received and is in internal review.
- Starting to assemble a freight advisory committee to look at results and give recommendations for the area
- FTA meetings later this month – status on current projects
- RFP for traffic count is out will be looking to ask members to help in the selection of consultants
- Transit Road North – group of 4 to 5 municipalities are working together to create a new vision for TRN the final report is out and will have an unveiling on Thursday 2/14/08
- Meet with Senior Staff – starting to breakdown the new work program which takes effect April 1, 2008
- President Bush's '09 Budget Proposal – over 3.1 Trillion up 6%, DOT requested 57 billion 10% cut from current funding, proposal calls for cutting highway funding by more than 4%

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2008 at Erie County.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m., seconded by Mr. Sickler, and all were in favor.

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TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the Erie County Department of Public Works, 95 Franklin Street, Room 1404, Buffalo, New York**

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Amendment: Minor Amendment #4-NFTA Bus Purchase Acceleration-Approval
- B) TIP Amendment: Minor Amendment #5-Cost increase for NITTEC
Transportation Operations Center
- C) Major TIP Amendment #1-Resolution 2007-14-Reconsideration of project
PIN #5810.18 per Policy Committee request.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) Earth Day Initiative – Brief Presentation by E&E
- C) Policy Committee Actions and Feedback
- D) Freight Study Status and Schedule for Remaining Activities
- E) Possible Sequence for Priority Studies in next UPWP
- F) NYSDOT Commissioners Forum Series
- G) HSTP: Projects Cycle for JARC, New Freedom and 5310
- H) Regional Model Status: TRANSIMS deployment, Framework project

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: April 2, 2008 – NYSDOT

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on March 5, 2008 at Erie County Department of Public Works, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:40am. The chairman was not in attendance. Members present selected Mr. Sentz as interim chairperson, he accepted.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 2. Melissa Golen | NFTA |
| 3. John Bidell | City of Buffalo |
| 4. Douglas Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 5. Jerry Sentz | County of Erie |

Others present were:

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| 11. Andrew Graham | Voice Buffalo |
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| 13. Kristin Allen | Regional Advisory Group |
| 14. Robert Labenski | GPI |
| 15. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 16. Brian Moore | Bergmann Associates |
| 17. Bob Gibson | Ecology & Environment |
| 18. Edward Cutty | Daemen College Center Sustainable Comm. |
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I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. Sentz called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m. At the time of roll call, five members or representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Niagara County Bi-Centennial and Niagara Watershed. Roy Schneggenburger asked that the Pledge of Allegiance be permanently added to the agenda. He also asked Erie County to temporarily rename Stoney Rd (Stoney-Helwig Rd) & Walden Avenue (Walden-Ellicott Ave) to reflect the history in that area and also mentioned the 175th anniversary of Town/Village of Lancaster and Hamlet of Bowmansville. Edward Cutty asked about the possibility of a shuttle service for the residents in the Seneca/Babcock. Mr. Cutty continued talking about the common interest, of these poorer areas and suburban areas, and a more efficient transit service. He mentioned the Wehrle Drive project. Andy Graham of Voice Buffalo talked about its many members and their idea to look at TIP items in relation to Economic Growth for the area.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (3/5/08)

Mr. Gottlieb moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Bidell, all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (2/6/08)

Mr. Gottlieb moved to approve the meeting minutes of 2/6/08, seconded by Ms. Golen, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendment – TIP Minor # 4 NFTA Bus Purchase Acceleration – Approval

Mr. Trabold stated the public comment period began immediately following February's PCC meeting and was open until March 9, 2008. No comments had been received to date. He briefly reviewed the amendment and noted that it was contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

Ms. Golen moved to conditionally approve the amendment contingent upon no adverse public comments being received through the end of the comment period, seconded by Mr. Gottlieb and all were in favor.

B. TIP Amendment – Minor # 5 NITTEC Budget Increase

Mr. Trabold explained the amendment would increase funding for NITTEC's Traffic Control Operations over a five-year period. Mr. Bidell expressed concern about the long-term impacts of the increased budget and suggested a one-year increase may be more appropriate than five years.

Mr. Bidell moved to amend the resolution for a one-year funding increase only and was seconded by Mr. Sentz: 2 Ayes (City of Buffalo, Erie County), 3 Nays (NYSDOT, NYSTA, NFTA). Motion to amend resolution was defeated.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to approve the original amendment, seconded by Mr. Sentz: 4 Ayes (NYSDOT, NYSTA, NFTA, Erie County), 1 Nay (City of Buffalo). Minor #5 resolution approved.

C. Major TIP Amendment # 1 – Resolution 2007-14 – Reconsideration of project
PIN #5810.18 per Policy Committee request. This action is on hold pending a meeting between NYSDOT and the City of Niagara Falls.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. Trabold reported the TPS met on February 20th and spent most of their time discussing the NITTEC budget and NFTA bus purchase acceleration issues. He also stated the subcommittee tabled a cost increase request for the Michigan Avenue Corridor project. Also discussed were the 2008 construction season and the healthy number of projects to be let. It was reported that several subcommittee members had been meeting with NYSDOT bridge engineers to identify additional bridge maintenance items for next year's program. The next TPS meeting was scheduled for March 19th.

B. Earth Day Initiative

Bob Gibson of Ecology and Environment gave a brief presentation of the local initiatives for Earth Day. The idea is to partner with different organizations and encourage everyone in Western NY to try something other than single occupant vehicular transportation for Earth Day April 22, 2008. Also asked members consider supporting and help get the word out.

C. Policy Committee Actions and Feedback

Mr. Morse briefly went over the resolutions approvals; noted Commissioner Glynn and Mr. Pericak were elected as chair and vice chair, went through National Revenue and Policy Committee recommendations.

D. Freight Study Status and Schedule for Remaining Activities

Mr. Guarino spoke about the progress of the Freight Study. Technical Memos 1 & 2 are final, the steering committee is reviewing Technical Memo 3, which is expected to be final at the end of March. Technical Memo 4 is due in May while Tech Memo 5 is due in June and the study is expected to wrap up in July. He also mentioned a Freight Advisory Committee is being established. The steering committee is expected to meet with the consultants the third week of March.

E. Possible Sequence for Priority Studies in next UPWP

Mr. Morse mentioned the approval the UPWP at policy. The next work program includes a number of important studies in transportation around the region, he asked the group to review the initial set of priorities and advise. Mr. Morse gave a brief progress report on the more urgent studies.

F. NYSDOT Commissioners Forum Series

Mr. Hayes noted Mr. Gee, Executive Deputy Commissioner of DOT was on hand for the forum. Mr. Gee spoke on New York States transportation needs; Mr. Morse gave a presentation on our regions needs. A panel of sixteen people representing all modes of transportation as well as transportation users

joined Mr. Gee in the two-hour discussion. Mr. Hayes also mentioned the opportunity to send comments is available at the DOT website.

G. HSTP: Projects Cycle for JARC, New Freedom and 5310

Mr. Morse mentioned HSTP was approved last year, this cycle has been advertised, and applications are due April 2, 2008. Section 5310 Small Bus Program through legislation requires coordination through the plan; application process through NYSDOT is out and due back June 1, 2008.

H. Regional Model Status: TRANSIMS deployment, Framework project

Recent contracted upgrades are complete, due to traffic pattern changes post toll removal the model was recalibrated we recently received that information, staff is currently compiling that information and should have it available mid March. The Federal demo of TRANSIMS has been installed and is working.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Mr. Gottlieb thanked everyone for their participation in the forum, and expressed interest in finding out about the recent FTA meetings in NYC.

Ms. Golan mentioned the meetings in NYC with the FTA, Cars on Main Street project has been postponed for a thirty-day period, to bring City of Buffalo's new administration up to speed on the project. FHWA agreed to be the lead on Niagara Falls Intermodal.

Mr. Bidell reported the 700 Block of Main Street project will be sent over to the state for final review and mid summer construction is on schedule.

Mr. Sickler noted the Wehrle Drive Project is being advertised and bid on March 27. Freeman Rd. Bridge and Dam project along with Como Park will also be moving forward.

Mr. Tokarczyk mentioned the NYSTA would be conducting Public Hearings on the future toll increase this areas hearing will be March 25 at the Erie County Library at 6pm

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse reported on the following:

- Cheektowaga is very interested extending the Interactive Land Use Model for Lancaster for inter-municipal land use coordination
- Traffic Count proposals are in and a new 4 year contract will soon be in place counting to begin as soon as the weather breaks
- Regional Advisory group met to discuss how they want to participate in this process, next meeting is in May and Hal plans to attend
- NYS MPOs will be meeting this year on June 12 and 13 in Niagara Falls. All are invited to attend

Mr. Sentz noted that the next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2008 at NYSDOT.

Mr. Bidell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m., seconded by Mr. Gottlieb, and all were in favor.

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SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at NYS Department of Transportation, Buffalo Room, Seneca St Buffalo, New York**

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Major Amendments: Authorize public notification for 2 proposed new projects; City of Buffalo and NFTA
- B) TIP Minor Amendments: Cost/Schedule changes to 3 City of Buffalo projects and programmatic realignment for NFTA 5307 Program

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) NYSDOT Multimodal Transportation Program 2009-2014
- C) Regional Travel Model Calibration: Summary Results
- D) Area Road Scoring: 2007 Ratings and Report
- E) Areawide 2008 Traffic Count Program
- F) Preliminary Results 2007 Border Crossing Survey

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

Post Meeting: The recent third deliverable in the Regional Freight Study is available in presentation format (approximately 30 minutes). It will be presented for anyone wishing to stay and view.

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: May 7, 2008 – Niagara Falls – Carnegie Bldg

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on April 2, 2008 at NYS Department of Transportation, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:35am.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 1. Thomas DeSantis | City Niagara Falls |
| 2. Gary Gottlieb | NYSDOT |
| 3. Robert Gower | NFTA |
| 4. John Bidell | City of Buffalo |
| 5. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 6. Paul Zakrzewski | NYSTA |
| 7. Charles Sickler | Erie County |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Kathryn Stilwell | GBNRTC |
| 3. Robert Wagner | GBNRTC |
| 4. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 5. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 6. Matt Grabau | GBNRTC |
| 7. Thomas Kipler | GBNRTC |
| 8. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 9. Ron Hayes | NYSDOT |
| 10. Peter Nixon | NYSDOT |
| 11. Christopher Church | NYSDOT |
| 12. Gary Witulski | Buffalo OSP |
| 13. Mike Leydecker | BNP |
| 14. Heidi Bugenhagen | BNP |
| 15. John Mecca | Consultant ECHDC |
| 16. Kelly Thompson | TVGA |
| 17. Cristen Manning | The Knoer Group |
| 18. Greg Merlihan | GPI |
| 19. Paul Pfleuger | Watts A/E |
| 20. Kristin Allen | Regional Advisory Group |
| 21. Wallace Smith | AAA WNY |
| 22. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 23. Brian Moore | Bergmann Associates |
| 24. Thomas Frank | Bi-National Niagara Bicycle Coalition |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. At the time of roll call all members or their representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Niagara County Bi-Centennial, Greenway Project and the area surrounding BNIA.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (4/2/08)

Mr. O'Brien, moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Bidell, and all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (3/5/08)

Mr. Gower moved to approve the meeting minutes of 3/5/08, seconded by Mr. Zakrzewski, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendment – TIP Minor # 6 Section 5307 Program Realignment

Mr. Trabold presented changes to NFTA's Section 5307 program due primarily to congressional appropriations being \$507,070 lower than the program originally anticipated for FFY 2008. He noted a new NFTA project was being proposed that would be addressed under a later agenda item (II. C).

Mr. Gower moved to approve TIP Minor # 6, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor

B. TIP Amendment – TIP Minor # 7 City of Buffalo Program Realignment

Mr. Trabold noted the realignment program was based on changing project priorities and a project funding shortfall, and affects three current TIP projects within the City of Buffalo. The first action would postpone anticipated construction work on the Elmwood Ave [PIN 5755.46] project until Federal Fiscal Year 2013. The second would add \$452,000 STP Urban to cover additional expenses on the Grider St [PIN 5756.51] project. The third would change the project scope of the Delavan Ave Signal Study [PIN 5757.44] into a full signal replacement project at a total cost of \$2.385M. An additional \$1.86M of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds would be applied for in FFY 2008 to fund that change. He noted the postponed of the Elmwood Ave. would maintain the fiscal constraint of the TIP. He also pointed out that a new city project was being proposed which would be discussed under a later agenda item (II. C).

Mr. Gottlieb indicated recent FHWA guidance called for project advancement within 10 years else the sponsor could be required to repay any federal funds expended. The Elmwood Ave project had federal funds obligated in the year 2000 and approximately \$500,000 may be asked to be repaid. A delay past 2010 would be explicitly contrary to the FHWA guidance. Mr. Bidell explained the city was aware of the risk and anticipated the project would be delayed by a court challenge. There was always

a possibility that it could advance sooner but at this time the City would like to advance the program as presented and fiscally constrained.

Mr. Bidell moved to approve TIP Minor # 7, seconded by Mr. Sickler: 6 Ayes (City of Buffalo, City Niagara Falls, Niagara County, Erie County, NYSTA, NFTA), 1 Nay (NYSDOT). TIP Amendment Minor #7 approved.

C. Major TIP Amendment: Authorize public notification for 2 proposed new projects City of Buffalo and NFTA

Mr. Trabold explained that the NFTA and City of Buffalo program realignments discussed earlier in the meeting both included one new project. The NFTA intends to upgrade bus radio equipment from analog to digital by adding a new project to the Section 5307 Transit Program in FFY 2008 at a cost of \$948,719. The City of Buffalo intends to resurface and implement streetscape improvements on South Park Ave. between Elk St. and the city line, using \$2.233M of STP Urban funds in FFY 2009. Authorization was being requested to initiate public notification in accordance with approved public outreach procedures. Mr. Gottlieb noted his previous concern with delaying the Elmwood Ave project as a condition to advancing the South Park Ave. project and did not believe this was an appropriate action.

Mr. Gower moved to authorize initiation of the public notification process for these two projects, seconded by Mr. Bidell: 6 Ayes (City of Buffalo, City Niagara Falls, Niagara County, Erie County, NYSTA, NFTA), 1 Nay (NYSDOT). Public notification authorization approved.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. O'Brien reported the TPS met on March 19th and spent most of their time discussing project realignments for both the NFTA and City of Buffalo. Continued project tracking was discussed along with a report that categorizes project delays ROW seems to be the most common reason. Mr. Buffamonte reported on Bridge Maintenance proposals received from Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties. Mr. Morse distributed a letter from Canisius College requesting a letter of support to secure special congressional funding for a median on Main Street. The next TPS meeting was scheduled for April 16, 2008.

B. NYSDOT Multimodal Transportation Program 2009-2014

Mr. Gottlieb reported the program along with a list of candidate projects is available on the NYSDOT web page. He also noted the proposal has been sent to the legislature and will be a part of the annual budget deliberations in Albany.

C. Regional Travel Model Calibration: Summary Results

Mr. Grabau presented the Updated Travel Model to include 2007 traffic data.

- Total traffic up significantly on the I-190; 27% increase at Black Rock & 29% at Ogden
- Traffic up over 10% on the free section of the I-90
- Route 5 Skyway traffic is up 7% in the past two years
- Traffic is up nearly 19% on Main Street around the I-290 in Williamsville
- Traffic is down on Route 198

Mr. Grabau also noted the volumes shown after recalibration is impressively close to the actual counts. Future studies the model will be used in

- Rt. 198 Scajaguada Expressway
- I-90/I-290 Buffalo Corridor
- I-290/ Grand Island Bridge Corridor
- Robert Moses Pkwy
- UB 2020 Plan

D. Area Road Scoring: 2007 Ratings and Report

Ms. Stilwell gave a presentation on areawide road scores

- The average surface score in 2007 for entire Federal-aid eligible system in Erie and Niagara Counties has increased slightly to 6.83 compared to 6.71 in 2005
- Of the approximately 5000 total lanes miles scored in 2007, almost 7% were rated in excellent condition; 68% were in good condition; almost 19% were in fair condition; and slightly less than 6% were in poor condition; 0.4% were under construction at time of survey.
- The Interstate systems in the two county regions are in good condition with the highest average surface score of 7.43; about 75% of lane miles rated were in the good category. It also carries a significant amount of the regions VMT at 4.6 million vehicles per day.

E. Areawide 2008 Traffic Count Program

Mr. Kipler reported on the program and noted Hatch Mott MacDonald was recommended by the review team and approved by NFTA.

- First year focus will be counts for upcoming studies, especially I-290.
- GBNRTC to count approximately 450 locations per year
- Closer coordination with NYSDOT and NYSTA providing better coverage
- NYSDOT providing 20 new MetroCount traffic devices
- Two acoustic sensors are planned by NYSDOT to collect freeway volumes
- Work expected to begin soon depending on weather

F. Preliminary Results 2007 Border Crossing Survey

Mr. Trabold presented some preliminary results of Cross Border Survey taken in July of 2007. He noted this was the first survey done of international border travelers since 911 and the opening of the Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls NY. A notable finding was that New York State plated vehicle trips into Canada that were casino bound have decreased by 70% since 2000. The full data set was expected to be released shortly.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Mr. O'Brien reported Bridge washing program is ready and bids to open on April 15th along with bids for Orangeport Road.

Mr. Sickler noted the State of the County address and the 2008 Budget Hearings are today. He reported on the recent lettings of Wehrle Drive to DiPizio Construction, Como Park Blvd. and Freeman Rd. both went to Catco Construction.

Mr. Gower reported transit use continues to rise.

Mr. Gottlieb reported NYSDOT had met with City of Niagara Falls regarding Robert Moses Pkwy and the possibility of withdrawing federal aid for the resurfacing project and using state funds instead.

Mr. Bidell reported the 700 block of Main Street to be advertised by months end and bids opened in May.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse reported on the following:

- Amherst Contact Sensitive Streets Program
- Lancaster continues with small area simulation model and land use integration

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2008 in Niagara Falls, Carnegie Bldg.

Mr. Bidell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m., seconded by Mr. Gower, and all were in favor.

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the Carnegie Bldg, 1022 Main St., Niagara Falls, New York 14301**

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Major TIP Amendments #2 and #3: New Project Additions – Rehab Bus Communications System (NFTA); Streetscape/Resurfacing South Park Ave (Bflo)
- B) 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment: Peace Bridge Capacity Expansion Project
- C) Regional Model Report Concurrence
- D) UPWP FTA Budget Revisions

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee; Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) Freight Study and Stakeholders Event
- C) Earth Day Results
- D) UB 2020 Master Plan and Scenario Presentations
- E) Capital Projects Update from Quarterly Reviews
- F) Distribution of 2007 Highway Condition Assessment Report

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: June 4, 2008 – NYS Thruway Authority (Cheektowaga NY)

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on May 7, 2008 at the Carnegie Building, Niagara Falls, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:35am.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 1. Thomas DeSantis | City Niagara Falls |
| 2. Gary Gottlieb | NYSDOT |
| 3. Robert Gower | NFTA |
| 4. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 5. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 6. Doug Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 7. Charles Sickler | Erie County |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Deborah Vizine | GBNRTC |
| 4. Richard Beers | FHWA |
| 5. Peter Nixon | NYSDOT |
| 6. Mike Leydecker | BNP |
| 7. Heidi Bugenhagen | BNP |
| 8. Cristen Nagle | The Knoer Group |
| 9. Andrew Graham | Voice Buffalo |
| 10. Brian Moore | Bergman Assoc. |
| 11. Sheila Ransbottom | Fisher Assoc. |
| 12. Chris Fahey | Congressman Higgins Office |
| 13. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 14. Thomas Frank | Resident Amherst |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. At the time of roll call all members or their representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Niagara County Bi-Centennial, Greenway Project and the area surrounding BNIA.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (5/7/08)

Mr. Gottlieb, moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Gower, and all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (4/2/08)

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the meeting minutes of 4/2/08, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendment – Major Amendment #2 FTA Section 5307: Rehab/Renovate Communications Systems

Mr. Trabold reported the 30-day public comment period had ended and no feedback had been received for either of the two major amendments under consideration. He reminded members that this first amendment would allow the NFTA to upgrade its bus radio equipment from analog to digital by adding a new project to the Section 5307 Transit Program. Policy Committee approval was the last step before adding this project to the 2008-2012 TIP.

The action was to recommend Major Amendment #2 to the Policy Committee for their approval. *Mr. Gower moved to recommend approval, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.*

B. TIP Amendment – Major Amendment #3 South Park Avenue [Elk St. to City Line] (City of Buffalo)

Mr. Trabold described how the City of Buffalo intended to resurface and implement streetscape improvements on South Park Ave. between Elk St. and the city line, using STP Urban funds in FFY 2009. The action was to recommend this new project for Policy Committee approval so it could be added to the 2008-2012 TIP.

Mr. Gottlieb noted that the City and NYSDOT had worked out a compromise to address objections raised at the last meeting regarding associated scope and schedule changes to the Elmwood and Delavan projects. Those agreed to changes would be detailed for discussion at the next Transportation Projects Subcommittee meeting, along with defining any additional approvals or actions needed to keep the program fiscally constrained.

The action was to recommend Major Amendment #3 to the Policy Committee for their approval. *Mr. Sickler moved to recommend approval, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, all were in favor.*

C. 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment: Peace Bridge Capacity Expansion Project

Mr. Trabold explained the purpose of this action was to amend the approved GBNRTC 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the Peace Bridge Capacity Expansion Project among those regional project priorities to be funded with *federal revenue sources* in addition to previously identified non-federal sources. The action would also allow the project to be advanced under the regional Transportation Improvement Program as a new project at such time new federal demonstration transportation funds materialize. He emphasized that new funding was anticipated and was appropriately identified in the fiscal constraint table. Commencement of a 30-day public comment period would be the first step in the amendment process.

Mr. O'Brien moved to authorize initiation of the public notification process, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

D. Regional Model Report Concurrence

Mr. Morse mentioned last's months presentation of the Regional Model. A request was made to review the final reports. A detailed model report and subsequent update were sent to members for their review. The action is to concur with the updated report.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to table this action, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor of tabling this item.

E. UPWP FTA Budget Revisions

Ms. Vizine reported on budget revisions. In closing the previous State Fiscal Year budget, Ms. Vizine has prepared two revisions to the FTA budget consistent with spending patterns. This is an annual adjustment to reconcile the budget.

Mr. Gower moved to approve the revisions, seconded by Mr. Gottlieb, all were in favor

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee, Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee

Mr. O'Brien reported the TPS met on April 16th and spent most of their time discussing the NFTA and City of Buffalo project additions. Project tracking was also discussed along with the impact ROW delays have been having on project delivery. The next TPS meeting would be on May 21st.

Mr. Trabold stated the Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee met the evening of April 17th in the Buffalo Erie County Central Library. Most of the meeting was centered on reviewing and marking up the draft bicycle route maps prepared for the B-P Master Plan update. The next subcommittee meeting was anticipated for late June or early July.

B. Freight Study and Stakeholders Event

Mr. Morse reported a Freight Forum was held April 11, 2008. Participants from all modes of surface transportation were in attendance

Findings from highway were:

- Bottlenecks do not currently exist
- AM/PM peak hours are avoided

Findings from Rail were:

- Norfolk Southern looking actively to increase business in Buffalo

- Buffalo & Pittsburgh looking to attract new customers by using Buffalo/Niagara as a bridge to other areas

Finds from Port were:

- Continued need for good highway and rail connections to Port of Buffalo
- Competitive rail access is poor

Finds from Distribution/Logistics were:

- Sonwill is building new 300,000 sq. ft. distribution center at Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park

Also technical memo # 4 due May 16th, steering committee meeting scheduled for early June, technical memo # 5 due June 23rd and the final report due July 1st

C. Earth Day Results

Mr. Morse reported to date 314 companies, organizations, schools & colleges/universities signed up on the Good Going website. More than 100 companies had employees sign the pledge form to use alternate transportation for the Earth Day. Mr. Gower of the NFTA noted ridership was up 2% on Earth Day. Overall the Earth Day initiative was successful.

D. UB 2020 Master Plan and Scenario Presentations

About 650 UB Faculty, staff, students, planning professionals and members of the local community participated in the event on April 22, 2008. UB administration is in the process of developing growth scenarios that reflect how the expanded academic program of UB2020 might be distributed on the three campuses. Scenarios have been illustrated during the Campus Concepts phase to explore the range of options for the quantity and shape of physical growth on the North, South and Downtown Campus.

E. Capital Projects Update from Quarterly Reviews

Mr. Trabold presented a current summary of local projects to be let within the year. Mentioning the schedule is quite robust.

F. Distribution of 2007 Highway Condition Assessment Report

The report was presented last month to the members and no feedback had been received. The report is current with no changes. Mr. Morse offered more copies to anyone who needs them.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Mr. O'Brien reported Orangeport Rd. project and the Bridge washing program have both been awarded and work is expected to begin soon.

Mr. Gottlieb noted the DOT is expecting instruction sometime this summer for both the DOT's program update and TIP update. He also noted the STIP is over programmed, and the challenges will continue to rise without increasing revenues.

Mr. Tokarczyk noted ITS Phase III project will not be let in June and also the South Grand Island Bridge project will be rebid and is currently being advertised.

Mr. Sickler reported internal approvals are under way for Wehrle Drive, Freeman Rd. Bridge and Como Park projects.

Mr. Gower noted the challenges of limited resources and continued rising costs of fuel. Also reported that construction of the new terminal at Niagara Falls Airport has begun.

B. Director's Report

- Have been preparing for the recertification process with FHWA
- Scajaquada Project is moving along stakeholders met last month. Meetings this month with GBNRTC staff, NYSDOT, Bergman and Cambridge to include some of our micro-simulation capabilities
- SPR initiative to build out our micro-simulation capabilities called Model Framework
- Lancaster and Cheektowaga are working together on a joint Access Management Ordinance

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2008 at NYS Thruway Authority in Cheektowaga.

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m., seconded by Mr. Tokarczyk, and all were in favor.

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the NYS Thruway Authority, 455 Cayuga Road Suite 800 Cheektowaga, NY 14225

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes –May 7, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Minor TIP Amendments:
 - Elmwood Avenue Scope Change
 - Delavan Avenue Signal Study Scope Change
 - Lincoln Avenue/Summit Street Scope Change
- B) Safe Routes To School Program Recommendations
- C) 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment: Peace Bridge Capacity Expansion Project-Status of Comment Period
- D) Regional Model Report Concurrence

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) New Projects Solicitation Status-HSTP and Transportation Enhancement
- C) GBNRTC Policy Committee meeting-proposed date and agenda
- D) Federal Planning Program Certification Review preparations
- E) NYS Rail Plan and Upcoming Public Meeting
- F) NITTEC Revolving Loan Fund Opportunities
- G) State Energy Plan-possible new requirements

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: July 2, 2008 – Niagara County Public Safety Bldg.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

This meeting was dedicated to Lt. Col. Matt Urban and all of our fallen heroes

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on June 4, 2008 at the NYS Thruway Authority, Cheektowaga, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:35am.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 6. Christopher Church | NYSDOT |
| 7. Mike DeSantis | City Niagara Falls |
| 8. Mike Leydecker | BNP |
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| 10. Jim Seymour | ESDC/USA Niagara |
| 11. Gary Witulski | COB Planning |
| 12. Greg Merlihan | GPI |
| 13. Kelly Thompson | TVGA Consultants |
| 14. Brian Moore | Bergman Assoc. |
| 15. Gladys Gifford | CRTC |
| 16. Deanna Stachowski | TKG |
| 17. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 18. Ron Rienas | Peace Bridge Authority |
| 19. Thomas Frank | Resident Amherst |
| 20. Roy Schneggenburger | Bowmansville Resident |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. At the time of roll call all members or their representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Greenway Project and the area surrounding BNIA. Roy Schneggenburger commented on the Lancaster Study possibly extending it to include other areas of the town. Mr. Schneggenburger ask to have this meeting dedicated to Lt. Col. Matt Urban and all of our fallen heroes. Mr. Gottlieb made the motioned, seconded by Mr. Gower all were in favor.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (6/4/08)

Mr. O'Brien, moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Gower, and all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (5/7/08)

Mr. Gower moved to approve the meeting minutes of 5/7/08, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendment – Minor TIP # 8: Elmwood Ave, Grider St, Delavan Ave Signal Study, and Lincoln Ave & Summit Corridor

Mr. Trabold explained that the proposed resolution contained four components and described them as follows: Elmwood Ave [PIN 5755.46] project will be accelerated for construction in FFY 2010 at a cost of \$1.960M and the scope limited to only highway rehabilitation between Forest Avenue and the Scajaquada Expressway; Grider St [PIN 5756.51] project will increase in cost by \$0.417M due to excavation issues and the need for full depth asphalt pavement for the complete road section; Delavan Ave Signal Study [PIN 5757.44] will revert to a study only of traffic signal compliance with federal warrants thereby releasing \$1.86M to offset the previous two projects; and Niagara County will assume sponsorship of the Lincoln Ave. & Summit St. Corridor Improvements [PIN 5757.13] project which will now be limited to the Lincoln Ave. corridor between Beattie Ave. and Akron Rd.

Mr. Merlo moved to approve minor TIP # 8, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, all were in favor.

B. Safe Routes To School Program Recommendations

Mr. Trabold reported that ten applications had been received for funding consideration under the Safe Routes To School (SRTS) program and most of the proposals were discussed in detail at the May 21st TPS meeting. The committee was requested to endorse the ranked order of project proposals based on scoring evaluations conducted jointly by NYSDOT and GBNRTC staff. The priority listing would then be submitted to the main NYSDOT office in Albany where the actual selection would occur. Announcement of the selected applications was expected in the fall.

Mr. Merlo moved to endorse the priority listing of SRTS proposals, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

C. 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment: Peace Bridge Capacity Expansion Project – Status of Comment Period

Mr. Morse mentioned the comment period ends June 9, 2008. He also reported several comments had been received and will provide members with the comments prior to July's meeting.

D. Regional Model Report Concurrence

Mr. Morse briefly talked about the model. Mr. DeSantis reminded the group they have had ample time to review the model and asked for concurrence with model documentation.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to concur, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. O'Brien reported the TPS met on May 21st and spent most of the time discussing the action items above. He also noted a few items were tabled such as NFTA's request to accelerate the purchase of five replacement buses and a Grand Island bike trail connection cost overrun. Project tracking was discussed since the subcommittee is concerned with keeping anticipated project lettings on schedule. The state has been receiving IPP's from local members on additional bridge maintenance work and more discussion is expected in upcoming meetings. High Risk Rural Roads proposals are in and the state will be compiling a recommended list for the program. The next TPS meeting would be on June 18, 2008.

B. New Project Solicitation Status – HSTP and Transportation Enhancements

Mr. Morse reported

HSTP

- First round of Job Access Reverse Commute Funds (JARC) previously approved and in the distribution process.
- Applications accepted for second round JARC and two rounds of New Freedom funds, three applications for each program have been received.
- Interagency group will meet and prioritize per HSTP Plan, meeting is scheduled for June 13 at 9:30 am.
- Section 5310 Small Bus application intake process closed last week. Six applications have been received as a new feature in this plan the applications will be forwarded to NYSDOT Albany and then back here for interagency review committee ranking.

Transportation Enhancement Program

- Deadline for submissions is June 27, 2008
- NYSDOT and GBNRTC will do scoring following the deadline
- Recommendations are expected in August

C. GBNRTC Policy Committee meeting

Mr. Morse talked about possible meeting dates and issues.

D. Federal Planning Program Certification Review preparations

Mr. Morse talked about the upcoming certification process and is now scheduled for the end of June. Federal Law requires this process every four years.

E. NYS Rail Plan and Upcoming Public Meeting

Mr. Morse noted the public meeting was originally scheduled for June 9th, that is not going to happen and will possibly take place at the end of June. The draft rail plan has not yet been released.

F. NITTEC Revolving Loan Fund Opportunities

Mr. Morse briefly talked about the Loan Fund, noting it will be discussed on the agenda this month for TPS. Some points:

- Has been active by NITTEC for ITS related projects
- Currently has a positive balance
- Features extremely low interest rates

G. State Energy Plan

Mr. Morse noted he had sent a piece of legislation, to the members, currently in place to establish a State Energy Planning Board and authorizing the creation and implementation of a State Energy Plan.

- Legislative requirement for new plan by June 30, 2009
- Transportation implications could be considerable
- NYSDOT Comm. Glynn is a member of the board
- Scoping document to be posted at a new website by July 8, 2008 website is www.nysenergyplan.gov

Some issues they are looking to feature are

- Meeting transportation needs and alternative transportation options
- Energy impacts of the current system
- Issues related to strategic improvements
- Economic development and transportation
- Green House Gas abatement
- Local, state and regional efforts to reduce VMT

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Mr. O'Brien reported the bridge-washing program began and Mr. Wagner of GBNRTC will be going out to Niagara County to report on the program.

Mr. Gottlieb reported NYSDOT was hosting a public hearing on intersection project for Niagara Falls Blvd. at Koenig/Ridge Lea Roads.

Mr. Gower reported the NFTA recently invited all municipalities in the service area to a luncheon meeting and discussion on transportation issues. Also initiated (on Memorial Day weekend) one-way express service from BNIA to Niagara Falls at a cost of \$2.00.

Mr. Sickler reported that the legislature/control board impasse involving the funding of three recently let projects has been resolved.

B. Director's Report

- Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities in the previous month.

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2008 at Niagara County Public Safety Building, in Lockport.

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m., seconded by Mr. Tokarczyk, and all were in favor.

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, July 2, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the Niagara County Public Safety Building, 5574 Niagara Street Extension, Lockport, NY.***

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes –June 4, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) LRP Amendment-Major #1 Federal Participation in Peace Bridge Capacity Expansion
- B) TIP Amendments- Minor #9: NFTA Section 5307 Budget Realignment; Minor #10 Seaway Trail Grant Project Addition; Minor #11 HSTP Recommendations for 2006 JARC and 2008 New Freedom Projects
- C) Policy Meeting Date and Agenda-July 17, 2008 1-3PM
- D) FHWA PL Budget Revision-Year End Close

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) State Rail Plan-Recent Workshop and Comment Period
- C) Transportation Finance-Issues in Near Future
- D) Toward Next Legislation-Some Common Issues
- E) Highlights-MPO Certification Review
- F) Regional Bicycle Route/Street Rating Guide

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: August 6, 2008 – NFTA Board Room.

* I-990 North to North French Rd. Left(west) on North French Rd. Right(north) on Route 270, Campbell Blvd. Right (east) on Route 31 to Route 93 west, Upper Mountain Rd. Left(west on Route 93, then right onto Sunset dr. across from Delphi Hq., then left at the bottom of the hill onto Niagara Street Extension.

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**MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

The meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee at the Niagara County Public Safety Building, 5574 Niagara Street Extension, Lockport, NY, began at approximately 9:40 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 1. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |
| 2. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 3. Robert Gower | NFTA |
| 4. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 5. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 6. Doug Tokarczyk | NYSTA |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Robert Wagner | GBNRTC |
| 4. Peter Nixon | NYSDOT |
| 5. Christopher Church | NYSDOT |
| 6. Mike DeSantis | City Niagara Falls |
| 7. Jim Seymour | Empire State Development Corp./USA Niagara |
| 8. Tom Garlock | Niagara Falls Bridge Commission |
| 9. Brian Moore | Bergman Assoc. |
| 10. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 11. Alfred T. Copolla | City of Buffalo resident |
| 12. Thomas Frank | Resident Amherst |
| 13. Deborah Vizine | GBNRTC |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m.

The representative for Erie County was the only representative absent.

B. Public Participation

No one present to speak at this point.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (7/2//08)

Mr. O'Brien, moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Tokarczyk, and all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (6/4/08)

Mr. Gower moved to approve the meeting minutes of 6/4/08, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2008-6, Long Range Plan Amendment-Major #1: Federal Participation in Peace Bridge Capacity Expansion

Mr. Morse explained that the Peace Bridge project was currently in the Long Range Plan (LRP) as a regionally significant non-federal project and the amendment was a legal formality to amend the financial profile to include potential federal, as well as state participation in funding. He said the amendment did not select design, location or configuration of the project.

Mr. Trabold provided further explanation and background. He said the LRP amendment would allow the Peace Bridge project to utilize new federal revenue sources should they materialize. He added that no current project, schedule or funding allocation had been changed in order to make monies available for this project. Federal regulations necessitated the LRP amendment so the region could accept new funds and subsequently program them onto the Transportation Improvement Program. He further noted that four responses received during the 30-day public comment period that had been discussed extensively at the previous Transportation Projects Subcommittee (TPS) meeting and were attached to the resolution.

At this point, Mr. DeSantis invited members of the public to comment. Mr. Alfred Coppola, a former member of the Buffalo Common Council who had had expressed concerns about the Peace Bridge project at the above referenced TPS meeting, explained the basis for his opposition to the Peace Bridge project. He argued that a shorter span for truck traffic, proposed by Michigan's Ambassador Bridge group down river by the International (railway) Bridge, would be much cheaper to construct, require no public funds and avoid adverse environmental impacts, including an asthma problem, in a West Side residential area. He quoted from studies and statistics that he said supported his argument.

He was followed by Thomas Frank, a resident of Amherst, who said he agreed with Mr. Coppola and also called for action on removal of the Williamsville Toll Barrier and for the "alignment" of other projects that could benefit his town.

Mr. Merlo moved to recommend Resolution 2008-6 to the GBNRTC Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and the roll-call vote was unanimously in favor (6-0).

B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments:

Minor #9 NFTA Section 5307 Program Realignment #2 FFY08 – Mr. Trabold explained that a second budget realignment of the Section 5307 Transit program was necessitated by the Federal Transit Administration's desire to have include all Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 Urbanized Area Funding requests in one submission to them. Three existing projects were accommodated in the revised submission which was \$624,938 higher than approved in the original FFY 2008 budget.

Mr. Tokarczyk moved to approve Minor Amendment #9 and was seconded by Mr. Merlo. All were in favor.

Minor #10 Seaway Trail Innovations in Technology – FFY08 – Mr. Trabold explained that the GBNRTC had been asked to add this new project to the TIP which would market the Great Lakes Seaways Trail with innovative technologies and be financed with \$160,000 of new Federal Scenic Byways funds.

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve Minor Amendment #10, Mr. Buffamonte seconded, and all were in favor.

Minor #11 PIN 5T1714: FTA Sec 5317 – 2006 New Freedom Transit Program – Mr. Trabold and Mr. Morse explained the amendment would finance two projects using \$289,240 from the FFY 2006 New Freedom Transit Program currently on the TIP. These projects would expand access to transportation for senior citizens and the disabled by the Erie County Department of Senior Services and provide extended Paratransit (P.A.L.) service on Saturdays and Sundays by the NFTA.

Mr. Gower moved for adoption, Mr. Buffamonte seconded and all were in favor.

C. Policy Committee Meeting, Date and Agenda – July 17, 2008 1- 3 p.m.:

Mr. Morse noted that the agenda would open with a presentation by Frank McArdle of the National Revenue and Policy Commission on “critical issues in transportation and finance challenges.” It will also include the Peace Bridge amendment as an action item and a report by a Regional Advisory Group, a new coalition of community groups with transportation interests and also a report on the “next legislation” on transportation at the federal level. Also included on the agenda is a report on priority projects and on the regional freight study.

D. Resolution on FHWA –PL 2007-2008 Grant Budget Revision Closeout:

Mrs. Vizine explained that funds were being transferred within the task budget to bring it in line with expenditures through the end of the state fiscal year.

Mr. O'Brien moved for adoption, Mr. Merlo seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee:

Mr. O'Brien reported that at its last meeting the TPS had considerable discussion on the Peace Bridge and on the NFTA's Section 5317 budget request, and the JARC New Freedom Program. He said action on an item for the purchase of five NFTA replacement buses, along with several other proposed TIP changes, had been postponed. These included a Niagara Falls TIP Amendment Request for the Route 104 and CSX bridge projects. There was also a status report on the High-Risk Rural Roads program and on the NITTEC Revolving Loan Fund and a handout on possible TIP projects that could use that funding source. He reported the TPS approved a cost increase sought by Grand Island for a bike trail connection project.

Mr. DeSantis expressed hope that the issues regarding the Niagara Falls TIP Amendment Request could be resolved in time for action to be taken at the next PCC meeting.

B. State Rail Plan – Workshop and Comment Period:

Mr. Morse provided handouts on goals and objectives of the rail plan from a recent workshop. He added that PCC members might want to attend another workshop that would be held on July 8 at the ECC City Campus.

Mr. Garlock, general manager of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, expressed the opinion that the State Rail Plan should pay some attention to maintenance and safety issues regarding the upper deck rail crossing of the Whirlpool Bridge. He said CN had diverted its freight traffic to the International Bridge but the Whirlpool crossing was still used by Amtrak for passenger service between the U.S. and Canada. He noted also that Niagara Falls and the federal government were “making significant investments” toward a rail terminal near the crossing.

Mr. DeSantis added that it seemed unfair that the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission should bear sole responsibility for maintenance of the rail crossing. He asked for a specific recommendation that the PCC could consider.

Mr. Garlock suggested adoption of a resolution urging CN, as holder of the lease, and Amtrak, as user of the crossing, to take responsibility for safety of the crossing with copies sent to the New York State Transportation Department and federal rail officials.

Mr. DeSantis and Mr. Morse agreed that a resolution to that effect, including a recommendation for inclusion in the State Rail Plan, would be circulated among the PCC members.

C. Transportation Finance - Issues in the Near Future:

Mr. Morse noted that unless Congress acts to fix a projected 34 percent deficit in federal highway funds in federal fiscal year 2009, New York State would get \$569 million less than in fiscal year 2008, with a projected job loss of nearly 20,000 people, according to a tabulation by the Federal Highway Administration. He said a different look was necessary on how transportation issues are addressed because of financial challenges and changes in travel habits as a result of the surging cost of fuel.

D. Toward Next Legislation, Some Common Issues:

Mr. Morse noted the need for collaboration with the Congressional delegation toward achieving stability in the Highway Trust Fund. “Commonly-held beliefs” associated with transportation re-authorization, he said, included: inter-modal flexibility, a focus on energy efficiency and using scarce resources for key objectives with collateral benefits, a need for infrastructure to deal with a looming freight crisis, a demographic change as a result of “the boomer era” over the next two decades that would affect transportation needs, further encouragement of local accountability.

E. Highlights of a Recent Federal Review on MPO Certification

Mr. Morse described recent meetings with a federal team carrying out a mandate requiring a review every four years of an MPO operation. He said advisory groups and stakeholders were heard and a public meeting was held. He said the staff provided an extensive presentation on all aspects of the program. He reported positive comments from the federal team as well notes on documentation to follow up on. A full report was expected in a couple months, he said.

F. Regional Bicycle Route/Street Rating Guide

Mr. Trabold announced the new 2008 Bicycle Route Guide was now available and included the latest road score data, as well as information on construction and on relevant web sites. He said that 10,000 copies had been printed.

G. Niagara County Bridge Maintenance Program (*new agenda item*)

Mr. Buffamonte explained the TPS had discussed three bridge maintenance projects for Niagara County that would be financed in SFY 2008/2009 with funds identified in the Local Bridge

Maintenance Program. Though no resolution was yet available, IPPs had been developed and Mr. Buffamonte then requested that those three Niagara County bridge maintenance items be approved to expedite preparation of the associated design work.

Mr. Buffamonte moved for approval of \$905,000 from PIN 5758.05, Local Bridge Maintenance Program for sealing, painting and cleaning of bridges in Niagara County, Mr. O'Brien seconded and approval was unanimous.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports:

Mr. O'Brien reported on the washing of 102 bridges in Niagara County in five days. He said he was "very pleased" with the results.

Mr. Tokarczyk reported that later in the month the Thruway Authority would be letting a contract for work on the South Grand Island Bridge and that in 2010 work would be done on the North Grand Island Bridge. He also reported on-going projects on Interstate 290 and Interstate 90.

Mr. Gottlieb reported NYSDOT was hosting a public hearing on intersection project for Niagara Falls Blvd. at Koenig/Ridge Lea Roads.

Mr. DeSantis reported on a successful public-information meeting held on Gateway improvements. He said they were hopeful the project could be substantially completed by June of 2009 in anticipation of the International Boundary Water Treaty celebration. .

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2008 at the NFTA Board Room in downtown Buffalo.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m., seconded by Mr. Gower and all were in favor.

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, 6th Floor Board Room, 181 Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY**

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes –July 2, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Amendments-
 - Niagara Falls: Route 104 and Bridge cost change (pending)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) July Policy Committee Meeting - Summary
- C) Work Program Projects/Study Development
- D) Human Services Transportation Projects-Upcoming Actions and 5310 Applicants
- E) Scajaquada/Framework Buildout
- F) Regional Freight Study
- G) Transportation Funding - Legislative Update

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: September 3, 2008 – Buffalo City Hall

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

The meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee at the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, 181 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY, began at approximately 9:40 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 1. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |
| 2. Gary Gottlieb | NYSDOT |
| 3. Melissa Golen | NFTA |
| 4. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 5. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 6. Doug Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 7. Charlie Sickler | Erie County |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Robert Wagner | GBNRTC |
| 4. Steve Szopinski | GBNRTC |
| 5. Barb Courtney | GBNRTC |
| 6. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 7. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 8. Christopher Church | NYSDOT |
| 9. Greg Szewczyk | NYSDOT |
| 10. Mike Leydecker | BNP |
| 11. Mike DeSantis | City Niagara Falls |
| 12. Gary Witulski | Buffalo OSP |
| 13. Rachel Chrostowski | Erie County Environmental & Planning |
| 14. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 15. Jeffrey Lebsack | Hatch Mott MacDonald |
| 16. Ed Stachura | TVGA/FAIR Committee |
| 17. Thomas Frank | Resident Amherst |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m. At the time of roll call all members or their representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Greenway Project and the area surrounding BNIA.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (8/6/08)

Mr. DeSantis noted two changes to the agenda. Mr. Gottlieb, moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (7/2/08)

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the meeting minutes of 7/2/08, seconded by Mr. Merlo, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minor TIP Amendment #13: Route 104 & CSX Bridge

Mr. Trabold explained that unanticipated radiological remediation and disposal costs, along with higher fuel and steel prices, had contributed to a funding shortfall of \$5.84M on PIN 5045.24 RT 104; Ontario St-Niagara Falls NCL. In addition, the 2008 engineer's construction cost estimate for PIN 5757.92 CSX Railroad Bridges/ RT 104 showed a funding need of \$1.25M due to inflationary costs. The solution being recommended was to reprogram \$5.672M of National Highway System (NHS) funds from PIN 5460.28 RT 384; Tenth St to I-190 to provide the federal share of the two projects combined cost increase of \$7.09M. He added that this action would also maintain fiscal constraint of the TIP.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to approve Minor Amendment # 13 and was seconded by Mr. O'Brien. All were in favor.

B. Minor TIP Amendment #14: I-190 Corridor: Border Crossing Infrastructure Project

Mr. Trabold explained that a \$0.822M grant from the federal Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program was recently approved as supplemental funding to an existing I-190 Corridor Infrastructure project being financed until that grant approval with \$7.278M of NYS Border Crossing Bond funds. The project would now total \$8.1M and fund bridge joint rehabilitation, ten bridge deck overlays, resurface the I-190 from Girard avenue to the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge and replace deteriorating median barriers and guiderail, along with resurfacing access ramps and service roads. He added that the action would add the project to the TIP so the new federal Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program funds could be expended on that project.

Mr. DeSantis moved to approve Minor Amendment #14 and was seconded by Mr. Sickler. All were in favor.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee

Mr. Szewczyk reported the subcommittee met on July 16th in the GBNRTC conference room. Members discussed the new 2008 Bicycle Route Guide, successes in distributing it locally, and efforts to implement an interactive version of it. Much of the meeting was spent discussing the draft B-P master plan. A community notice on the availability of the draft plan was going out shortly via email and posters were being mailed to local bike shops for display. Comments would be accepted thru Sept. 2nd. An update was given on advancing a Regional Park and Ride Strategy Plan. Status reports were made on the Safe Routes to School and Transportation Enhancements Programs. The next meeting was scheduled for Sept 17th.

B. July Policy Committee Meeting:

Mr. Morse provided a review of the Policy Committee meeting held on July 17. A presentation by Frank McArdle and subsequent discussion focused on the need for sustainable transportation funding and possible positions in upcoming legislative deliberation. A Long Range Plan amendment had been approved, altering the fiscal profile. A new self-forming Regional Advisory Group presented their perspectives on regional transportation issues and interest in cooperating in the planning process. Further presentations by staff reviewed status of major projects, the regional freight study and progress in selection and programming of human services transportation projects. A next meeting will be scheduled soon.

C. Work Program Projects/Study Development:

Status of major studies underway in the work program, as well as data collection and tolls development was presented. TIP project reviews and assembly of project information was also highlighted. Upcoming initiatives were discussed, including small studies now being programmed for parking inventory in Hamburg and further land use-transportation analysis in Lancaster.

D. Human Services Transportation Projects:

Barbara Courtney reviewed the status of HSTP projects, including those programmed in JARC and New Freedom, as well as those currently in consideration. A list of 5310 Small Bus applicants was also reviewed.

E. Scajaquada/Framework Buildout

Mr. Szopinski discussed progress on the Scajaquada Corridor simulations and also the overall regional framework buildout of simulation capabilities. Graphics of the study area, TAZs involved and traffic data were presented.

F. Regional Freight Study

Mr. Guarino presented draft findings from the Intermodal Freight Terminal Volume Feasibility Study portion of the overall regional freight study. Results are being reviewed and integrated into the full study. Expectation is for completion of the entire effort in approximately ten weeks.

G. Transportation Funding – Legislative Update

Mr. Morse reviewed the significant challenge ahead in project implementation, given revenue issues at both the federal and state levels. Actions to address through legislation were discussed, as well

as management approaches to monitoring the area's portfolio of capital projects and keeping them on track.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports:

Mr. Gower noted the continued increase in transit ridership, citing quarterly statistics.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2008 at Buffalo City Hall.

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Mr. Merlo and all were in favor.

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the Buffalo City Hall, Room 1417, Buffalo, NY**

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes –August 6, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Amendments- Minor Resolution #15
 - FFY 2008 JARC Program
 - FFY 2009 Erie County Bridge Painting Program
- Concurrence and Certification-Section 5310 Small Bus Applications

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) Buffalo CarShare Proposal Concept
- C) TIP Status and Funding Considerations
- D) Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Preview
- E) Regional Transit Studies and Transit Supportive Development
- F) Mohawk-Erie Corridor Study Scope
- G) Emerging Small Area Study request

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: October 1, 2008 – New York State Thruway Authority

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

The meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee at Buffalo City Hall Room 1417, Buffalo, NY, began at approximately 9:40 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 1. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |
| 2. Gary Gottlieb | NYSDOT |
| 3. Robert Gower | NFTA |
| 4. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 5. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 6. Matt Latko | NYSTA |
| 7. Charlie Sickler | Erie County |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Robert Wagner | GBNRTC |
| 4. Barb Courtney | GBNRTC |
| 5. Holly Maietta | GBNRTC |
| 6. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 7. Ron Hayes | NYSDOT |
| 8. Paul Gavin | NYSDOT |
| 9. Peter Nixon | NYSDOT |
| 10. Mike Leydecker | BNP |
| 11. Mike DeSantis | City Niagara Falls |
| 12. Jim Seymour | ESD/USA Niagara |
| 13. Gladys Gifford | CRTC |
| 14. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 15. Paul Pfleuger | Watts A/E |
| 16. Deanne Stachowski | TKG |
| 17. Sheila Ransbottom | Fisher Associates |
| 18. Brian Moore | Bergmann Associates |
| 19. Greg Merlihan | Greenman-Pedersen Inc. |
| 20. Chuck Lattuca | Praxiis Business Advisors |
| 21. Heidi Bugenhagen | Buffalo Niagara Partnership |
| 22. Brian Meyer | Buffalo News |
| 23. Thomas Frank | Resident Amherst |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. At the time of roll call all members or their representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Gladys Gifford was happy to see Transit Supportive Development on the agenda today and reminded the group transit oriented development is a hot topic in today's planning world and encourages GBNRTC to continue to operate in that direction. Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Greenway Project and the area surrounding BNIA.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (9/3//08)

Mr. Gower, moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (8/6/08)

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the meeting minutes of 8/6/08, seconded by Mr. Merlo, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minor TIP Amendment #15: FFY 2008 JARC Program & FFY 2009 Erie County Bridge Painting Program

Mr. Trabold explained the amendment involved two actions. Through a competitive application and evaluation process, the Human Services Transportation Plan Review Team had recommended two (2) projects for funding in 2008 under the FTA Section 5316 Job Access/Reverse Commute program. The amendment would reallocate \$553,406 of Sec. 5316 funds to these two projects as the federal share of the combined total matched cost of \$1,106,812. The second action would transfer funds from the local bridge maintenance program in 2009 to paint five (5) Erie County bridges. The action would reprogram \$568,000 of Highway Bridge Reconstruction/Rehabilitation funds from PIN 5758.07 into new PIN 5758.90 to carry forth said painting at a total cost of \$710,000.

Mr. Gower moved to approve Minor Amendment # 15 was seconded by Mr. Sickler. All were in favor.

B. Concurrence and Certification – Section 5310 Small Bus Applications

Ms. Courtney distributed the recommendations from HSTP review team. Asking the PCC to concur with the recommendations and the certification letter to be sent to NYSDOT Albany on behalf of this years section 5310 applicants.

Mr. O'Brien moved to concur with the recommendations and a certified letter to Albany seconded by Mr. Merlo. All were in favor.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. O'Brien reported the subcommittee met on August 13 and had approved a cost increase of \$250,000 for the Pearson Rd bridge project (5757.25). Representatives from North Tonawanda and their consultants also attended and presented rationale for a cost increase request for the Taylor Rd/Niagara River bridge project (5757.27). That matter was tabled, along with several other issues. Members also discussed a recent change in state legislation allowing the use of Marchiselli funds on bicycle and pedestrian projects. The next meeting was scheduled for September 17th.

B. TIP Status and Funding Considerations

Mr. Trabold explained that in preparation for the new federal fiscal year beginning on October 1st (FFY09) the staff had initiated an in-depth review of the past year's program and current status. Preliminary data was displayed showing funding balances by federal funding source and stated these would be further refined in cooperation with NYSDOT staff for discussion at the next TPS meeting.

C. Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Preview:

Ms. Maietta previewed the proposed new Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan. The document features a comprehensive approach to planning and implementation of facilities and programs to:

- Provide an integrated bicycle and pedestrian network
- Complete streets to accommodate all users
- Provide convenient and secure long-term and short-term bicycle parking
- Provide a seamless and convenient interface with transit
- Educate bicycles, motorists and the general public about bicycle and walking safety
- Market the health benefits of walking and bicycling
- Improve law enforcement and detailed crash analysis

The document has been available for extensive community and public review, and approval at the November PCC and Policy Committees is planned.

D. Regional Transit Studies and Transit Supportive Development:

Mr. Morse presented a brief overview on a few of the many studies that are starting up. NFTA has initiated a service study in Erie County. The purpose of this study is to develop a short-term (3 year) and long-term (12 year) plan for providing and financing effective, functional and efficient NFTA Metro transit service in Erie County. Keeping consistency with the regions LRP. Mr. Morse also discussed Transit Supportive Development mentioning that this region has an interesting opportunity ahead with the expected growth plan of UB. Study would look at campus concepts/corridor designs and how transit development could support some of the concepts.

E. Mohawk-Erie Corridor Study Scope

Mr. Morse briefly went over the studies emphasis noting this study has been initiated NYSDOT.

- Identify and engage stakeholders and the public in producing a shared multimodal vision to guide future development in the Mohawk-Erie corridor.

- Identify relevant transportation issues and improvement alternatives to accommodate existing and projected transportation demand. Coordinate and integrate the needs, resources, strategies, and actions that involve multiple transportation modes, operators, user groups, stakeholders, and the public to produce an integrated plan of actions.

F. Emerging Small Area Study Request

Mr. Morse mentioned Cheektowaga identified a need and requested some assistance with redeveloping commercial spaces and possibly changing access in the area. Staff can fairly easily assist them with our small area models.

G. Buffalo CareShare Proposal Concept

A new non-profit, Buffalo CarShare an initiative of Green Options Buffalo, gave a brief presentation. Their mission is a community-based car sharing services that would benefit the environment through practical innovation.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports:

Mr. Gower reported on the new transit study should begin in the next couple of months.

Mr. Seymour reported west portion of the Old Falls Street project to be let this month with construction to begin early fall.

Mr. O'Brien reported that the Wilson-Burt Rd. Bridge has been closed pending a structural repair. They will be working to get the bridge reopened before winter.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2008 at New York State Thruway Authority.

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Mr. Merlo and all were in favor.

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the New York State Thruway Authority, 455 Cayuga Rd., Suite 800 Cheektowaga, NY 14225**

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes –September 3, 2008

II. PRESENTATION

New York State Thruway Authority will present the approach to the Grand Island Bridge deck project

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Amendments-
City of Buffalo Fillmore Street project addition to TIP
- B) Transportation Enhancements Program-Priorities List Recommendation

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee; Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan Implementation Approach
- C) GBNRTC Policy Committee- proposed date and agenda items
- D) Statewide Program Update-issues and schedule for completion
- E) GoodGoingWNY-program status and upcoming initiatives
- F) Transportation Studies underway and pending

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: November 5, 2008 – Erie County DPW

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

The meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee at New York State Thruway Authority, 455 Cayuga Rd, Cheektowaga, New York began at approximately 9:40 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 1. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |
| 2. Gary Gottlieb | NYSDOT |
| 3. Robert Gower | NFTA |
| 4. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 5. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 6. Doug Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 7. Charles Sickler | Erie County |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Robert Wagner | GBNRTC |
| 4. Barb Courtney | GBNRTC |
| 5. Holly Maietta | GBNRTC |
| 6. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 7. Christopher Church | NYSDOT |
| 8. Peter Nixon | NYSDOT |
| 9. Matt Latko | NYSTA |
| 10. Paul Zakrzewski | NYSTA |
| 11. Bill Taylor | NYSTA |
| 12. Thomas Hurley | NYSTA |
| 13. Mike DeSantis | City Niagara Falls |
| 14. Jim Seymour | ESD/USA Niagara |
| 15. Gary Witulski | City of Buffalo OSP |
| 16. Gladys Gifford | CRTC |
| 17. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 18. Paul Pfleuger | Watts A/E |
| 19. Sheila Ransbottom | Fisher Associates |
| 20. Greg Merlihan | Greenman-Pedersen Inc. |
| 21. Heidi Bugenhagen | Buffalo Niagara Partnership |
| 22. Wally Smith | AAA/BNP |
| 23. Mary Cooke | Town of Grand Island |
| 24. Richard Crawford | Town of Grand Island |
| 25. Lisa Yaeger | Senator Antoine Thompson |
| 26. Rachel Chrostowski | ECDEP |
| 27. Richard Reese | Town of Lancaster |
| 28. Thomas Frank | Resident Amherst |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. At the time of roll call all members or their representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Greenway Project and the area surrounding BNIA.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (10/1/08)

Mr. O'Brien, moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Sickler, and all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (9/3/08)

Mr. Gower moved to approve the meeting minutes of 9/3/08, seconded by Mr. Merlo, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Comment Period – Major #4 Safe Routes to School and NFTA Bus Purchase

Mr. Trabold explained that Major TIP Amendment #4 involved two actions. The first was to add three (3) projects selected for new funding through the Safe Routes to School program. The New York State Department of Transportation had recently announced awards for the City of Buffalo, the Town of Amherst and the Town of Grand Island. In the second action, the NFTA intended to purchase 10 new hybrid replacement buses in 2009 primarily using new funding received through the 2008 Discretionary Section 5308 Clean Fuels Program. The action being requested was for authorization to commence a 30-day public comment period in compliance with approved public involvement procedures for a major amendment.

Mr. Gower moved to initiate the public comment period for Major TIP Amendment #4, was seconded by Mr. Sickler. All were in favor.

B. Transportation Enhancements Program – Priorities List Recommendation

Mr. Trabold noted that following the June 27th deadline for Transportation Enhancements Program (TEP) applications, all submittals were thoroughly reviewed and evaluated according to defined statewide criteria. NYSDOT and GBNRTC staff performed those tasks. The project proposals were then sorted by their cumulative scores to produce a ranked listing which was discussed at the last TPS meeting. The TPS recommended that PCC endorse the ranked listing in anticipation of an October submission to Albany, where the actual project selections would occur. *Mr. Merlo moved to concur with the TPS recommendation and endorse the ranked 2008 TEP listing for submission to Albany, seconded by Mr. Sickler. All were in favor.*

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee; Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee

Mr. O'Brien reported the subcommittee met on September 17. The committee moved to recommend the addition of Fillmore Ave Corridor to the TIP and also to recommend the TEP list of recommended projects for the region. Several items were tabled at the meeting. NYSDOT program update was also discussed.

Mr. Trabold, reporting on behalf of Mr. Szewczyk, noted the Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee had met at 6 PM on the evening of September 17th at the Earl Brydges Library in Niagara Falls. The meeting was primarily focused on reviewing the latest changes to the B-P Master Plan update which would be covered later on the meeting agenda. The next meeting was scheduled for October 15 at 10:30AM and would follow the morning TPS meeting in the GBNRTC offices.

B. Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan Implementation Approach

Ms. Maietta presented expected plans to implement the new Bike/Ped Plan. She presented a power point presentation on what steps will be taken once the 2008 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is approved.

C. GBNRTC Policy Committee – proposed date and agenda

A draft agenda was distributed to the members along with the proposed date.

D. Statewide Program Update – issues and schedule for completion

Mr. Morse went over the recent statewide program update and the possible effects for this region. He noted the allocations are a third lower than previously forecasted for this region. A revised program is expected to be complete and ready for review by TPS committee on October 15.

E. GoodGoing WNY – program status and upcoming initiatives

Ms. Courtney went over recent enhancements of the website noting better easier to read maps, an expanded search area for riders outside the two counties. A user guide video is in the works to help introduce the site to companies and school districts, along with a rideboard where people would post interest in looking for carpool partners. Ms. Courtney also noted membership registration continues to rise.

F. Transportation Studies underway and pending

Scajaquada Corridor

- Additional data collection complete
- Future demographics reviewed

I 290 Study

- NYSDOT/NYSTA developed and concurred in study scope
- Boundaries for simulation model discussed and simulation network developed

UB 2020 Master Plan – Regional Impacts

- Initial splits of campus growth received
- Economic impacts run to estimate new trips

Status on smaller local studies was given as well.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports:

Mr. O'Brien reported in Niagara County a Bi-annual bridge inspection is being performed and the Cedar Street Bridge (shared jointly with Erie County) has been flagged as a safety concern. He noted both agencies are working to get the bridge down posted and also mentioned the bridge is on the current TIP and will be going to TPS this month to accelerate the project looking for a letting spring of 09.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2008 at Erie County DPW

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m., seconded by Mr. Tokarczyk and all were in favor.

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at Erie County Department of Public Works, Room 1404, Buffalo, NY**

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes –October 1, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Amendments-Major Amendments #4 and #5
Addition of SRS and NFTA Bus Purchase Projects
- B) Recommendation for Approval of GBNRTC Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- C) Recommendation to Submit Revised Project Scenario for NYSDOT Program Update
- D) Statement of Issues and Concerns regarding Program Update/Revised Financial Allocations
- E) Approval of GBNRTC Policy Committee Agenda

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee; Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) Project Funding-Some Potential Opportunities and Actions
- C) 2008 Data Collection and Availability
- D) Recent Outreach Events

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: December 3, 2008 – NYSDOT

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on November 5, 2008 at Erie County DPW, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:30a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 1. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |
| 2. Gary Gottlieb | NYSDOT |
| 3. Robert Gower | NFTA |
| 4. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 5. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 6. Doug Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 7. Charles Sickler | Erie County |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Tim Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Steve Szopinski | GBNRTC |
| 4. Robert Wagner | GBNRTC |
| 5. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 6. Christopher Church | NYSDOT |
| 7. Peter Nixon | NYSDOT |
| 8. Rachel Chrostowski | ECDEP |
| 9. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 10. Frank Dolan | Bergmann Assoc. |
| 11. Bill Licata | Buffalo Common Council Staff |
| 12. Carol Sampson | ECHDC/ECDC |
| 13. Bonnie Kane Lockwood | Congressman Higgins |
| 14. Deanne Stachowski | TKG |
| 15. Thomas Frank | Resident Amherst |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. At the time of roll call, all members or representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Greenway Project, and the Rails to Trails Program.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (11/5/08)

Mr. Gottlieb, moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (10/1/08)

Mr. O'Brien, moved to approve the meeting minutes of 10/1/08, seconded by Mr. Tokarczyk, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendments – Major Amendment #4 Safe Routes to School

Mr. Trabold explained this first major amendment intended to add three new projects to the approved 2008-2012 TIP that were recently awarded federal funding under the statewide Safe Routes to School program. The projects would be administered by the Town of Grand Island, the City of Buffalo and the Town of Amherst. He noted this was new federal money and all public outreach procedures related to a major amendment were observed.

Mr. Merlo moved to recommend approval of Major TIP Amendment #4 to the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Gottlieb. All were in favor.

B. TIP Amendments – Major Amendment #5 Section 5308 Discretionary Clean Fuels Program Bus Purchases (NFTA)

Mr. Trabold explained that the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority was recently awarded a \$2.5M allocation from the 2008 Discretionary Section 5308 Clean Fuels Program and \$0.294M as a House Resolution earmark. With this amendment the NFTA intended to consolidate funding from the Clean Fuels Program award, the House earmark and other revenue sources as outlined in the attachment to facilitate the purchase of new hybrid replacement buses. He noted this again was new money and all public outreach procedures related to a major amendment were observed.

Mr. Gower moved to recommend approval of Major TIP Amendment #5 to the Policy Committee, was seconded by Mr. Gottlieb. All were in favor.

C. Recommendation for Approval of GBNRTC Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Trabold presented an overview of the 2008 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, highlighting each chapter and its primary objectives. All members received a draft copy for their use. Mr. Trabold concluded with a review of the new maps developed for the plan including the Regional Bikeway Network, railroad right-of-ways and routes prioritized by their Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS). He added that the Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee had voted to conditionally recommend the plan to PCC pending the incorporation of all comments, which had been accomplished.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to recommend approval of the 2008 Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to the Policy Committee, was seconded by Mr. O'Brien. All were in favor.

D. Recommendation to Submit Revised Project Scenario for NYSDOT Program Update

After a brief discussion.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to table the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Sickler. All were in favor

E. Statement of Issues and Concerns regarding Program Update/Revised Financial Allocations

Mr. Morse noted members have had several meetings regarding the Program update. As a result of those meetings a statement of issues and concerns was drafted and recommended to PCC for approval. This action is to approve the statement and submit to NYSDOT.

Mr. Merlo moved approval, seconded by Mr. Sickler, Mr. Gottlieb of NYSDOT abstained. Motion carried.

F. Approval of GBNRTC Policy Committee Agenda

Mr. Morse reviewed the agenda for the November 20th Policy meeting.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee

Mr. O'Brien reported the TPS recommended approval of Major TIP amendments 4 and 5 along with the adoption of Regional Bike-Ped Master Plan to the PCC committee. Also at the October 15th meeting seven items were tabled. Mr. O'Brien also noted TPS has met several times since then to discuss the Program Guidance Update distributed by NYSDOT. The next TPS meeting was scheduled for November 19th.

Mr. Trabold noted staff was attending the annual Bicycle & Pedestrian coordinators meeting in Utica. The Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee met on October 21st with the main topic being the implementation chapter of the B-P Master Plan. Mr. Trabold acknowledged the tremendous amount of community input and municipal staff time put into reviewing the multiple drafts and stated it was a testimony to how important the master plan update was being viewed. It was reported that the TEP applications had been forwarded to Albany and an announcement on the project awards was expected in December. The next B-P subcommittee meeting was scheduled for January 14, 2009 following TPS.

B. Project Funding – Some Potential Opportunities and Actions

Mr. Morse continued discussion on possible alternative funding sources.

C. 2008 Data Collection and Availability

Mr. Szopinski presented an overview of traffic data collected. He noted the availability of this data for all municipalities.

D. Recent Outreach Events:

Mr. Morse reported on recent outreach events. Highlighting Daemen College Sustainability Conference and its success in signing up more people and groups with GoodGoing. Mr. Morse presented at the Transportation of Tomorrow events. He also has met with the city of Lockport and the three towns on the Transit Road North corridor. Noted November 15, 2008 will be participating in a Niagara Street Walk in Buffalo's Westside along with NYSDOT and Partners for a Livable WNY.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Mr. Gower reported the NFTA is experiencing budget issues for the current year and expecting more significant issues for next years budget as a reduction in operating assistance is expected. The NFTA has proposed a two-tiered fare increase. Two public hearings have been scheduled December 2, 2008 at the Portage Rd. Transit Center in Niagara Falls and December 3, 2008 at ECC City Campus all information is on the NFTA website.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2008 at NYSDOT.

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m., seconded by Mr. Tokarczyk, and all were in favor.

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at New York State Department of Transportation, 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY**

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2008

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Major TIP Amendment #6
 - Initiate Public Comment Period: Fillmore Ave & Fruit Belt Projects
- B) Corridor Property Disposition Review
- C) UPWP FTA Budget Revisions
- D) Approval of 2009 Meeting Schedule
- E) Election of PCC Chair 2009

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) Program Update Submission and Presentation
- C) Thruway Mobility and Modernization Study-any follow-up discussion
- D) MPO Certification Action Plan
- E) Regional Signalization Improvement Initiative
- F) Policy Committee Recap

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: January 7, 2009 – NFTA

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2008 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on December 3, 2008 at NYS Department of Transportation, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:40a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC Members or their representatives were present:

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| 1. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |
| 2. Gary Gottlieb | NYSDOT |
| 3. Robert Gower | NFTA |
| 4. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 5. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 6. Doug Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 7. Charles Sickler | Erie County |

Others present were:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Debbie Vizine | GBNRTC |
| 4. Robert Wagner | GBNRTC |
| 5. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 6. Christopher Church | NYSDOT |
| 7. Peter Nixon | NYSDOT |
| 8. Paul Gavin | NYSDOT |
| 9. Mike Leydecker | BNP |
| 10. Jim Seymour | USA Niagara/ESD |
| 11. Rachel Chrostowski | ECDEP |
| 12. Joelle Guy | Town of Amherst Planning |
| 13. Brian Moore | Bergmann Assoc. |
| 14. Gary Witulski | COB OSP |
| 15. Sheila Ransbottom | Fisher Assoc. |
| 16. Bonnie Kane Lockwood | Congressman Higgins |
| 17. Robert Labenski | GPA |
| 18. Thomas Frank | Resident Amherst |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m. At the time of roll call, all members or representatives were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Greenway Project, and the Rails to Trails Program.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (12/3/08)

Mr. Gottlieb moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Merlo, all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (11/5/08)

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the meeting minutes of 11/5/08, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendments – Major Amendment #6 Initiate Public Comment Period

Mr. Trabold explained that federal legislation included new funding for two new projects in the City of Buffalo. The first was to resurface and implement streetscape improvements along Fillmore Ave between North Parade Ave and East Ferry St. at a total cost of \$1.29M. The second project would implement similar treatments on Carlton & High Streets between Michigan and Jefferson Avenues. This \$1.96M project would support the BNMC and ongoing improvements to the Fruit Belt neighborhoods. Mr. Trabold indicated the 2008-2012 TIP would need to be amended to add these two new projects and that would begin by notifying the public about the intended action and initiating a comment period.

Mr. Merlo moved to approve commencement of a 30-day public comment period for Major TIP Amendment #6, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

B. Corridor Property Disposition Review

Mr. Trabold explained that the NFTA intended to issue a Request for Proposals for the sale of approximately 35.82 acres of real property located in the First Ward of Buffalo between Moore Street and Smith Street. A 60-day comment period was now underway on the pending action.

Mr. Gower noted this was abandoned railroad right-of-way originally acquired for potential use as a light rail extension. However given current trends and the NFTA's financial needs, this route would have limited potential and that any potential southern LRRT extension would most likely be build closer to waterfront than where this former railroad property is located.

Mr. Gottlieb suggested regional master plans be consulted for any other potential transportation uses prior to issuing a response. All council comments would be expected on or before the next PCC meeting when the issue would be taken up again.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to table the item until the January 7, 2009 PCC meeting, was seconded Mr. Gower, all were in favor.

C. UPWP FTA Budget Revisions

Ms. Vizine presented the proposed budget revisions needed to remain in compliance with FTA guidelines. Mr. Morse noted the revisions were within the current budget, no new money is involved.

Mr. Gower moved to approval of the budget revisions, was seconded by Mr. Sickler. All were in favor.

D. Approval of 2009 Meeting Schedule

2009 Meeting schedule was presented for approval.

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the meeting schedule, seconded by Mr. Merlo. All were in favor

E. Election of PCC Chair 2009

Mr. Morse noted the rotation of past Chairs; the Chair position would rotate to the City of Buffalo for 2009. They have indicated their willingness to serve. No other nominations were made.

Mr. Gottlieb moved approval, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, all were in favor.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. O'Brien reported the subcommittee met on 11/19. Major TIP Amendment #6 was approved for recommendation to PCC. Also approved were funding source and letting date changes for both the Babcock Street Bridge and CSX RR over Route 104 projects. Numerous projects were tabled due to current funding issues. There was considerable discussion regarding a potential list of projects for a possible stimulus package. Mr. Morse noted staff was incorporating member comments into a list of local projects for the stimulus package and it would be submitted to Albany by the end of the day. NYSDOT would be submitting their list separately.

B. Program Update Submission and Presentation

Mr. Morse reported on the recent presentation to NYSDOT – Albany regarding the program update.

C. Thruway Mobility and Modernization Study

Mr. Morse noted the presentation given by the Thruway at the last Policy meeting. He asked the members to review the report and submit any comments. The Thruway Authority would like to receive comments from the MPO in early January.

D. MPO Certification Action Plan

Mr. Morse reviewed corrective actions to be taken in response to the findings of the FHWA/FTA recertification review.

E. Regional Signalization Improvement Initiative

Mr. Morse reported the signalization study scope is currently being reviewed based on corridor improvements already underway. In light of ongoing improvements in the region, the RFP is being revised to focus on retiming of signals in several corridors with some concluding recommendations for next steps.

F. Policy Committee Recap

Mr. Morse briefly recapped the policy meeting, including actions approved and issues considered in the discussion portion..

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Mr. Gower reported the NFTA is holding a public meeting 12/3/08 at ECC City Campus regarding the proposed fare increase.

Mr. Sickler reported on the fiscal challenges for Erie County

Mr. Gottlieb reiterated concerns on the future funding dollars

Mr. Tokarczyk noted the Thruway is looking forward to comments on the Modernization and Mobility Study

Mr. DeSantis reported the City of Niagara Falls is holding a Public Meeting 12/9 regarding Robert Moses Parkway.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

Mr. DeSantis noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2009 at NFTA.

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m., seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.