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 7, 2009 9:30 a.m., at Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, 6th Floor Boardroom, 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 – December 3, 2008

II. **ACTION ITEMS**
   A) Major TIP Amendment #6: Fillmore Ave & Fruit Belt Projects
   B) Functional Classification Change-Buffalo Inner Harbor Streets
   C) Corridor Property Disposition Review Comments
   D) NYSTA Mobility and Modernization Study Comments
   E) Niagara Falls Parking Update Request

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
   A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
   B) Presentation: Town of Amherst Context-Sensitive Highway Design by WENDEL DUCHSCHERER
   C) TRAC Regional Agenda
   D) TIP Development Schedule
   E) Potential Infrastructure Stimulus Approach
   F) Regional Signalization Improvement Initiative
   G) Annual GBNRTC Memorandum of Understanding

IV. **STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** February 4, 2009 – Buffalo City Hall
A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on January 7, 2009 at Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:30a.m.

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

1. Thomas DeSantis  
   City of Niagara Falls
2. Gary Gottlieb  
   NYSDOT
3. James Morrell  
   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:

1. Hal Morse  
   GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold  
   GBNRTC
3. Robert Wagner  
   GBNRTC
4. Joe Buffamonte  
   NYSDOT
5. Christopher Church  
   NYSDOT
6. Peter Nixon  
   NYSDOT
7. Ron Hayes  
   NYSDOT
8. Greg Szewczyk  
   NYSDOT
9. Mike Leydecker  
   BNP
10. Jim Seymour  
    USA Niagara/ESD
11. Rachel Chrostowski  
    ECDEP
12. Joelle Guy  
    Town of Amherst Planning
13. Gary Black  
    Town of Amherst Planning
14. Brian Moore  
    Bergmann Assoc.
15. Chris Fahey  
    Congressman
16. Sheila Ransbottom  
    Fisher Assoc.
17. Bill Licata  
    City Hall Common Council
18. Mark Mistretta  
    Wendel Duchscherer
19. Carol Sampson  
    ECHDC/ESDC
20. Gladys Gifford  
    TRAC
21. Kris Allen  
    TRAC
22. Brian Andrzejewski  
    GPI
23. Kelly Thompson  
    TVGA
24. Thomas Frank  
    Resident Amherst
I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
   Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. At the time of roll call, a quorum was present and all members were present by 9:40 a.m.

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

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (1/7/09)
   Mr. DeSantis moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (12/3/08)
   Mr. O’Brien moved to approve the meeting minutes of 12/3/08, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendment – Major Amendment #6 Fillmore Ave; Fruit Belt Redevelopment Plan
   Mr. Trabold explained that the 30-day public notification/outreach period had just ended and no comments had been received regarding the PCC’s intent to add these two new projects to the TIP. He further noted these were new funds and the fiscal constraint of the program could be maintained. Policy Committee action would be required and this had been designed GBNRTC Resolution 2009-2.

   Mr. DeSantis moved to recommend approval of Major TIP Amendment #6/GBNRTC Resolution 2009-2 to the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

B. 2003 Highway Functional Classification-Amendment#2 Erie Canal Harbor Street Network
   Mr. Trabold explained that the GBNRTC had previously amended (#1) the 2003 Functional Classification system in 2005 in recognition of progressing and anticipated street site plans at the Erie Canal Harbor development. Further refinement of the Erie Canal Harbor development had made it necessary to adjust the 2003 Functional Classification system once more (#2) to maintain consistency with the final plans. In particular, Perry, Lloyd and Prime Streets would become designated collectors. Policy Committee action would be required and this had been designed GBNRTC Resolution 2009-1.

   Mr. DeSantis moved to recommend approval of 2003 Highway Functional Classification - Amendment #2/ GBNRTC Resolution 2009-1 to Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

   Mr. Trabold noted that in recognition of the time sensitivity of the previous two action items and the lack of scheduled Policy meeting, policy member ballots had been prepared and would be distributed at the end of the meeting.

C. Corridor Property Disposition Review
   At the December meeting PCC received a request from NFTA to review a proposed property disposition and asked staff to review in the context of regional plans. Mr. Morse reported that no GBNRTC Regional plans/projects appear to be impacted by the proposed disposition of the referred
NFTA property (First Ward of Buffalo, from Moore to Smith Street); recommendation would be to respond to NFTA as such.

*Mr. Sickler moved the recommendation, was seconded by Mr. DeSantis. All were in favor.*

**D. NYSTA Mobility and Modernization Study Comments**

Mr. Morse reviewed comments on the study.

*Mr. O’Brien moved recommendation of comment submittal to NYSTA, seconded by Mr. DeSantis. All were in favor*

**E. Niagara Falls Parking Update Request**

Mr. Morse explained Niagara Falls request of staff time to update a previous parking study.

*Mr. O’Brien 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 12/17. Major TIP Amendment #6 was approved for recommendation to PCC as well as the functional classification changes to Erie Canal Harbor development street system. There was considerable discussion regarding a potential list of projects for a possible economic stimulus package.

**B. Presentation: Town of Amherst Context-Sensitive Highway Design**

Wendel Duchscherer presented draft designs for a variety of roadway types to use throughout the town of Amherst.

**C. TRAC Regional Agenda**

Ms. Gifford presented the 2009 Agenda for the Transportation Regional Advisory Coalition

**D. TIP Development Schedule**

Mr. Morse reported the new update is done, noting the new allocations are unchanged, will be a challenging few years.

**E. Potential Infrastructure Stimulus Approach**

Mr. Morse reported a list of possible projects has been assembled, outreach to towns and villages are underway. While no program is in place, lists and amendment processes are being proactively prepared.

**F. Regional Signalization Improvement Initiative**

The signalization study currently scoped is nearing the RFP stage. A revised approach would include signal retiming in several corridors to improve traffic flow and reduce emissions.

**G. 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 could be incorporated in preparation for February action.
IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports
   Mr. Morrell reported the NFTA has implemented a fare increase of twenty-five cents.
   Mr. Gottlieb reported NYSDOT Albany has delayed response to the presentation of the program update until the end of the month. Also Ron Hayes gave a brief presentation on Buffalo’s Outer Harbor Parkway Project.
   Mr. Tokarczyk noted the Thruway will be presenting the Modernization Study to Rochester’s MPO. Also he thanked the member agencies for their comments on the study.
   Mr. DeSantis reported the City of Niagara Falls is beginning a study on South Robert Moses Parkway Gateway.

B. Director’s Report
   Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

Mr. Merlo noted that the next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2009 at City of Buffalo.

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am, seconded by Mr. Sickler, 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, February 4, 2009**
*9:30 a.m., at Buffalo City Hall Room 1417*

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

I. **PROCEEDINGS**
   A) Pledge of Allegiance
   B) Roll Call
   C) Public Participation
   D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
   E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2009

II. **ACTION ITEMS**
   A) Major TIP Amendment #7: Economic Stimulus Package Projects
   B) Unified Planning Work Program-Second Year Affirmation
   C) Annual GBNRTC Memorandum of Understanding
   D) February Policy Committee Agenda and Date

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
   A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee; Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
   B) 2014 TIP Development Schedule and Stimulus Integration
   C) Status of TIP Amendment #6 (Fillmore and Fruit Belt Projects); and Erie Canal Harbor Streets Reclassification
   D) Mobile Source Emissions Credit Opportunity
   E) Urban Simulation Framework Buildout Status
   F) Marine Highways Program

IV. **STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** March 4, 2009 – Erie County DPW
A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on February 4, 2009 at City Hall, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

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

1. Thomas DeSantis  
   City of Niagara Falls
2. Joe Buffamonte  
   NYSDOT
3. Melissa Golen  
   NFTA
4. Peter Merlo  
   City of Buffalo
5. Kevin O’Brien  
   Niagara County
6. Doug Tokarczyk  
   NYSTA
7. Jerry Sentz  
   Erie County

Others present were:

1. Hal Morse  
   GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold  
   GBNRTC
3. Holly Maietta  
   GBNRTC
4. Rich Guarino  
   GBNRTC
5. Deb Vizine  
   GBNRTC
6. James Manuel  
   GBNRTC
7. Peter Nixon  
   NYSDOT
8. Charlie Sickler  
   Erie County
9. Mike Leydecke  
   BNP
10. Jim Seymour  
    USA Niagara/ESD
11. Steve Boddecker  
    Fisher Assoc.
12. Sheila Ransbottom  
    Fisher Assoc.
13. Jim Jones  
    Town of Tonawanda
14. Gary Witulski  
    City of Buffalo OSP
15. Gladys Gifford  
    CRTR/TRAC
16. Andrew Graham  
    Voice Buffalo/TRAC
17. Kelly Thompson  
    TVGA
18. Kevin Miller  
    Bergmann Assoc.
19. Bill Licata  
    City Hall Common Council
20. Paul Pfleuger  
    Watts A/E
21. Deanne Stackowski  
    TKG
22. Bonnie Lockwood  
    Congressman Higgins
23. Thomas Frank  
    Resident
I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. At the time of roll call, all members were present.

B. Public Participation
Gladys Gifford noted in NYS proposed budget Gov. Patterson is slashing Transit Operating Funds she asked the group to urge the Governor not to make cuts to the fund. Ms. Gifford also mentioned the Federal Stimulus package hoping some of that money would be used for Rail projects. Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Greenway Project, and the Rails to Trails Program.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (2/4/09)
Mr. Sentz moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (1/7/09)
Mr. Sentz moved to approve the meeting minutes of 1/7/09, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendment – Major Amendment # 7 Economic Stimulus Package Projects
Mr. Morse explained that project reviews are ongoing. TPS Committee has recommended a special meeting of PCC be called later in February where a final list can be recommended.
Mr. O’Brien moved to table Major # 7, seconded by Ms. Golen, all were in favor.

B. Unified Planning Work Program – Second Year Affirmation
Mr. Morse explained the currently approved UPWP work program for the GBNRTC staff was in its second year and funding agencies required reaffirmation of the program for the second year.
Mr. Sentz moved approval UPWP second year, seconded by Ms. Golen, all were in favor.

C. Annual GBNRTC Memorandum of Understanding
Mr. Morse observed that the MOU provided the basis for the members to continue working together, as they have for 30 years, in accord with federal legislation on transportation planning. No revisions have been made.
Mr. O’Brien moved approval of the MOU, was seconded by Mr. DeSantis. All were in favor.

D. February Policy Committee Agenda and Date
Mr. Morse reviewed the agenda and proposed date of February 23, 2009.
Mr. DeSantis moved approval of the agenda and date, seconded by Mr. Sentz, all were in favor.
III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. O’Brien reported the subcommittee has been focusing on a list of shovel-ready projects for
the region, in anticipation of a stimulus package. Ms. Maietta reported the Bike/Ped committee would
be working on implementation of the master plan, which was approved in fall of ’08. The next B-P
subcommittee meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2009.

B. 2014 TIP Development Schedule and Stimulus Integration

Mr. Trabold reviewed the transportation portion of the developing federal stimulus package. He
noted that while the House and Senate negotiated a compromise bill, efforts continued locally to refine
a list of ready-to-go regional transportation projects. An initial project listing was made public on
January 23rd and that list had since grown to 683 project candidates. A handout was distributed of those
proposed projects, with the first 128 isolated as the most likely to be ready within 90 days. In response
to a question from the NYS Thruway Authority representative, there was no priority intended in the
listing, just a separation of projects already on the TIP and those that would be new additions to the TIP.
It was pointed out that the stimulus bill may provide other non-transportation funding opportunities for
advancing some of these proposals such as waterlines, sewer and buildings. It was also noted there
appeared to be no changes forthcoming to the federal implementation process that would expedite
project deliveries.

In order to be sufficiently prepared for a February 23rd Policy Committee meeting it was suggested
that a special PCC meeting be scheduled for February 18th immediately following the next TPS
meeting. The intent would be for the TPS to meet at 9 a.m. and the PCC at 9:30 a.m. that same day.

C. Status of TIP Amendment #6 (Fillmore and Fruit Belt Projects) and Erie Canal Harbor
Streets Reclassification

Mr. Trabold noted the last of the Policy Committee ballots had been returned and the two
resolutions (2009-1 & 2009-2) were unanimously approved. The resolutions will now go to the Chair
of the Policy Committee to sign. Additional steps will include adding the new project earmarks to the
STIP and processing the functional reclassification changes with FHWA.

D. Mobile Source Emissions

Mr. Morse reported a potential opportunity is emerging to market emissions credits from current
TIP projects and make funds available for more projects in the area.

E. Urban Simulation Framework Buildout Status

Mr. Morse reviewed the current status of the Simulation Framework Buildout.

F. Marine Highways Program

The signalization study currently rescoped is nearing the RFP stage. A revised approach would
include signal retiming in several corridors to improve traffic flow and reduce emissions.

G. Annual GBNRTC Memorandum of Understanding

An emerging program at the federal level may offer an opportunity for this area. Mr. Guarino
gave a brief presentation of the program and proposed response.
IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports
   None to report.

B. Director’s Report
   Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:

   Mr. O’Brien made a motion that the Planning and Coordinating Committee convene for a special meeting on February 18, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Ms. Golan, and all were in favor.

   Mr. O’Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am, seconded by Ms. Golan, 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, February 18, 2009, 9:30 a.m., at the Knox Room, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, 665 Main Street, Suite 200**

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

I. **PROCEEDINGS**
   A) Pledge of Allegiance
   B) Roll Call
   C) Public Participation
   D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
   E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2009

II. **ACTION ITEMS**
   A) Major TIP Amendment #7: Economic Stimulus Package Projects

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
   A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
   B) 2014 TIP Development Schedule and Stimulus Integration
   C) Stimulus Project monitoring and reporting process
   D) Policy Committee meeting preparations

IV. **STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** TBD
A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on February 18, 2009 at Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:45 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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:

1. Hal Morse  
   GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold  
   GBNRTC
3. Kathryn Stilwell  
   GBNRTC
4. Robert Wagner  
   GBNRTC
5. Mike Leydecker  
   BNP
6. Rachel Chrostowski  
   ECDEP
7. Craig Turner  
   BNP
8. Debra Chernoff  
   Buffalo Place
9. Paul Zakrzewski  
   NYSTA
10. Gary Witulski  
    City of Buffalo OSP
11. Kathleen Lenihan  
    Cong. Slaughter
12. Joelle Guy  
    Town of Amherst Planning
13. Michael DeSantis  
    City Niagara Falls
14. John Bidell  
    City of Buffalo
15. Heidi Bugenhagen  
    BNP
I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:45 a.m. At the time of roll call, all members were present.

B. Public Participation
No comments

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (2/18/09)
Ms. Golen moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (2/4/09)
Mr. Gottlieb moved to approve the meeting minutes of 2/4/09, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. TIP Amendment – Major Amendment #7 Economic Stimulus Package Projects
Mr. Trabold reported that the 30-day public comment was still underway and he directed members to a handout listing nearly 700 projects that had already been submitted for stimulus funding consideration. It was noted there were projects included that may not be eligible for the highway and bridge funding but might be appropriate under another section of the stimulus act.

Mr. Trabold continued by explaining how a final list of 57 stimulus-funded projects was prepared and that list had been recommended for approval by the Transportation Projects Subcommittee. He further noted the cumulative project selections were fiscally constrained to the anticipated regional stimulus funding level and there were a couple of projects that still needed ICG review for their air quality conformity impacts. The action before the PCC was to recommend Major TIP Amendment #7 to the Policy Committee which would amend the 2008-2012 TIP to include these new projects, thereby making them eligible for stimulus funding.

Mr. Sickler moved to recommend approval of Major TIP Amendment #7 to the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Gottieb, all were in favor.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
Mr. DeSantis reported the subcommittee has been focusing on a completing a list of shovel-ready projects for the region, in anticipation of the stimulus package. The TPS voted unanimously to recommend approval of that list to the PCC.

B. 2014 TIP Development Schedule and Stimulus Integration
Mr. Morse reported all RPPM’s and MPO’s along with NYSDOT Main Office staff met to discuss the current challenge of the Program update and Stimulus package. In consideration of the Stimulus Program and the impacts it would have on the TIP, led to a recommendation postponing the TIP revisions until at least Fall 2009.
C. Stimulus Project Monitoring and Reporting Process

Mr. Morse noted in the Stimulus bill there will be some federal monitoring and 120 days after apportionment the federal government could withdraw funds from a state, an amount equal to 50% of funds awarded less an amount obligated, and redistribute to states that have not had any funds withdrawn. NYSDOT and MPO’s are jointly working on a reporting format by region and statewide. He noted the importance of successfully moving projects forward and working diligently together tracking everyone’s progress. He also suggested TPS meet more frequently to insure all funds are obligated for this region.

D. Policy Committee meeting preparations

Mr. Morse reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

All members reported working on the Stimulus Projects.

B. Director’s Report

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:

TBD

Mr. DeSantis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am, seconded by Ms. Golan, 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, April 1, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., at the NYS 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 – February 18, 2009

II. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Requested UPWP Planning Activities – see PCC Notes

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee; Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
   B) TIP Development Schedule and Stimulus Integration
   C) Stimulus Project monitoring and reporting
   D) Regional Freight Study Memo #3
   E) Public Transit Strategic Study
   F) Urban Simulation Demonstration Project Status
   G) 2009 Transportation Data Collection
   H) Human Services Transportation Grant Timeline
   I) Earth Day 2009
   J) Policy Committee meeting business items and date

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: May 6, 2009 - Niagara Falls
A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on April 1, 2009 at NYSDOT, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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. Gerard Sentz  
   Erie County

Others present were:

1. Hal Morse  
   GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold  
   GBNRTC
3. Steve Szopinski  
   GBNRTC
4. Barb Courtney  
   GBNRTC
5. Rich Guarino  
   GBNRTC
6. Robert Wagner  
   GBNRTC
7. Charlie Sickler  
   Erie County
8. Chris Church  
   NYSDOT
9. Greg Szewczyk  
   NYSDOT
10. Paul Gavin  
    NYSDOT
11. Joe Buffamonte  
    NYSDOT
12. Ron Hayes  
    NYSDOT
13. Peter Nixon  
    NYSDOT
14. Michael DeSantis  
    City of Niagara Falls
15. Ali Marzban  
    City of Niagara Falls
16. Mike Leydecker  
    BNP
17. Jim Seymour  
    ESDC/USA Niagara Dev.
18. Paul Pfleuger  
    Watts A/E
19. Gary Witulski  
    City of Buffalo OSP
20. Kathleen Lenihan  
    Cong. Slaughter
21. Joelle Guy  
    Town of Amherst Planning
22. Deanne Stachowski  
    TKG
23. Sheila Ransbottom  
    Fisher Assoc.
24. Jeffrey Lebsack  
    HMM
25. Kristine Allen  
    LWV
26. Dale Larson  
    Wm Schutt & Assoc. Lancaster
27. Glenn Blake  
    GPI
28. Gladys Gifford  
    CRTC/TRAC
29. Gregg Merlihan  
    GPI
30. William Licata  
    Buffalo Common Council
I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation
Gladys Gifford spoke about Light Rail/High Speed Rail; Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Greenway Project, and the Rails to Trails Program. Roy Schneggenburger spoke about being a pedestrian.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (4/1/09)
Mr. Sentz moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Gottlieb, all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (2/18/09)
Mr. Sentz moved to approve the meeting minutes of 2/18/09, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Requested UPWP Planning Activities
Mr. Morse noted three member items would be included for work in the current UPWP. Some staff time is reserved in the program for future items, and would require a budget revision. The work items include: Transportation analyses in support of Buffalo initiative for Niagara Street improvements; Travel model deployment for Empire State Development/ECHDC study of Outer Harbor bridge locations; Participation in studies for improved Buffalo-Niagara rail passenger service and related high speed rail initiatives.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee and Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
Mr. DeSantis reported the subcommittee has been focusing on a delivery of stimulus projects. Greg Szewczyk reported on Bike/Ped committee noting a new bicycle pedestrian map will be printed and distributed soon.

B. TIP Development Schedule and Stimulus Integration
Mr. Trabold gave a presentation on the advantages and disadvantages of developing a new TIP over 6 or 12 months. The recommendation was to follow a 12-month cycle to allow for changes in federal reauthorization legislation as well as new administration directives. This would also mean the coming year would be focused on delivering stimulus projects and managing the current TIP by processing necessary amendments.
C. **Stimulus Project Monitoring and Reporting**
   Mr. Trabold reviewed new ARRA reporting requirements for stimulus-funded projects. Though FHWA designated reporting responsibilities to the states themselves, the states would likely approach local agencies for some of the report information. The ARRA reports were reviewed and probable local data requests identified. Optional signage for ARRA-funded project sites was also discussed as well as a new stimulus projects status page being developed for the GBNRTC website.

D. **Regional Freight Study Memo #3**
   Final copies of Tech Memo #3 were handed out. Mr. Guarino also gave an overview of Tech Memo #3 and the remaining portion of the study.

E. **Public Transit Strategic Study**
   Mr. Gower reported on the start up of the new transit study. Mr. Gower asked if the next meeting could be held at the NFTA, no one objected.

F. **Urban Simulation Demonstration Project Status**
   Mr. Szopinski gave a brief demonstration of the Urban Simulation capabilities.

G. **2009 Transportation Data Collection**
   Mr. Szopinski talked about the upcoming traffic counts and noted if members had any specific requests for counts to please contact him.

H. **Human Services Transportation**
   Ms. Courtney reported on the status of JARC and New Freedom projects. She noted that 06-07 funds had been obligated. Ms. Courtney also mentioned the application process for these funds needs to be revamped.

I. **Policy Committee meeting business items and date**
   Some potential dates for the regular May Policy meeting were proposed as well as currently projected agenda items.

IV. **STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

   A. **Member Agency Reports**
      No additional comments from member agencies

   B. **Director’s Report**
      Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:**

   **TBD**

   *Mr. Gower made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, 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 6, 2009, 9:30 a.m., at the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, 6th Floor Boardroom, 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 – April 1, 2009

II. **ACTION ITEMS**
   A) Resolution 2009-6  TIP Amendments #8 and #9  
   B) Resolution 2009-7 Amendment to Public Involvement Plan  
   C) Resolution 2009-8 MOU Amendment  
   D) Resolution 2009-9 ARRA Project selection process  
   E) Approval – May 28 Policy Committee Agenda

III. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
   A) Subcommittee Report: Transportation Projects Subcommittee  
   B) Stimulus Project monitoring and reporting  
   C) TIP Amendment Procedures-potential revisions  
   D) LRP and TIP Financial Plans  
   E) Public Transit Strategic Study  
   F) Road Score Program 2009  
   G) TRANSIMS Project status  
   H) High Speed Rail Empire Corridor

IV. **STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**
   A) Member Agency Reports  
   B) Director’s Report

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** June 3, 2009 - NYSTA
MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2009 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 6, 2009 at NFTA, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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:

1. Hal Morse GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold GBNRTC
3. Bob Wagner GBNRTC
4. Kim Smith GBNRTC
5. Amy Weymouth-Michaux GBNRTC
6. Jim Seymour ESDC/USA Niagara
7. Mike Leydecker BNP
8. Ron Hayes NYSDOT
9. Peter Nixon NYSDOT
10. Ali Marzban City of Niagara Falls
11. Gary Witulski COB OSP
12. Rachel Chrostowski ECDEP
13. Gladys Gifford CRTC
14. John Mecca ECHDC
15. Robert Labenski GPI
16. Joelle Guy Town of Amherst
17. Bonnie Lockwood Congressman Higgins
18. Thomas Frank Resident
19. David Kinyon Lockport
I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
   Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

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

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (5/6/09)
   NYSDOT requested an item be added to the agenda, Mr. O’Brien moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Gower, all were in favor.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (4/1/09)
   Mr. O’Brien moved to approve the meeting minutes of 4/1/09, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2009-6 – TIP Amendments #8 and #9
   Mr. Trabold explained the proposed amendment would add three newly awarded TEP projects and one High Risk Rural Road project to the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, as recommended by TPS. There had been no public feedback received on either proposed addition.
   Mr. Gottlieb moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-6 to the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. O’Brien. All were in favor.

B. Resolution 2009-7 – Amendment to Public Involvement Plan
   Ms. Weymouth-Michaux explained the Plan has been updated to reflect compliance with SAFETEA-LU terminology. She noted the few changes that were made.
   Mr. Gottlieb moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-7 to the Policy Committee was seconded by Mr. DeSantis. All were in favor.

C. Resolution 2009-8 – MOU Amendment
   Mr. Morse explained the recently approved MOU is being slightly revised to reflect SAFETEA-LU language to assure all parties cooperate in developing and sharing information related to the development of financial plans for the LRP and TIP
   Mr. DeSantis moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-8 to the Policy Committee was seconded by Mr. Gower. All were in favor.

D. Resolution 2009-9 – ARRA Project Selection Process
   Mr. Trabold described the evolving documentation requirements for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) program and a directive that MPOs demonstrate their ARRA infrastructure investments are an appropriate use of taxpayer's dollars and meet the priority project criteria required in the bill. The GBNRTC undertook a full review of the procedures used when programming ARRA projects and prepared a resolution affirming such compliance.
Mr. Gottlieb moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-9 to the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Sickler. All were in favor.

E. Approval – May 28 Policy Committee Agenda

Mr. Morse reviewed the agenda and proposed date of May 28, 2009. No additional items were recommended at this time, the date was locked in for 9AM on May 28th.

Mr. O’Brien moved approval, seconded by Mr. Gottlieb, all were in favor.

F. Minor Amendment # 17 – Erie Canal Harbor Streets Phase II

Mr. Gottlieb explained the amendment is a correction in wording to better describe the work being done on this project, already appearing in the TIP. The project description would be amended to reflect new construction.

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

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. DeSantis reported the subcommittee met on April 15th and has been focusing on delivery of stimulus projects. Also the upcoming TIP schedule was discussed.

B. Stimulus Project Monitoring and Reporting

Mr. Trabold discussed the status of the $53M dollar stimulus program and reported the majority of projects were still on track for funding obligation by June 29th.

C. TIP Amendment Procedures – Potential Revisions

Mr. Trabold explained that “major” and “minor” amendment terminologies had evolved into simply “amendment” and “administrative modifications.” A change was therefore needed to the TPS operational plan, which also presented an opportunity to revisit change control thresholds, and assigned local approval responsibilities. This matter would be on the May 20th TPS agenda.

D. LRP and TIP Financial Plans

Mr. Morse noted the existing TIP and LRP financial plans were being reformatted consistent with SAFETEA-LU terminology and will be forwarded to federal agencies prior to June 1st.

E. Public Transit Strategic Study

Mr. Gower presented a power point presentation over viewing the expectations of the current Transit study. The PCC members will have later involvement in stakeholder discussions and this will help support transit program development for the upcoming TIP and LRP processes.

F. TRANSIMS Project status

Ms. Smith gave a power point presentation on the TRANSIMS technology and how it is being demonstrated in Buffalo-Niagara. A test deployment is also underway. In June a nationwide panel of experts will provide a peer review of the effort.
G. Road Score Program 2009

Mr. Morse noted staff is currently road scoring with Niagara and Erie Counties, remaining jurisdictions should advise staff of appropriate timetable for assistance with scoring of their roads.

H. High Speed Rail Corridor

Mr. Morse reported to the Council on a letter received from an upstate MPO asking for support and involvement in the high-speed rail initiative. Funding is available on a competitive basis for improvements through ARRA, and the Empire corridor is a likely candidate. It was suggested that a statement from Policy Committee be assembled for inclusion in the request package and to further develop support for the program. Mr. Morse offered to prepare and circulate a letter for action at Policy on May 28.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Doug Tokarczyk reported on the current projects for the Thruway Authority.

B. Director’s Report

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: June 3, 2009 – NYS Thruway Authority

Mr. Gower made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, 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 3, 2009
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 6, 2009

II. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Recommendation of Approval: TIP Actions
      • Resolution 2009-10 TIP Amendment #10 FTA Section 5307
         Project Additions
      • Administrative Modification #18: NFTA Program Realignment #3
      • Administrative Modification #19: 2007 New Freedom Project Funds
   B) Approval of Revised TPS Operating Procedure Change Control
      Terminology for Amendment and Administrative Modification

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A) Subcommittee Report: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
   B) Status of Stimulus Program
   C) Policy Committee Actions and Follow-up
   D) Parking Studies Initiated
   E) 2009 Regional Bicycle Route Guide
   F) Some Federal Authorizing Legislation Outlooks (post SAFETEA-LU)

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: July 1, 2009 – Niagara County Public Safety Bldg
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2009 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 June 3, 2009 at the NYS Thruway Authority, 455 Cayuga, Cheektowaga, NY. The meeting began at 9:37 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:
1. Gary Gottlieb NYSDOT
2. Paul Zakrzewski NYSTA
3. Kevin O’Brien Niagara County
4. Melissa Golen NFTA
5. Peter Merlo City of Buffalo
6. Charles Sickler Erie County
7. Thomas DeSantis City of Niagara Falls
  Jim Seymour Empire State Development Corp. (stakeholder)

Others present were:
1. Hal Morse GBNRTC
2. Barbara Courtney GBNRTC
3. Robert Wagner GBNRTC
4. James Gambino Erie County Legislature
5. Chris Church NYSDOT
6. Joe Buffamonte NYSDOT
7. Jim Seymour ESDC.
8. Joelle Guy Town of Amherst Planning
9. Deanne Stachowski TKG
10. Frank Dolan Bergmann
11. Pat Staniazek For Supervisor, Town of Cheektowaga
12. Chris Fahey For Congressman Higgins
13. Rachel Chrostowski ECDEP
14. Adam Locher For Assemblyman Gabryszak
15. Jennifer Michmewicz Clark Patterson
16. Roy Schneggenburger Resident
17. Thomas Frank Resident

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation
Roy Schneggenburger suggested that steps be taken to divert heavy and noisy tractor-trailer traffic on Genesee Street east of Transit Road, much of it associated with the Tops distribution center, to Wehrle Drive or Walden Avenue. He also noted the
anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy in 1944 that led to defeat of the Axis in Europe.

Thomas Frank asked that more priority be given to such projects as removal of the Williamsville Toll Barrier and a Youngs Road connection to the Thruway.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (6/3/09)
   All were in favor on a motion (O’Brien/DeSantis) to approve the agenda.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (5/6/09)
   All voted in favor of a motion (DeSantis/Zakrzewski) to approve the minutes of the previous PCC meeting, May 6, 2009.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Upon recommendation of Mr. Morse, the committee unanimously approved actions to change the current TIP as follows:
   - Resolution 2009-10 TIP amendment to add two NFTA projects for financing with Federal Transit Administration funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2009. The first improves the Humboldt and Delavan Metro Rail Stations by creating gateways on the main corners surrounding Canisius College campus ($75,000) and the second replaces old fire management and intrusion systems at each of the Metro Rail Stations ($1,080,000) and updates the train control Carborne ATP systems in each of the 27 Metro Rail Cars ($540,000). Action to recommend approval to GBNRTC Policy Committee (Gottlieb/Sickler)
   - Administrative Modification #18, for NFTA program realignment to reconcile three program estimates with Congressional appropriations and the funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. (Gottlieb/Sickler).
   - Administrative Modification #19, for cost changes involving two projects under the NFTA’s Section 5317 New Freedom Transit Program. (DeSantis/Sickler).

B. The committee unanimously unanimously approved a revision, to assure compliance with federal guidelines, of an updated operational plan for the Transportation Projects Subcommittee. The revision was approved with an amendment to clarify the number of votes required on subcommittee agreements. (DeSantis/O’Brien).
III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
   Mr. DeSantis reported the subcommittee had taken two actions at its previous meeting, recommending addition of a South Park project for Buffalo and NFTA revisions. They also discussed the facts and timelines for 2011-2015 TIP and reviewed the status of ARRA projects, including the time line and the role of the governor’s office.

B. Status of Stimulus Program
   Mr. Morse explained details of the three pages of information that he had given the PCC members to help update their understanding of the ARRA stimulus process. It was noted by Mr.Gottlieb that the Federal Highway Administration was the ultimate authority on stimulus projects.

C. Policy Committee Actions and Follow-up
   Mr. Morse summarized results of a recent meeting of the Policy Committee, including TIP amendments, modification on approaches to public involvement and collaboration, a regional input on the federal high-speed rail program and other updates on plans to comply with federal and state policies and initiatives.

D. Parking Studies Initiated
   Mr. Morse gave a progress report on parking studies undertaken for the Village of Hamburg and the City of Niagara Falls.

E. 2009 Regional Bicycle Route Guide
   The GBNRTC director noted that input was sought from users, bicycle shops, politicians and community groups in putting together the new guide. He provided information on distribution of the guide.

F. Some Federal Authorizing Legislation Outlooks (post SAFETEA-LU)
   Mr. Morse noted that for the first time in many years there was serious talk of a progressive restructuring of the transportation legislation, although at this stage in Congress nothing was definite.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports
   Most of the members commented on the progress their communities or agencies were making with stimulus projects. Ms. Golen noted that the NFTA was open to public comments during June on development of a restructuring program focused on Erie County. Niagara County noted completion of the current bridge wash cycle.

B. Director’s Report
   Mr. Morse commented further on progress of the stimulus program and on a contract for a study on signalization retiming
NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:

  Mr. Merlo noted that the next meeting was scheduled for July 1 in the Niagara County Public Safety Building.

  A motion was made (Gottlieb) and seconded (DeSantis) to adjourn and all were in favor, at 10:26 a.m.
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 1, 2009, 9:30 a.m., at the Niagara County Public Safety Building, 5574 Niagara Street Extension, Lockport, 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 – June 3, 2009

II. ACTION ITEMS
A) Recommendation of Approval: TIP Amendment #11 – Multiple Program Changes
B) Recommendation for Approval: Functional Classification Change-Main St.
C) Recommendation for Approval: UPWP Amendment-Value Pricing Pilot

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
A) Subcommittee Report: Transportation Projects Subcommittee; Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
B) Status of Stimulus Program
   - existing program
   - TIGER opportunity
C) Recent GBNRTC Model Activities
D) Upcoming Planning Product Cycle
   - Long Range Plan
   - Transportation Improvement Program
   - Congestion Management Program
   - Human Services Transportation Plan
E) Legislative Update
   - Congressional and Administration Proposals for Authorization
   - Pending Funds Rescission

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
A) Member Agency Reports
B) Director’s Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: Niagara Falls – Carnegie Bldg.
* 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.
LOOK FOR THE RED SIGN AND ENTER THAT DRIVEWAY TO THE BUILDING
A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on July 1, 2009 at the Niagara County Public Safety Building, Lockport, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

1. Hal Morse  
   GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold  
   GBNRTC
3. Robert Wagner  
   GBNRTC
4. Holly Maietta  
   GBNRTC
5. Joe Buffamonte  
   NYSDOT
6. Chris Church  
   NYSDOT
7. Seth Piccirillo  
   NFTA
8. Ali Marzban  
   CNF
9. Michael Leydecker  
   BNP
10. Joelle Guy  
    Town of Amherst
11. Sheila Ransbottom  
    Fisher Assoc.
12. W. Ross  
    Coalition
13. L. Ross  
    Coalition
14. Mark Armbrast  
    URS Corporation
15. Gary Witulski  
    COB OSP
16. Brian Andrzejewski  
    GPI
17. Robert Labenski  
    GPI
18. Thomas Frank  
    Resident
I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present and the representative for Erie County joined shortly after.

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

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (7/1/09)
All were in favor on a motion (Gower/Gottlieb) to approve the agenda.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (6/3/09)
All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Gower) to approve the minutes of the 6/3/09 PCC meeting.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2009-11 – Multiple Program Changes
Mr. Trabold explained that the proposed resolution would amend the 2008-2012 TIP by adding two (2) new federally funded studies, one (1) new bridge project and adjust the scope of work on two (2) existing projects. These changes specially included $0.717M of new funding for a study of a GPS-based Pricing System; $2.0M to study covering a portion of Rt. 33 between Best St and Delavan Ave; $0.775M to rehabilitate the Hopkins St Bridge over B&P railroad; a scope and cost reduction of $2.775M on the Rt 33; Retaining Wall Railing Repl and Corridor Enhancements project; and a reallocation of $0.805M from an intermodal project at Canisius College to fund improvements at the University LRRT Station. He noted there was no impact on air quality conformity or fiscal constraint and it was being recommended to them by the Transportation Projects Subcommittee.

All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/Gower) to recommend Resolution 2009-11 to Policy Committee for approval.

B. Resolution 2009-12 – 2003 Highway Functional Classification
Mr. Trabold explained that the proposed action would initiate a reclassification of Main Street in the City of Buffalo as a federal aid roadway. It had been declassified when the LRRT/pedestrian mall was constructed but plans to reintroduce vehicular traffic onto Main Street will necessitate inclusion of the section from Tupper to Scott Street as a collector on the Highway Functional Classification to become federal aid eligible. Upon approval, the documented functional classification changes would be submitted to the New York State Department of Transportation for further submittal to the Federal Highway Administration for FHWA review and approval.

All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/DeSantis) to recommend Resolution 2009-12 to Policy Committee for approval.
C. Resolution 2009-13 – UPWP Amendment – Value Pricing Pilot  
Mr. Morse explained the resolution would amend current UPWP to include scope and budget and also noted there would not any financial commitment to GBNRTC, some staff time is included in the program and would be reimbursable by the grant.  

All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/DeSantis) to recommend Resolution 2009-13 to Policy Committee for approval.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects and Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittees  
Mr. DeSantis reported the subcommittee had worked mainly on the above action items. Ms. Maietta reviewed the Bike-Ped meeting which was held June 19th.

B. Status of Stimulus Program  
Mr. Trabold reviewed status of the program noting this region has met the first deadline of 6/29/09 having obligated 50% of monies received. This region was allocated $72.3M and efforts were underway to obligate all remaining funds. Mr. Morse reviewed the second part of the stimulus package TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery).

C. Recent GBNRTC Model Activities  
Mr. Morse reported on current status of the regional model upgrades. He also recapped the peer review of TRANSIMS, hosted by GBNRTC on July 15 & 16.

D. Upcoming Planning Product Cycle  
Several GBNRTC plans will be approaching an update or rebuild date, Mr. Morse discussed the possible challenges ahead.

E. Legislative Update  
Mr. Morse noted current legislation SAFETEA-LU expires 9/30/09; the possibility of an extension to SAFETEA-LU is being talked about. Also he reported new legislation is in the mark up stage and briefed the council on the possibility of a major rescission.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports  
No additional comments from member agencies

B. Director’s Report  
Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:  
August 5, 2009 – Niagara Falls Carnegie Bldg.  

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, 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 5, 2009, 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 – July 1, 2009

II. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Approval: FHWA/FTA Budget Revision – Year End Close
   B) Approval: Transportation Projects Subcommittee - Project Change Control Action Thresholds
   C) Approval: TIP Administrative Modification-NFTA Funds Technical Correction

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A) Subcommittee Report: Transportation Projects Subcommittee;
   B) Activities and Draft Schedule: LRP Update and new TIP
   C) Projects Review: Stimulus Update, Revised Allocations, Rescission
   D) Signal Retiming Project startup
   E) Air Quality Conformity Process-Williamsville Toll Barrier Project
   F) Review of July Policy Committee

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: September 2, 2009 Buffalo City Hall
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2009 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 August 5, 2009 at the Niagara County Public Safety Building, Lockport, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:
1. Hal Morse  GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold  GBNRTC
3. Robert Wagner  GBNRTC
4. Amy Weymouth  GBNRTC
5. Holly Maietta  GBNRTC
6. Deborah Vizine  GBNRTC
7. Ron Hayes  NYSDOT
8. Michael Leydecker  BNP
9. Paul Tronolone  ESDC
10. Edward Stachure  Fair Comm./TVGA
11. Ruth Lampe  Parkside Community Association
12. Paul Pfleuger  Watts A/E
13. Gary Witulski  COB OSP
14. Jennifer Michniewicz  Clark Patterson Lee
15. Zachary Sadler  NYS Senator Thompson
16. Joelle Guy  Town of Amherst
17. Bill Licata  Buffalo Common Council Staff
18. Thomas Frank  Resident
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I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation
Ruth Lampe, Parkside Community Association, spoke in regards to the association opposition to a new Route 33 Study, realizing the challenges with money for the region why not use the money for an actual Scajaquada Corridor project instead of another study. Thomas Frank discussed Williamsville Toll Barrier, Greenway Project, and the Rails-to-Trails Program.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (8/5/09)
All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/Sickler) to approve the agenda.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (7/1/09)
All were in favor on a motion (O’Brien/Gower) to approve the minutes of the 7/1/09 PCC meeting.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2009 – FHWA/FTA Budget Revision – Year End Close
Mr. Morse reported on the budget revision reconciling budget and spending through state fiscal year closeout. Spending was well within budget for the year, no additional resources are needed in this action.

   All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/Gower) to approval the Budget Revision.

B. Approval: Transportation Project Subcommittee – Project Change Control Action Thresholds
Mr. Trabold reviewed the changes proposed. The TPS Subcommittee has reviewed and is recommending these changes for approval by PCC.

   All were in favor on a motion (O’Brien/Bidell) approving the TPS Change Control Thresholds

C. Approval: TIP Administrative Modification – NFTA Funds Technical Correction
Mr. Trabold explained in preparing FTA grants for NFTA a few discrepancies were found, this modification makes the corrections needed for the FTA to proceed.

   All were in favor on a motion (Gower/Gottlieb) approving Administrative Modification #20

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects and Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittees
Mr. DeSantis reported the committee discussed status on stimulus projects as well as plans for monies leftover.
B. Activities and Draft Schedule: LRP Update and new TIP
Ms. Weymouth reviewed proposed schedules and actions to deliver a new LRP and TIP. The TIP would add two additional years and be in place for the October 1, 2010 federal fiscal year. LRP Update would extend the horizon year to 2035, with delivery date in late 2010. Full air quality conformity would be required on both documents.

C. Projects Review: Stimulus Update, Revised Allocations, Rescission
Mr. Morse reviewed stimulus project status, revised allocations and possible impacts of proposed rescissions. No allocations are available for use in TIP development yet, some forecasts are expected soon.

D. Signal Retiming Project Startup
Mr. Morse reviewed the recent start up the Signal Retiming Project noting three major corridors involved in the startup Main Street – Goodell thru Humboldt; Clinton – Michigan to City Line and Elmwood – Tupper to City Line.

E. Air Quality Conformity Process – Williamsville Toll Barrier Project
Mr. Morse noted Federal Highway is requiring GBNRTC to reconform the LRP and TIP for the Toll Barrier project. He reviewed the environmental process and schedule to accomplish such.

F. Review of July Policy Committee
Mr. Morse reviewed the actions and activities of the recent Policy Committee meeting.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports
Mr. Tokarczyk reported the Paving project originally on the list of stimulus funds has been awarded and will be funded 100% with NYSTA funds.
Mr. Gottlieb reported on the need to look at reallocation of funds, as project are coming in lower than expected and the Thruway has decided not to use ARRA funds for a project on the stimulus list.
Mr. O’Brien reported Niagara County has all six stimulus projects out and are pleased with the bid results. The last preconstruction meeting is being held today.

B. Director’s Report
Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:
September 2, 2009 Buffalo City Hall

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am, seconded by Mr. Bidell, 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 2, 2009, 9:30 a.m., at the Buffalo City Hall Room 1417

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 5, 2009

II. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Areawide TIGER Submittals: MPO Sponsorship
   B) TIP Amendments: New TCSP at BNMC; 2 New Recreational Trail Program Project Additions

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A) Subcommittee Report: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
   B) LRP Update Activities: Proposed Public Involvement Process
   C) Next TIP: Revised Planning Targets/Allocations; Timetable
   D) TRANSIMS Project Completion
   E) JARC and New Freedom Project Solicitation
   F) Legislative Issues Pending

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: October 7, 2009 NYS Thruway Authority
A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on September 2, 2009 at Buffalo City Hall, Buffalo, New York. The meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

1. Thomas DeSantis  
   City of Niagara Falls
2. Gary Gottlieb  
   NYSDOT
3. Robert Gower  
   NFTA
4. John Bidell  
   City of Buffalo
5. Richard Eakin  
   Niagara County
6. Doug Tokarczyk  
   NYSTA
7. Charles Sickler  
   Erie County

Others present were:

1. Hal Morse  
   GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold  
   GBNRTC
3. Robert Wagner  
   GBNRTC
4. Amy Weymouth  
   GBNRTC
5. Barb Courtney  
   GBNRTC
6. Kim Smith  
   GBNRTC
7. Matt Grabau  
   GBNRTC
8. Rich Guarino  
   GBNRTC
9. Joe Buffamonte  
   NYSDOT
10. Christopher Church  
    NYSDOT
11. Seyed Ghasemi  
    City of Buffalo
12. Gary Witulski  
    OSP – City of Buffalo
13. Lenard Pero  
    Town of Brant
14. Paul Pfleuger  
    Watts A/E
15. Sheila Ransbottom  
    Fisher Assoc.
16. Bill Licata  
    City of Buffalo Council Staff
17. Joann Mecca  
    LWV B/N
18. Kristin Allen  
    LWV B/N
19. Robert Miller  
    Nussbaumer
20. Zachary Sadler  
    NYS Senator Thompson
21. Jennifer Diagostino  
    Assembly Sam Hoyt
22. Joelle Guy  
    Town of Amherst
23. Rene Filip  
    Buffalo Niagara Partnership
24. Bonnie Lockwood  
    Cong. Higgins
25. Jennifer Michniewicz  
    Clark Patterson Lee
26. Deanna Stachowksi  
    TKG
I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
  Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation
  Supervisor Pero, Town of Brant, spoke about the development of a public transit route for thirteen communities in the Southtowns including Seneca Nation.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (9/2/09)
  All were in favor on a motion (Gower/DeSantis) to approve the agenda.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (8/5/09)
  All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Sickler) to approve the minutes of the 8/5/09 PCC meeting.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Areawide TIGER Submittals: MPO Sponsorship
  Mr. Morse reported the TIGER Submittal deadline is September 15. Several applications are being developed by member agencies and appropriate TIP inclusion letters are being sent from staff to applicants for their submittals. As previously discussed, two area-wide applications were prepared, one for traffic signalization improvements throughout the two counties, and one for short line rail improvements. Action by PCC would be to recommend submittal of the two area-wide TIGER applications from the MPO.
  All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Eakin) to approve MPO sponsorship.

B. TIP Amendments – New TCSP at BNMC; 2 New Recreational Trail Program Project Additions – public comment period
  Mr. Trabold explained the City of Buffalo had recently received new funding from the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) grant program to supplement two of their existing projects: Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Phase 2 and Cars on Main St. Furthermore the NYS OPRHP had awarded Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding to two local projects. TIP Amendment #12 had been prepared to incorporate both the new TCSP funds and add the two new RTP projects to the 2008-2012 TIP. To start the amendment process an action was needed to initiate a 20-day public comment period.
  All were in favor on a motion (O’Brien/Bidell) initiating the public comment period for TIP Amendment #12.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
  Mr. DeSantis reported that the committee discussed the status of the local stimulus program as well as plans for additional funding becoming available due to under bids and project eligibility.
B. LRP Update Activities: Proposed Public Involvement Process
Ms. Weymouth reviewed the plan to include the public in the LRP process. The participation plan details approach to involvement of the public, stakeholders, and advisory groups in the development of both the LRP and TIP, consistent with GBNRTC governance. A summary overview of the proposed process and technical steps for preparation of a LRP update to 2035 was discussed, expected approval is late 2010.

C. Next TIP: Revised Planning Targets/Allocations
Mr. Trabold reported that work was progressing on developing a new 2011-2015 TIP however regional allocation projections had yet to be released. Without planning targets, a fiscally constrained program would be difficult to prepare. The pending expiration of SAFETEA-LU on October 1st posed yet another concern especially since its replacement legislation was stalled in Congress.

D. TRANSIMS Project Completion
Ms. Smith reviewed the two-year effort developing and deploying a TRANSIMS activity based model for the region, this effort was sponsored by FHWA. DeSantis asked about the peer review conducted earlier in the year, staff offered to present results and some of the presentation graphics at the next meeting.

E. JARC and New Freedom
Ms. Courtney reported project selection is underway for these two programs. She also noted the application has been revamped to ensure applicants are aware of the federal requirements in applying for and potentially receiving federal grant money. A workshop will be conducted in Buffalo on September 24th to brief potential applicants on the process and answer questions.

F. Legislative Issues Pending
Mr. Morse reviewed several legislative issues affecting MPO’s and transportation programs. Current federal legislation for transportation financing expires on September 30th; different extensions were discussed as well as impacts on project flow and planning.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports
Mr. Tokarczyk reported on the weekend closures of 190 Northbound between the Peace Bridge and Ontario Street.
Mr. Gottlieb reported the need to finalize ARRA project funds on existing projects and assure full spending of current funds.
Mr. DeSantis and Mr. Gower both reported on the grand opening of the Niagara Falls Terminal building, noting the terminal will be fully operational in October.

B. Director’s Report
Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.
NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:

October 7, 2009 NYS Thruway Authority

Mr. Gottlieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am, 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, October 7, 2009, 9:30 a.m., at the NYS Thruway Authority, 455 Cayuga Rd Suite 800, Cheektowaga, 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 – September 2, 2009

II. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Buffalo-Niagara TIGER Submittals: TIP Inclusion as Illustrative Projects
   B) TIP Amendments: New TCSP at BNMC; 2 New Recreational Trail Program Project Additions
   C) Status of TPS Authorized ARRA changes

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee, Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
   B) LRP Update Activities: Revised Activities and Proposed Subcommittee
   C) Next TIP: Funding Expectations and Project Status
   D) TRANSIMS Project: Presentation on Test Deployments and Peer Review
   E) Value Pricing Initiative: Study Intent and Partners
   F) Congestion Management Systems-approach to documentation
   G) Next Policy Meeting-Potential Action/Discussion Items
   H) Unified Planning Work Program: Approach to Development

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: November 4, 2009 – Erie County DPW
A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on October 7, 2009 at Buffalo City Hall, Buffalo, New York. The meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

1. Thomas DeSantis  
   City of Niagara Falls
2. Gary Gottlieb  
   NYSDOT
3. Seth Piccirillo  
   NFTA
4. Peter Merlo  
   City of Buffalo
5. Kevin O’Brien  
   Niagara County
6. Paul Zakrzewski  
   NYSTA
7. Jerry Sentz  
   Erie County

Others present were:

1. Hal Morse  
   GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold  
   GBNRTC
3. Robert Wagner  
   GBNRTC
4. Amy Weymouth  
   GBNRTC
5. Barb Courtney  
   GBNRTC
6. Kim Smith  
   GBNRTC
7. Holly Maietta  
   GBNRTC
8. Charlie Sickler  
   Erie County
9. Joe Buffamonte  
   NYSDOT
10. Dipak Shasti  
    NYSDOT
11. Gary Witulski  
    OSP – City of Buffalo
12. Michael Leydecker  
    BNP
13. Pete DaSilva  
    NOAA/Voice/Coalition
14. Sheila Ransbottom  
    Fisher Assoc.
15. Robert Miller  
    Nussbaumer & Clarke
16. Rachel Chrostowski  
    ECDEP
17. Chris Fahey  
    Congressman Higgins
18. Brian Moore  
    Bergmann Assoc.
19. Adam Locher  
    Assm Gabryszak
20. Brian Andrezejewski  
    GPI
21. Zachary Sadler  
    Sen. Thompson
22. Jon McNulty  
    Sen. Ranzenhofer
I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation
Pete DaSilva invited the council members to a public meeting, regarding revitalizing WNY economy beginning with streamlining regulations.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (10/7/09)
All were in favor on a motion (Sentz/Zakrzewski) to approve the agenda.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (9/2/09)
All were in favor on a motion (O’Brien/Sentz) to approve the minutes of the 9/2/09 PCC meeting.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Areawide TIGER Submittals: Public Comment Period
Mr. Trabold explained that as part of the federal application process, a TIGER project must be included in the TIP either at the time the TIGER grant application was submitted, or there must be a separate certification provided that the project will be on the appropriate TIP at time of grant award. To comply with this requirement, a new TIP amendment was drafted that would incorporate the twelve (12) TIGER grant applications submitted into an illustrative listing assuring that all projects will be staged for immediate implementation upon award notice. To start the amendment process an action was needed to initiate a 20-day public comment period.

All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Piccirillo) to authorize a public comment period on developing a TIGER illustrative listing for the TIP.

B. TIP Amendments – New TCSP at BNMC; 2 New Recreational Trail Program Project Additions –
Mr. Trabold reported the public comment period was complete TIP Amendment #12 and no comments were received. The action would incorporate both the new Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) funds received by the City of Buffalo and the two new Recreational Trail Program (RTP) projects to the 2008-2012 TIP. Resolution 2009-15 was prepared to approve TIP Amendment #12.

All were in favor on a motion (Sentz/DeSantis) approving Resolution 2009-15/TIP # 12.

C. Administrative Modification # 25
Mr. Trabold explained that the 10th St project (5757.17) in Niagara Falls was currently short $1.33M in construction funding. A proposal was developed to offset the deficit by transferring funding between existing projects with the net result being the Buffalo Ave. project (5460.28) would be reduced by $1.33M.

All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Zakrzewski) approving Administrative Mod #25.
D. Administrative Modification # 26

Mr. Trabold explained that a previous TIP amendment (3/10/08) reprogrammed funding from the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation to the NFTA to enable accelerated bus purchases. To reimburse those funds a request needed to be made to the Federal Transit Administration to flex $11.8M of future programming from the NFTA to the Federal Highway Administration as partial reimbursement for using those ECHDC funds. Though the action was an administrative modification it was felt a full public review was warranted so the action being requested was to initiate a 20-day public comment period.

*All were in favor on a motion (Sentz/DeSantis) to authorize a public comment period on initiating the FTA Flex Action.*

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. DeSantis reported the committee discussed the schedule of stimulus projects and the proposed adjustments to the schedule based on the surplus of monies as a result of the first round of bidding.

B. LRP Update Activities: Revised Activities and Proposed Subcommittee

Ms. Weymouth reviewed the latest planning activities related to preparation of the Plan. In extending the Plan horizon to 2035, focus will be on validation of assumptions and documentation of the 2030 Plan. It was suggested that PCC members plus associated planning representatives for member organizations function as a review committee for the duration of the activity.

C. Next TIP: Funding Expectation and Project Status

Mr. Trabold reported staff is continuing to plan for the future TIP, noting the challenges of planning without any firm legislative guidance or funding targets. SAFETEA-LU expired at the end of September, a continuing resolution is keeping projects moving, but offering no longer term funding allocations.

D. TRANSIMS Project Completion

Ms. Smith offered a presentation on the recently completed and successful TRANSIMS demonstration project at GBNRTC. The presentation included developmental aspects, including the results of the Peer Review and simulation results of the test deployments.

E. Value Pricing Initiative: Study Intent and Partners

Mr. Morse reviewed the Value Pricing Pilot Program, a demonstration grant provided to GBNRTC by FHWA. A kickoff meeting with private partners in the project, Delcan and Calamar, was held and project timeframes and responsibilities discussed.

F. Congestion Management Process (CMP) – approach to documentation

Mr. Morse indicated that the draft CMP was being reviewed and updated based on newer tools and emerging Regional Concept of Operations at NITTEC. A revised document discussing the process would be made available for approval at the December PCC and Policy Committees.

G. Next Policy Meeting – Potential Action/Discussion items
Mr. Morse reviewed potential action and discussion items for the next Policy meeting in December.

**H. Unified Planning Work Program: Approach to Development**

Mr. Morse noted current UPWP will be complete 3/31/10. Staff is current planning for the new UPWP noting some challenges in this process due to the absence of guidance from new legislation. Some potential areas of major issue will be developed and discussions with members scheduled to solicit input and begin UPWP assembly.

**IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

A. Member Agency Reports
   Nothing new to report

B. Director’s Report
   Mr. Morse provided a summary of other relevant issues and staff activities.

   *Mr. Sentz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am, seconded by Mr. Zakrzewski, 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 4, 2009, 9:30 a.m., at Erie County Department of Public Works, 95 Franklin Street Rm 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 7, 2009

II. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Resolution 2009-17/TIP Amendment #15: TIGER Discretionary Grant Application Support – TIP Illustrative Listing Endorsement
   B) Administrative Modification # 26: FTA Flex Action
   C) Two New RR Crossing Improvement Projects – Authorize Public Comment

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
   B) LRP Update Activities:
      - tiered approach to public outreach
      - specifics on Demographics proposed for use
      - existing Plan Vision, Goals and Objectives
   C) TIP and Project Finance Issues
      - rescission impacts to the program
      - proposed Capital Program status
   D) Congestion Management Process – proposed process flow
   E) Draft MPO Cooperative Planning Agreement
   F) NYS Draft Energy Plan – transportation implications
   G) Transit Supportive Development-Statewide Study
   H) Next Policy Meeting – Possible date and agenda items

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: December 2, 2009 NYSDOT
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2009 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 4, 2009 at Buffalo City Hall, Buffalo, New York. The meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

1. Michael DeSantis
   City of Niagara Falls
2. Gary Gottlieb
   NYSDOT
3. Seth Piccirillo
   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:

1. Bill Licata
   Buffalo Common Council, legislative staff
2. Hal Morse
   GBNRTC
3. Timothy Trabold
   GBNRTC
4. John Mecca
   ECHDC
5. Amy Weymouth
   GBNRTC
6. Robert Miller
   Nussbaumer & Clarke
7. Christopher Church
   NYSDOT
8. Ed Stachura
   TVGA & Fair Executive Committee
9. Joe Buffamonte
   NYSDOT
10. Glenn Blake
    GPI
11. Gary Witulski
    OSP – City of Buffalo
12. Jennifer Michniewicz
    Clark Patterson Lee
13. Gregg Merlihan
    GPI
14. Brian Andrzezejewski
    GPI
15. Deanna Stachowski
    TKG
16. Chris Fahey
    Congressman Higgins
17. Zachary Sadler
    Sen. Thompson
18. Thomas Frank
    Resident
I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
   Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:37 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation
   Thomas Frank called for priority action on removal of the Williamsville Toll Barrier, which he said would significantly relieve the “traffic sewer” in the Village of Williamsville.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (11/4//09)
   All were in favor on a motion (O’Brien/Sickler) to approve the agenda as amended to add Item D to the Action list as proposed by Mr. Gottlieb.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (10/7/09)
   All were in favor on a motion (O’Brien/Sickler) to approve the minutes of the 10/7/09 PCC meeting.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2009-17/TIP Amendment #15: TIGER Discretionary Grant Application Support – TIP Illustrative Listing Endorsement
   Mr. Trabold reported the 20-day public comment period on the proposed resolution would end at the close of business (11/4/09) and there had been no comments received. The action was to recommend approval of the resolution to the Policy Committee pending no public comments were received that day. He reminded members the resolution would incorporate the twelve (12) TIGER grant applications submitted to USDOT into an illustrative listing assuring that all projects will be staged for immediate implementation upon award notice.
   All were in favor on a motion (O’Brien/Sickler) to approve Resolution 2009-17/TIP Amendment #15 contingent upon no adverse public comments being received by the close of business on Nov. 4th.

B. Administrative Modification # 26: FTA Flex Action
   Mr. Trabold reported the 20-day public comment period on the proposed administrative modification would also end at the close of business (11/4/09) and there had been no comments received on this either. The action was to approve a request to FTA to flex NFTA funds to Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp. as partial reimbursement of monies previously transferred to the NFTA in 2008 for an accelerated bus purchase. Again the approval was contingent upon no public comments being received that day. He noted the resolution had been changed slightly to give ECHDC more flexibility in how they might use the funds.
   All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/DeSantis) approving Administrative Modification #26 contingent upon no adverse public comments being received by close of the day.

C. Two New RR Crossing Improvement Projects - Authorize Public Comment
   Mr. Trabold explained the NYSDOT had submitted IPPs for two new railroad improvement projects using STP Rail funds. The projects involve improving and upgrading
railroad circuitry systems at two locations in the Towns of Hamburg and Eden. An amendment to the TIP would be needed and that process would start with a public notification of the intended action.

All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/DeSantis) to authorize a public comment period on adding the two new railroad improvement projects.

D. Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funding Change (New Agenda Item)

Mr. Trabold explained the action involved switching federal funds on six (6) existing projects with $52.178M of Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds being made available to the region. A table was distributed showing the funding impacts by project and fund source. He noted an earlier version of this has been discussed at the September TPS meeting but was subsequently tabled.

Mr. Gottlieb added the additional funds would assist with fiscal constraint and give some flexibility in funding future projects in the region.

All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb, DeSantis) to change existing federal funding on the six existing projects with Coordinated Border Infrastructure funds.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. Trabold reported the subcommittee had met on Oct 14th to discuss several of the actions items just approved. The subcommittee also discussed the schedule of stimulus projects and the need to establish a carry-over list of projects for the next TIP. Members were assigned a task to prepare their carry-over projects and funding shortfall requests before the next

B. LRP Update Activities:

Ms. Weymouth presented an update on preparation of Long-Range Plan 2035. She said the Policy Committee, at its meeting in December, would be asked to approve the following:
- Specifics on Demographics proposed for use
- Plan vision, goals and objectives

Ms. Weymouth outlined three tiers to public outreach. The first would be groups, organizations and/or agencies designated as advisory groups in the GBNRTC planning process. The second would be those that would like to be kept informed on plan and TIP progress but are not interested in having an advisory function. And the third would be targeted outreach to underserved and affected groups as well as the general population. She noted that a new census beginning in 2010 would provide the basis for any update on demographic projections. She outlined a vision and goals that include reversing current economic, land use, social and demographic trends and achieving better inter-jurisdictional coordination, along with economic and social progress.

C. TIP and Project Finance Issues:

Mr. Morse and Mr. Gottlieb explained that uncertainties about funding, including the impact of “rescission” on federal funding, made it necessary to pursue the 5-year TIP on the basis of “assumption” until the financial picture becomes clearer. They noted that no specific numbers were yet available on federal and state allocations.
D. Congestion Management Process – proposed process flow:
Mr. Morse said a draft Congestion Management Process for the region was being updated to reflect the latest data and technology, including some in use by NITTEC, before being submitted to federal authorities. The process flow was presented, backup documentation would be sent and a resolution for approval by PCC and Policy Committee prepared.

E. Draft MPO Cooperative Planning Agreement:
Mr. Morse noted that the GBNRTC, as well as other MPOs in the state, had been asked by federal authorities to provide a more detailed documentation of their planning program in collaboration with other entities, including state and regional transportation and transit authorities, in developing regional transportation plans and programs. He provided members with a copy of a draft version of the documentation.

F. NYS Draft Energy Plan – transportation implications;
Mr. Morse noted that he had provided copies of the plan to each of the PCC members as well as a summary of sections with implications for transportation, including reductions in emissions, an emphasis on public transit, intermodal and green transportation, and an expanded role for private investment. He said that a recommended 10 percent reduction in vehicle miles traveled over 10 years, if institutionalized, would particularly require MPOs in the state to take a serious look “at the way we do business.”

G. Transit Supportive Development – Statewide Study:
Mr. Morse summarized a study made by the Association of New York State Metropolitan Organizations (NYSMPO) on transit-oriented development through a pooling of funds. It deals, he said, with statewide transit-supportive development, how it could be encouraged, some of the issues, etc. Also, he said, the GBNRTC was given a “mini-grant” for a study that deals with such emerging regional opportunities as the one in the Amherst corridor involving the University at Buffalo. He said it was a pretty good analysis that was being used in an emerging strategy study by the NFTA.

H. Next Policy Meeting:
Mr. Morse offered three alternative dates for a meeting of the Policy Committee in December and presented a proposed agenda and indicated the date and agenda would be finalized after consultation with members. He emphasized that there were a number of action items that had to be accommodated by the Policy Committee before the end of the year.

IV. Status Reports/Information
A. Member Agency Reports
Updates were provided by members on various projects and funding issues.

B. Director’s Report
Mr. Morse summarized the status of various work programs.

Mr. Sickler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 am, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, 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 2, 2009
9:30 a.m., at NYS 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 4, 2009

II. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Proposed TIP Changes
      1. Resolution 2009-18: Two RR Crossing Safety Project Additions
      2. Amendment #17: Forest Dr/Smokes Crk; ROW Phase Additions
      3. Amendment #18: Mill Rd/Johnson Crk; 3 New Phase Additions
      4. Local Bridge Maintenance Program SFY09/10 & 10/11
   B) Recommendation to Affirm Metropolitan Transportation Plan Vision, Goals and Objectives. Resolution 2009-19
   C) Recommendation to Approve 2035 Regional Demographic Forecast. Resolution 2009-20
   D) Approval of December 15, 2009 Policy Committee agenda
   F) Recommendation to Approve MPO Cooperative Planning Agreement. Resolution 2009-22
   G) Recommendation to Approve LRP/TIP Conformity-Williamsville Toll Barrier relocation. Resolution 2009-23
   H) Approval of 2010 Meeting Dates and Locations
   I) Election of PCC Chair for 2010

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A) Subcommittee Reports: Trans. Projects; Bike-Ped; and Administrative
   B) Long Range Plan Update Activities
   C) TIP Development and Federal/State Funding Targets
   D) UPWP and Budget Development
   E) Value Pricing Initiative Status
   F) Simulation Model Buildup and Corridor Studies

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION
   A) Member Agency Reports
   B) Director’s Report

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: January 6, 2010 - NFTA
A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on December 2, 2009 at NYSDOT Region 5, Buffalo, NY. The meeting began at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:
1. Michael 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. Wayne Scibor Erie County

Others present were:
1. Hal Morse GBNRTC
2. Timothy Trabold GBNRTC
3. Amy Weymouth-Michaux GBNRTC
4. Mike Leydecker BNP
5. Chris Church NYSDOT
6. Joelle Guy Town of Amherst
7. Joseph Powethpok Urban Engineers of NY PC
8. Tom George NITTEC
9. Brian Andrezejewski GPI
10. Paul Pfleuger Watts A/E
11. Robert Miller Nussbaumer & Clark
12. Joe Buffamonte NYSDOT
13. Jennifer Michniewicz Clark Patterson Lee
14. Gregg Merlihan GPI
15. Bonnie K Lockwood Congressman Higgins
16. Thomas Frank Resident
17. RR Cutter Resident

PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call
   Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation
   Thomas Frank discussed functionally integrated bicycle networks, historically significant War of 1812 sites, and safe routes to school.
C. **Approval of Meeting Agenda (12/2/09)**

All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/Tokarczyk) to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

D. **Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (11/4/09)**

All were in favor on a motion (O’Brien/Tokarczyk) to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

II. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Proposed TIP Changes:**

Mr. Trabold reviewed proposed changes to the current TIP and their action status at the PCC level. All had been recommended by the Transportation Projects Subcommittee.

1. Resolution 2009-18: Two RR Crossing Safety Project Additions *(Gottlieb/DeSantis) approved*
2. Amendment # 17: Forest Dr/Smokes Crk; ROW Phase Additions *(Scibor/Gottlieb) approved*
3. Amendment # 18: Mill Rd/Johnson Crk; 3 New Phase Additions *(O’Brien/DeSantis) approved*
4. Local Bridge Maintenance Program SFY09/10 & 10/11 *(O’Brien/DeSantis) approved*

B. **Resolution 2009-19: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Vision, Goals and Objectives**

Ms. Weymouth reviewed vision, goals and objectives document, as distributed and previously discussed at the November meeting. No additional comments had been received. This action would reaffirm the approach for use in the MTP 2035 development, intended to update and extend the 2030 plan.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-19 to the Policy Committee was seconded by Mr. Gower. All were in favor.

C. **Resolution 2009-20: Regional Demographic Forecast**

Ms. Courtney reviewed the demographic forecasts for the region to be used in the MTP 2035 update. Population totals were kept constant with the 2030 forecasts, however some redistributions within TAZs were recommended based on review by the Economic/Demographic Review Team.

Mr. Tokarczyk moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-20 to the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. DeSantis. All were in favor.

D. **Policy Committee Agenda**

A final agenda for the December 15 Policy Committee meeting at the new NFIA terminal was reviewed.

Mr. O’Brien moved approval, seconded by Mr. Scibor, all were in favor.


Mr. Morse discussed the proposed CMP document, which had been previously distributed, and based on the process flow reviewed at the November meeting. NYSDOT had offered several comments on the draft plan, staff reviewed resolution of all comments. The CMP will form the basis for monitoring and alleviating congestion in the region, in concert with the NITTEC RCTO and ICM plans.

Mr. Gottlieb moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-21 to the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Tokarczyk. All were in favor.
F. Resolution 2009-22: MPO Cooperative Planning Agreement
Mr. Morse reviewed the proposed agreement, now a SAFETEA-LU requirement. The crafted based on a template cooperatively developed by FHWA and NYS MPO’s.
Mr. O’Brien moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-22 to the Policy Committee, seconded by Mr. Gower. All were in favor

G. Resolution 2009-23: Combined Regional Emissions Analysis and Transportation Conformity Determination Update
Mr. Trabold discussed the completed regional conformity analysis and accompanying document, incorporating the updated WTB (Williamsville Toll Barrier) information. Public review has been completed with no comments.
Mr. Gottlieb moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2009-23 to the Policy Committee was seconded by Mr. Tokarczyk. All were in favor.

H. Approval of 2010 Meeting Dates and Locations
Mr. Gower moved to approval seconded by Mr. Gottlieb. All were in favor

I. Election of PCC Chair 2010
The customary rotation of chair responsibilities placed the opportunity for 2010 with NYSTA. Mr. Tokarczyk expressed willingness to accept the position. Mr. Merlo discussed his experiences in 2009 and lauded the cooperation of all members.
Mr. Gottlieb moved to elect Doug Tokarczyk of NYSTA as PCC Chairman for 2010, seconded by Mr. O’Brien. All were in favor

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Subcommittee Reports: TPS; Bike-Ped; and Administrative
Chairs and staff reviewed actions by each of the groups at their November meetings.

B) Long Range Plan Update Activities
Ms. Weymouth provided an extensive review of MTP 2035 update activities. A number of early actions had been completed and meetings with interest groups had been conducted or scheduled. The overall project schedule was being accelerated to complete the update in late Spring 2010.

C) TIP Development and Federal/State Funding Targets
Mr. Trabold reviewed actions to develop the new TIP through 2015. Scrutiny of existing projects is underway. New financial allocations have been received; some previous issues with the allocation process and funding levels have been addressed. These numbers would be used for TIP development.

D) UPWP and Budget Development
Mr. Morse indicated the work program and budget development for the two year period starting April 1, 2010 was well underway. Existing work items were statused for possible carryover; budget and staffing had been reviewed by the Administrative Subcommittee and would be presented to
PCC in executive session after the January PCC meeting. Members will be contacted regarding any potential new work items for inclusion.

E) Value Pricing Initiative Status
Mr. Morse presented status of this initiative, indicating the meetings held and congestion maps produced for use in the study.

F) Simulation Model Buildup and Corridor Studies
The simulation model for mesoscopic analysis and interface between regional travel model and micro simulation capabilities nears completion. Corresponding framework documentation is also being developed to guide utilization. Early development in the Scajaquada Corridor study was discussed as well as expected utilization in the upcoming Buffalo Corridor and I-290 studies.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports
Updates were provided by members on various projects in their jurisdictions.

B. Director’s Report
Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*Mr. Scibor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, and all were in favor.*