

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 6, 2010  
9:30 a.m., at Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room

### **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 2, 2009

#### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Proposed TIP Changes
  - 1. Buffalo Corridor Study: PIN 5528.30: Buffalo Corridor Study - Cost Increase (action potentially deferred)
  - 2. TIP Amendment #19: FFY 2010 Local Bridge Maintenance Program

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects
- B) Long Range Plan 2035 Update Activities
- C) TIP Development Progress and ARRA 2
- D) December Policy Committee Actions and Follow Up
- E) On-Line Transportation Systems Management during Emergencies
- F) UPWP and Budget Development
- G) Annual GBNRTC Memorandum of Understanding
- H) Legislative Update
- I) Upcoming Grant Opportunities

#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** February 3, 2010 Buffalo City Hall

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2010 MEETING OF THE  
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on January 6, 2010 at the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority's 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Hal Morse            | GBNRTC  |
| 2. Timothy Trabold      | GBNRTC  |
| 3. Amy Weymouth-Michaux | GBNRTC  |
| 4. Robert Wagner        | GBNRTC  |
| 5. J.E. Manuel          | GBNRTC  |
| 6. Ed Stachura          | TVGA/FAIR Com                                   |
| 7. Jennifer Michniewicz | Clark Patterson Lee                             |
| 8. Mark Armbrust        | URS   |
| 9. Rachel Chrostowski   | ECDEP   |
| 10. Mike DeSantis       | City of Niagara Falls                           |
| 11. Chris Church        | NYSDOT  |
| 12. Thomas Frank        | Resident  |
| 13. Brian Moore         | Bergmann Assoc.                                 |
| 14. Bill Licata         | Buffalo Common Council                          |
| 15. Gary Witulski       | COB OSP   |
| 16. Zachary Sadler      | NYS Senate: 60 <sup>th</sup> , Antoine Thompson |
| 17. Chris Fahey         | Congressman Higgins                             |
| 18. Tom George          | NITTEC  |
| 19. Paul Pfleuger       | Watts A/E                                       |
| 20. Lumon Ross          | Black Chamber                                   |

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. All members were present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Thomas Frank discussed “frustrations with the bureaucratic process” in Amherst over delays in removing the Williamsville Toll Barrier and other issues involving Youngs Road, Wehrle Drive, commercial development, historic landmarks, the War of 1812 commemoration, etc.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (1/6/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/Tokarczyk) to approve the meeting agenda as modified, at the suggestion of Mr. Morse, to include a third action item involving the federal high-speed rail program.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (12/2/09)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Piccirillo /DeSantis) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Proposed TIP Changes**

#### **1. Buffalo Corridor Study: PIN 5528.30: Buffalo Corridor Study**

Mr. Gottlieb explained that a cost increase was needed to reactivate this study and the specific details had yet to be resolved with the Thruway Authority.

*All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/Merlo) to table the item. Tabled.*

#### **2. TIP Amendment #19: FFY 2010 Local Bridge Maintenance Program**

Mr. Trabold reported there were no comments received after the public review period ended on the proposed allocation of \$2.268M for local bridge maintenance on 103 bridges. He further explained that Policy Committee approval was required due to the funding originally being reserved in the TIP as block funding, not as specific projects.

*Approved motion (Gottlieb/DeSantis) to recommend TIP Amendment #19 to the Policy Committee and agreed to balloting the Policy Members for final approval.*

#### **3. High-Speed Rail: Illustrative Application Support (New item)**

Mr. Trabold explained that similar to the TIGER Grant program, there was a desire for the region to endorse the seven (7) local project grant applications for High-Speed Rail Funding and place them on an illustrative listing of projects while awaiting Federal Rail Administration (FRA) funding determination. Once the FRA notifies applicants of grant awards the GBNRTC would then be in a position to immediately obligate that funding. FRA grant award notifications were expected in early 2010.

*Approved motion (Gottlieb/Piccirillo) to initiate public review period on proposed action.*

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A) Subcommittee Reports: TPS; Transportation Projects**

Mr. Trabold noted the subcommittee last met on December 16, 2009 where many of the previous actions were thoroughly discussed. The subcommittee also acted on three funding adjustments to the ARRA program, which brought stimulus funding in line with actual project bids. A discussion of FHWA oversight of ARRA projects also took place. The remainder of the meeting was spent developing the 2011-2015 TIP. The next meeting was scheduled for January 12, 2010.

#### **B) Long Range Plan 2035 Update Activities, including report on Outreach Program**

Ms. Weymouth reviewed the progress toward finalizing the plan for adoption in May with 70 percent of funding to be used for rehabilitation and maintenance of existing facilities. She outlined major new initiatives, including both roadway and public transit projects that are being considered for the other 30 percent under a fiscally constrained approach.

Mr. Manuel provided an update on the public outreach associated with development of the plan. It involves community and civic groups, churches, senior centers, services organizations, etc., including groups “traditionally underserved or underrepresented.” He noted, “One of the biggest things I find is the concern about jobs and access to jobs.”

Mr. Trabold distributed a draft listing of current transportation funding forecasts and explained the critical role these assumptions played in establishing the fiscal constraint for both the 2011-2015 TIP and 2035 LRP Update.

#### **C) TIP Development Progress and ARRA 2**

Mr. Trabold reported that project carry-overs from the current TIP had been identified and each member agency had been requested to verify each project was still viable, was scheduled correctly, and had the most recent project cost. This information would be reviewed at the next TPS meeting. Mr. Trabold deferred to Mr. Morse’s *Legislative Update* agenda item for the latest on ARRA 2.

#### **D) December Policy Committee Actions and Follow Up**

Mr. Morse summarized the actions approved and the issues discussed by the Policy Committee and indicated that its members would be contacted regarding options for the next meeting and action items for approval.

#### **E) On-Line Transportation Systems Management During Emergencies**

Mr. Morse noted that Buffalo-Niagara was among a handful of sites selected nationwide for a project, spearheaded regionally by the University at Buffalo, in collaboration with the GBNRTC, Calspan and NITTEC on adaptation of innovative technology, such as TRANSIMS, for controlling traffic problems. He outlined the project objectives and explained regional characteristics, such as its role as an

international gateway, that caused Buffalo-Niagara to be chosen. He said that a final report was expected in 18 months.

**F) UPWP and Budget Development**

Mr. Morse outlined a busy GBNRTC work program, amid budget uncertainties, for the next two years, including data collection, completion of Long Range Plan 2035, TIP updates in accord with fiscal realities, as well as numerous short and long-range studies and projects, ranging from a Buffalo Corridor Study to Delaware Avenue bicycle mobility.

**G) Annual GBNRTC Memorandum of Understanding**

Mr. Morse noted that the MOU had to be approved annually, and would be submitted at the February meeting. He suggested members take a look at copies he had provided to determine if they felt any changes should be made.

**H) Legislative Update**

Mr. Morse noted that Congress has taken interim actions on transportation funding but has yet to come to terms with a multi-year successor to SAFETEA-LU. He noted that Congress had passed a 2010 Transportation Appropriations bill that establishes the annual spending limitation for trust funded transportation projects and had passed a Defense Appropriations bill that had been amended to continue apportionments for Highway Trust fund programs through Feb. 28, 2010. In addition, he noted, the House had passed a second “stimulus” bill.

**I) Upcoming Grant Opportunities**

Mr. Morse also summarized transportation grant opportunities, many of them associated with transformative actions, such as “shared services,” improved signalization, coordination, mobility or transit.

**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. DeSantis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11 am, seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.***

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties  
SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2010  
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 6, 2009

*Brief Presentation: TRAC Advisory Group Proposed Regional Agenda*

#### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Proposed TIP Changes
  - 1. TIP Amendment: 5310 Small Bus grant projects-initiate public review
  - 2. Addition of High Speed Rail Grant Application projects to TIP as Illustrative Alternatives: recommendation for approval
- B) Amendment to TPS Operational Plan – Change Control threshold
- C) GBNRTC 2010-2012 UPWP approval recommendation
- D) GBNRTC annual Memorandum Of Understanding approval recommendation

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects
- B) Long Range Plan 2035 Update Activities
- C) TIP Development Progress
- D) Legislative Update-Jobs Bill 2
- E) Additional Advisory Group Participation

#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2010 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 February 3, 2010 at Buffalo City Hall, Buffalo, NY.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse             | GBNRTC                 |
| 2. Timothy Trabold       | GBNRTC                 |
| 3. Amy Weymouth-Michaux  | GBNRTC                 |
| 4. Robert Wagner         | GBNRTC                 |
| 5. Jody Clark            | SNI                    |
| 6. Mike Leydecker        | BNP                    |
| 7. Brian Andrzejewski    | GPI                    |
| 8. Bill Licata           | Buffalo Common Council |
| 9. Ron Hayes             | NYSDOT                 |
| 10. Richard Beers        | FHWA                   |
| 11. Sheila Ransbottom    | Fisher Assoc.          |
| 12. Andrew Graham        | TRAC                   |
| 13. Christopher Church   | NYSDOT                 |
| 14. Joe Buffamonte       | NYSDOT                 |
| 15. Mark Tytko           | PB                     |
| 16. Zachary Sadler       | NY Sen. Thompson       |
| 17. Jennifer Michniewicz | Clark Patterson Lee    |
| 18. Justin Booth         | Green Options Buffalo  |
| 19. Leslie Pickering     | Green Options Buffalo  |
| 20. Kristine Allen       | LWV                    |

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Thomas Frank discussed the water highway.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (2/3/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/Gottlieb) to approve the meeting agenda as modified.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (1/6/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Sickler/DeSantis) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Proposed TIP Changes**

#### **1. Initiate Public Review for three projects**

- **5310 Small Bus grant projects**
- **Town of Hamburg Railroad Quiet Zones**
- **Empire Corridor Planning – High Speed Rail**

Mr. Trabold explained that federal funding had been received through the Section 5310 Elderly and/or Handicapped Specialized Transportation Program to purchase seventeen new vehicles for agencies recommended by the NYS Department of Transportation's Transit Bureau. In addition, a congressional appropriation was received to create quiet zones parallel to CSX and Norfolk Southern tracks in the Town of Hamburg. Lastly, the Federal Railroad Administration had selected a project to evaluate specific high-speed rail enhancements through the Empire Corridor and especially between Albany and Niagara Falls. All three projects needed to publically reviewed before being added to the TIP.

*Approved motion (DeSantis/O'Brien) to initiate public review process, all in favor.*

#### **2. Addition of High Speed Rail Grant Application projects to TIP as Illustrative Alternatives**

Mr. Trabold reported a public review of potential high-speed rail projects in WNY had ended and no comments had been received. The next step would be to add these to an illustrative listing in the TIP upon Policy Committee approval.

*Approved motion (DeSantis/Merlo) to recommend to the Policy Committee the addition of HSR projects to the TIP illustrative list.*

#### **3. Administrative Modification #39 – Route 5 over 18 Mile Creek**

Mr. Buffamonte explained the modification noting a small share of federal funding would create an opportunity for additional federal funds if necessary in the



future. The funds would be added to the construction phase in order for it to be advertised for a March 2010 letting. The offset funds will come from a project that has been delayed to letting date on FFY 2017.

*Approved motion (DeSantis/Merlo) to approve project funding modification, all were in favor.*

#### **B. Amendment to TPS Operational Plan**

Mr. Morse explained the need to amend operating procedures to allow advancement of projects from the first four years of the current TIP. A PCC approval will secure this operational change and it was being recommended by TPS.

*Approved motion (Gottlieb/Sickler) to amend operational procedures, all were in favor.*

#### **C. GBNRTC 2010-2012 UPWP Approval Recommendation**

Mr. Morse noted at previous meetings the worksopes and budgets had been reviewed. A completed work program for 2010 – 2012 was distributed.

*Approved motion (Gottlieb/Merlo) to recommend approval of the 2010-2012 UPWP to the Policy Committee, all were in favor of recommendation.*

#### **D. GBNRTC Annual Memorandum of Understanding**

Annually GBNRTC members reaffirm the MOU describing the MPO process and agreement to participate.

*Approved motion (O'Brien/DeSantis) to recommend approval of GBNRTC Annual Memorandum of Understanding to the Policy Committee, all were in favor of recommendation.*

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A) Subcommittee Reports: TPS; Transportation Projects**

Mr. Merlo reviewed the January TPS meeting.

#### **B) Long Range Plan 2035 Update Activities**

Ms. Weymouth reviewed the progress toward finalizing the plan update for adoption in May. A funding profile will be reviewed at the march meeting indicating expected available funds over the plan period and forming a basis for the typical split of 70 percent of funding to be used for rehabilitation and maintenance of existing facilities.

#### **C) TIP Development Progress**

Mr. Trabold reported the development of a new 2011-2015 TIP was slow but progressing. He thanked members for their diligence to the process under extremely unusual federal and state legislative conditions.

#### **D) Legislative Update – Jobs Bill 2**

Mr. Morse summarized the latest teleconference with the MPO's and FHWA.

**E) Additional Advisory Group Participation**

Mr. Morse reported a group from Niagara County has expressed interest in participating further with GBNRTC. Particularly Mr. Morse and staff have met with the group to discuss objectives and participation opportunities.

**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. Sickler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am, seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.*

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties  
SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
9:30 a.m. at Erie County Department of Public Works, Room 1404, Rath Building, 95 Franklin 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 3, 2010

*Presentation: National Border Patrol Strategy*

#### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Proposed 2012 TIP Changes: Amendment #21
  - 1. 5310 Small Bus grant projects
  - 2. Town of Hamburg Railroad Quiet Zones
  - 3. Empire Corridor Planning-HSR Resolution 2010-5
- B) Proposed 2015 TIP Project List
  - 1. Release for ICG and subsequent public review

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects, Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) Long Range Plan 2035 Update Activities
  - 1. public outreach and issues
  - 2. proposed funding profile
- C) TIP Development Progress – sequence to complete 2015 TIP
- D) Legislative Update-Jobs Bill 2 vs SAFETEA-LU extension

#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2010 MEETING OF THE  
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on March 3, 2010 at Buffalo City Hall, Buffalo, NY.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Kevin O'Brien   | Niagara County        |
| 2. Doug Tokarczyk  | NYSTA                 |
| 3. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |
| 4. Gary Gottlieb   | NYS DOT               |
| 5. Peter Merlo     | City of Buffalo       |
| 6. Gerard Sentz    | Erie County           |

Others present were:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse             | GBNRTC                    |
| 2. Timothy Trabold       | GBNRTC                    |
| 3. Amy Weymouth-Michaux  | GBNRTC                    |
| 4. Robert Wagner         | GBNRTC                    |
| 5. Charles Sickler       | Erie County               |
| 6. Mike Leydecker        | BNP                       |
| 7. Brian Andrzejewski    | GPI                       |
| 8. Greg Merlihan         | GPI                       |
| 9. Bill Licata           | Buffalo Common Council    |
| 10. Christopher Church   | NYS DOT                   |
| 11. Gregory Szewczyk     | NYS DOT                   |
| 12. Joe Buffamonte       | NYS DOT                   |
| 13. Mark Lee             | ECDEP                     |
| 14. Steven Morabito      | US Border Patrol          |
| 15. Randal Friess        | US Border Patrol          |
| 16. Michael Fay          | US Border Patrol          |
| 17. Brian Moore          | Bergmann Assoc.           |
| 18. Paul Pfleuger        | Watts A/E                 |
| 19. Sheila Ransbottom    | Fisher Associates         |
| 20. Jennifer Michniewicz | Clark Patterson Lee       |
| 21. Todd Aldinger        | State Senator Ranzenhofer |
| 22. Bonnie K Lockwood    | Rep. Higgins              |
| 23. Mark Boyd            | Rep. Higgins              |

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Thomas Frank discussed the water highway and various topics related to transportation in the region.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (3/3/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/O'Brien) to approve the meeting agenda as modified.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (2/3/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Merlo) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

*A presentation was given by US Border Patrol Agents on their current Community Outreach Program. The presentation encompassed the extent of the Border Patrol program and importance to both national and regional security. Members and the public were encouraged to increase their awareness of the border and activities in its vicinity. Agents responded to several questions after the presentation.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Proposed TIP Changes**

#### **1. Amendment #21 5310 Small Bus Grant & Town of Hamburg Quiet Zone**

Mr. Trabold reported the public comment period had concluded for both of these new projects and no comments had been received. The action was to approve adding both projects to the 2008-2012 TIP.

*Approved motion (Sentz/Merlo) to add both projects to the current TIP, all in favor.*

#### **2. Resolution 2010-5 Empire Corridor Planning ARRA HSR Project**

Mr. Trabold noted that this proposed project had also undergone a public comment period with no feedback received on the matter. The action was to recommend approval of the project to the Policy Committee.

*Approved motion (O'Brien/Merlo) to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the Empire Corridor Planning project to the current TIP.*

#### **3. Proposed 2015 TIP Project List / Release for ICG and subsequent public review**

Mr. Trabold reviewed the status of the 2011-2015 TIP development noting the intake of potential new projects was complete and the availability of funding to enable programming of them would become apparent in the coming weeks. In the meantime the air quality categorization of these candidate projects needed to proceed with the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) so modeling could immediately commence once the project programming was complete. The modeling results would eventually be released for public review as a formal air quality conformity document. The action requested was to authorize

staff to review the project candidate list with the ICG for exempt/non-exempt designations and proceed with modeling at such time the project programming was concluded.

*Approved motion (Sentz/DeSantis) to move forward with processing all aspects of the project candidate list, all were in favor.*

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A) Subcommittee Reports: TPS; Transportation Projects/Bicycle-Pedestrian**

Mr. Merlo reported the TPS committee had worked on the proposed TIP List.

Mr. Szewczyk reviewed the previous months meeting. Most notably was the joint effort with Erie/Niagara Counties coming up with a Shoreline Trail Signage Project.

#### **B) Long Range Plan 2035 Update Activities**

Ms. Weymouth reviewed the progress toward finalizing the plan update for adoption in May. A funding assumption worksheet was handed out and reviewed. An update document will be sent prior to the next PCC meeting for review prior to the public engagements in April. Morse reminded members that this update is intended to extend the planning horizon, revisit funding assumptions and demographics, and hold current plan projects in place while new legislation is being assembled at the federal level.

#### **C) TIP Development Progress**

Mr. Trabold reported the development of the 2011-2015 TIP was complicated but progressing. It was suggested the TPS be convened more frequently than normal to resolve discrepancies with the program. Members agreed and set Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> as the next TPS meeting date.

#### **D) Legislative Update – Jobs Bill 2**

Mr. Morse reported another 30-day extension has been passed, providing for near term funding continuation for programs. Current direction in congress appears to be a SAFETEA-LU extension through December 31, 2010 at previous, pre-rescission levels. A jobs bill similar to ARRA appears increasingly less likely.

### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

#### **A. Member Agency Reports**

Erie County reported recent bid openings, indicating the extent of construction activities on the horizon.

#### **B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*Mr. Sickler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am, seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.*

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties  
SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2010 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 – March 3, 2010

#### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Proposed current TIP Changes: Modification #41 CSX Bridge over Route 104 in Niagara Falls and Modification #42 revised funding source, NFTA project
- B) Recommendation to initiate public review of LRP 2035 Update and TIP 2015 and Air Quality Conformity documents

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) Long Range Plan 2035 Update/TIP 2015 public outreach in April, path to approval
- C) Policy Committee – May Meeting potential dates and agenda
- D) NFTA Strategic Assessment-summary and path forward
- E) Congressional Actions - SAFETEA-LU extension provisions
- F) Modeling Initiatives Update
- G) Regional Freight Forum and Study Completion plan
- H) UPWP Startup and Scheduling
- I) Earth Day Activities

#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** May 5, 2010 Niagara Falls – Carnegie Bldg.

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2010 MEETING OF THE  
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on April 7, 2010 at NYSDOT, Buffalo, NY.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse            | GBNRTC                 |
| 2. Timothy Trabold      | GBNRTC                 |
| 3. Amy Weymouth-Michaux | GBNRTC                 |
| 4. Robert Wagner        | GBNRTC                 |
| 5. Barb Courtney        | GBNRTC                 |
| 6. Steve Szopinski      | GBNRTC                 |
| 7. Mike Davis           | GBNRTC                 |
| 8. Rich Guarino         | GBNRTC                 |
| 9. Seth Piccirillo      | NFTA                   |
| 10. Tom Radomski        | City Niagara Falls     |
| 11. Jody Clark          | SNI                    |
| 12. Tom George          | NITTEC                 |
| 13. Mike Leydecker      | BNP                    |
| 14. Glenn Blake         | GPI                    |
| 15. Greg Merlihan       | GPI                    |
| 16. Bill Licata         | Buffalo Common Council |
| 17. Christopher Church  | NYSDOT                 |
| 18. Ron Hayes           | NYSDOT                 |
| 19. Joe Buffamonte      | NYSDOT                 |
| 20. Mark Lee            | ECDEP                  |
| 21. Andrew Graham       | Voice Buffalo/TRAC     |
| 22. Kristen Allen       | TRAC                   |
| 23. Melanie Shoney      | State Senator Thompson |
| 24. Edward Stachura     | Fair Committee & TVGA  |
| 25. Thomas Frank        | Resident               |



## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Andy Graham spoke about a transportation conference he attended last month in Washington DC. Thomas Frank discussed the water highway and various topics related to transportation in the region.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (4/7/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) to approve the meeting agenda as modified.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (3/3/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Latko/Gower) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Proposed TIP Changes**

#### **1. Administrative Modification # 41 CSX Bridge over Route 104 in Niagara Falls**

Mr. Trabold explained the amendment would increase the cost of this project by \$1.32M to include additional work previously programmed and funded under another PIN. NYSDOT had verified the cost increase and was now developing the specific funding source shares. The amendment was recommended by the TPS.

*Approved motion (O'Brien/DeSantis) of cost change for the project, all in favor.*

#### **2. Administrative Modification # 42 NFTA Flex Funds ECHDC**

Mr. Trabold explained there were two actions involved with this amendment. The first would apply \$2.6M in restricted FTA funds from property sale proceeds to PIN 5T1696 - Train Control Carborne ATP System Project. The second action would initiate a \$2.6M flex of Section 5307 funds from FTA to FHWA. The net fiscal impact of the actions was zero and the amendment was recommended by the TPS.

*Approved motion (DeSantis/Gower) to apply the restricted funds to PIN 5T1696 and flex Sec 5207 funds from FTA to FHWA, all in favor.*

#### **3. Recommendation to initiate Public review of LRP 2035 Update and TIP 2015 and Air Quality Conformity documents**

Ms. Weymouth briefly reviewed the process guiding the LRP 2035 Update. She noted the draft plan had been previously distributed for member review and was now ready for public comment.

Mr. Trabold explained that after much debate, the TPS felt the most current version of the 2011-2015 TIP was suitable to take public for comment and had made that recommendation. Refinements to the draft would continue. A draft Regional Emissions Analysis and

Transportation Conformity Determination analysis was also completed for both the LRP Update and TIP, and it too was ready for public comment.

*Motion (DeSantis/Sickler) to initiate the public review process for the 2035 LRP Update, draft 2011-2015 TIP and the Regional Emissions Conformity Determination results, 6 ayes (Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Erie Co. Niagara Co, NFTA, NYSTA); 1 nay (NYSDOT), motion approved.*

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A) Subcommittee Reports: TPS; Transportation Projects/Bicycle-Pedestrian**

Mr. Merlo reported the TPS committee had worked on the proposed TIP List.

#### **B) Long Range Plan 2035 Update/TIP 2015**

Mr. Trabold indicated that arrangements for two public meetings had been tentatively scheduled on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to present the LRP Update, draft TIP and Regional Emissions Conformity Determination results.

#### **C) Policy Committee**

Mr. Morse reviewed possible dates for the upcoming Policy Committee meeting as well as agenda items. Members are welcome to submit additional items.

#### **D) NFTA Strategic Assessment**

Mr. Gower provided an overview of the Strategic Assessment draft plan which was presented in early January to the NFTA Board.

#### **E) Congressional Actions – SAFETEA-LU extension provisions**

Mr. Morse reviewed the multi month extension now in place. This continues the provisions of SAFETEA-LU and provides funding at pre-rescission levels through 12/31/10. Possible prospects for an eventual new bill were discussed, in terms of both funding levels and initiatives..

#### **F) Modeling Initiatives Update**

Mr. Szopinski provided an update on the modeling of several planning studies as well as a presentation of the models. The regional simulation framework is nearing completion, components are in use on analyses of the Outer Harbor Bridge, and the Scajaquada alternatives. More traditional analysis of the Niagara Street corridor was also displayed.

#### **G) Regional Freight Forum and Study Completion plan**

Mr. Guarino reported freight study is back on track and he reviewed some future activities. Noting a Freight Forum is being organized for April 29. The entire study is now forecast for completion this summer.

#### **H) UPWP Startup and Scheduling**

Mr. Morse reviewed current UPWP in terms of major activities and expected sequencing of studies. Early organization is essential to align staffing, data acquisition, consultant support, etc.

**I) Earth Day Activities**

Ms. Courtney provided a review of some of the Earth Day activities and noted this will be a weeklong event. She encouraged everyone to make their pledge for Earth Day on the website [buffaloeearthday.com](http://buffaloeearthday.com)

**IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

**A. Member Agency Reports**

No reports.

**B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month, highlighting numerous external coordination meetings, initiatives such as vanpool introduction, proposed funding opportunities including the Sustainable Communities program, and a proposed new initiative for traffic analysis and calming on Route 438 in the Seneca Nation.

*Mr. Sickler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am, seconded by Mr. Gower, and all were in favor.*

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties  
SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010  
9:30 a.m. at the Carnegie Bldg, 1022 Main St., Niagara Falls, New York 14301

### **PROPOSED AGENDA**

#### **I. PROCEEDINGS**

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2010

#### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Recommendation to Policy Committee to approve LRP 2035 Update and TIP 2015 and Air Quality Conformity documents.  
Resolutions 2010-6; 2010-7; 2010-8
- B) Recommendation to Policy Committee to approve GBNRTC Self Certification Report  
Resolution 2010-9
- C) Current TIP Amendment-Draft Bridge Program-initiate public review
- D) May Policy Committee meeting date and agenda
- E) Requests for member planning assistance
  - Route 438 traffic and land use
  - Genesee Street Gateway
- F) HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) Continuing Process for LRP and TIP development-future considerations
- C) Regional Freight Forum and Study Results
- D) Human Services Transportation grant selection and plan update process
- E) Niagara County Community Transportation Task Force activities
- F) Legislative Update

#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** June 2, 2010 NYS Thruway Authority, 455 Cayuga Road, Suite 800, Cheektowaga, New York.

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2010 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 5, 2010 in the City of Niagara Falls, NY.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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| 1. Kevin O'Brien   | Niagara County        |
| 2. Doug Tokarczyk  | NYSTA                 |
| 3. Tom Radomski    | City of Niagara Falls |
| 4. Gary Gottlieb   | NYSDOT                |
| 5. Peter Merlo     | City of Buffalo       |
| 6. Charlie Sickler | Erie County           |
| 7. Seth Piccirillo | NFTA                  |

Others present were:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse          | GBNRTC                |
| 2. Timothy Trabold    | GBNRTC                |
| 3. Robert Wagner      | GBNRTC                |
| 4. Barb Courtney      | GBNRTC                |
| 5. Rich Guarino       | GBNRTC                |
| 6. Jody Clark         | SNI                   |
| 7. Renee Filip        | BNP                   |
| 8. Christopher Church | NYSDOT                |
| 9. Paul Gavin         | NYSDOT                |
| 10. Joe Buffamonte    | NYSDOT                |
| 11. Mark Lee          | ECDEP                 |
| 12. Paul Pfleuger     | Watts A/E             |
| 13. Gary Witulski     | COB OSP               |
| 14. Edward Stachura   | Fair Committee & TVGA |
| 15. Melanie Sherry    | NYS Senator Thompson  |
| 16. Thomas Frank      | Resident              |
| 17. Dave Nardozzi     |                       |

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Thomas Frank discussed the water highway and various topics related to transportation in the region.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (5/5/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/Merlo) to approve the meeting agenda as modified.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (4/7/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/Piccirillo) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Recommendations to Policy Committee**

- **Resolution 2010-6 LRP 2035 Update**

Mr. Trabold reported that the public comment period authorized at the April 7<sup>th</sup> PCC meeting had concluded. The outreach was consistent with the specific Public Participation Plan developed and approved for the LRP, TIP and AQ conformity updates. In addition to placing a newspaper ad noting the availability of the documents for review, two evening public meetings were conducted, drawing approximately 31 citizens into the review process. Mr. Trabold noted full write-ups of the comments, statements and responses were part of the meeting materials previously distributed and he then reviewed selective highlights from the public feedback with members.

*Approved a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) to recommend approval of the LRP 2035 Update to the Policy Committee.*

- **Resolution 2010-7 TIP Program FFY 2011-2015**

Mr. Trabold again noted the public outreach (discussed under previous agenda item) included the draft 2011-2015 TIP. Public feedback specific to the TIP was discussed.

*Approved a motion (Sickler/Radomski) to recommend approval of the 2011-2015 TIP to the Policy Committee.*

- **Resolution 2010-8 Air Quality Conformity**

Mr. Trabold stated the air quality conformity determination results conducted for the new LRP and TIP were also made available for public comment. He pointed out that the modeling results represent the cumulative impact of all transportation projects in the draft programs on the region's air quality and each project will be individually subjected to applicable federal and state environmental reviews as they are implemented.

*Approved a motion (Piccirillo/Sickler) to recommend approval of the Air Quality Conformity document to the Policy Committee.*

**B. Resolution 2010-9 MPO Self-Certification recommendation to Policy**

Mr. Morse noted the federal government recertifies MPO's every four years and a self-certification is required every year to document the compliance to SAFETEA-LU planning requirements.

*Approved a motion (Gottlieb/Radomski) to recommend approval of the Self-Certification document to the Policy Committee.*

**C. Current TIP Amendment – Highway Bridge Program & Accelerated Pavement Maintenance**

Mr. Trabold explained that a revised Highway Bridge Program had been under development for several months and was now ready to be amended to the 2008-2012 TIP. Because of the extensive nature of the changes, this was categorized as a full amendment requiring public notification. In addition, NYSDOT had approximately \$8.12M of pavement maintenance and rehabilitation work at 20 locations throughout Erie and Niagara Counties they wished to accelerate. This would allow the majority of these project bid openings to occur between June and September 2010.

*Approved a motion (Gottlieb/Radomski) to initiate a public review period of the revised Highway Bridge Program and accelerated pavement maintenance program.*

**D. May Policy Committee meeting date and agenda**

A final agenda for the May 17th Policy Committee meeting was reviewed. Members offered no changes, it was determined that the agenda would stand as distributed.

**E. Requests for member planning assistance**

Route 438 Traffic and Land Use: Mr. Morse described a potential planning study requested by the Seneca Nation of Indians to calm traffic on Route 438 between Rts. 5 and 62 to enhance safety and traffic flow especially around existing and future land uses. Activities include assembly of base maps and study team, identification of issues, data collection, land use forecasts and trip generation, and analysis in key growth areas by GBNRTC and on linear segments by NYSDOT.

Resource needs were estimated at approximately 11 person weeks of GBNRTC staff time, plus participation of other parties involved.

Genesee Street Gateway: Scope is to make Genesee Street more pedestrian friendly including introduction of bulb-outs, enhanced crosswalks and landscaping. Work entails modeling a three lane configuration between Washington and Oak Streets. GBNRTC effort focused on analysis of the three lane alternative, primarily data collection, creation of a Synchro model, loading traffic, and analysis of an alternative configuration for traffic in current and one future year.

Resource needs were estimated at approximately 7 person weeks of GBNRTC staff time.

*Approved a motion (Sickler/Merlo) for staff to assist Seneca Nation with traffic and land use Rt. 438 and possible lane configuration on Genesee Street for the City of Buffalo.*

**F. HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant**

\$100,000,000 will be made available to support the integration of housing, transportation and land use planning at the federal level. The grant amount awarded under the Program to an eligible entity that represents a large metropolitan area with a population of 500,000 or more may not exceed \$5,000,000. Possible MPO sponsorship of this grant opportunity was discussed by Renee Filip of the Buffalo-Niagara Partnership. A follow on stakeholders meeting would be held by interested parties to discuss a potential joint application, with GBNRTC as possible sponsoring agency.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Subcommittee**

Mr. Merlo reported the TPS committee had completed work on the proposed TIP list and recommended for approval.

**B) Continuing Process for LRP and TIP development – future considerations**

GBNRTC will be reviewing the possibilities for future LRP and TIP cycle to ensure maximal success. Mr. Morse reviewed several issues for consideration and noted some benchmarking activities. It was suggested that future TPS meetings may be an appropriate venue to discuss these issues, and they would also be revisited at the June PCC for further consideration.

**C) Regional Freight Forum and Study Results**

Mr. Guarino reviewed the freight forum that held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. A group of private and public stakeholders received presentations on study status and participated in development of numerous potential projects for the consultant to analyze in the final study report.

**D) Human Services Transportation grant selection and plan update process**

Ms. Courtney reviewed the current grant JARC and New Freedom request applicants and approval cycle.

**E) Niagara County Community Transportation Task Force activities**

Ms. Courtney discussed the new task force being formed in Niagara County. It is primarily composed of transportation providers and human service agencies needing transportation for their clients. This appears to be very appropriate in the HSTP context. The group is requesting advisory Group status; this would be put on the June PCC agenda for action.

**F) Legislative Update**

Mr. Morse reported little movement on federal legislation to authorize transportation programs post SAFETEA-LU. The draft American Power Act had just been released and implications were discussed.



**IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

**A. Member Agency Reports**

No reports.

**B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*Mr. Sickler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am, seconded by Mr. Gower, and all were in favor.*

TO: GBNRTC-PCC Members and Other Interested Parties  
SUBJECT: Notice of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010  
9:30 a.m. at the NYS Thruway Authority, 455 Cayuga Road, Suite 800, Cheektowaga, 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 – May 5, 2010

*Presentation: Buffalo Car Share Program Update*

### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Recommend Approval to amend current TIP (Amendment #22) regarding:
  - Regional Bridge Program at 117 locations
  - Accelerated pavement maintenance and rehabilitation at 20 locations
- B) Niagara County Community Transportation Advisory Committee request
- C) Request for Additional Corridor Simulation study work
- D) Indian Reservation Roads - 3 new projects: initiate public review

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Policy Committee actions
- B) TIP projects, obligations pipeline, fiscal year carryover, etc
- C) TIP/MTP Development Process issues and opportunities
- D) Regional Bicycle Route Guide
- E) Shoreline Trail Signage project
- F) Transportation and Livability Initiative

### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** July 7, 2010 Niagara County Public Safety Building

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2010 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 2, 2010 at the New York State Thruway Authority.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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| 1. Kevin O'Brien   | Niagara County        |
| 2. Doug Tokarczyk  | NYSTA                 |
| 3. Tom DeSantis    | City of Niagara Falls |
| 4. Gary Gottlieb   | NYSDOT                |
| 5. Peter Merlo     | City of Buffalo       |
| 6. Charlie Sickler | Erie County           |
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Others present were:

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| 8. Paul Pfleuger       | Watts A/E             |
| 9. Gary Witulski       | COB OSP               |
| 10. Edward Stachura    | Fair Committee & TVGA |
| 11. Brian Moore        | Bergmann Assoc.       |
| 12. Marie Hanrahan     | LWV                   |
| 13. Gladys Gifford     | TRAC                  |
| 14. Gregg Merlihan     | GPI                   |
| 15. Brian Andrzejewski | GPI                   |
| 16. Joelle Guy         | Town of Amherst       |
| 17. Creighton Randall  | Buffalo CarShare      |
| 18. Adam Blair         | Buffalo CarShare      |
| 19. Sheila Ransbottom  | Fisher Assoc.         |
| 20. Thomas Frank       | Resident              |

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Gladys Gifford announced the Citizens for Regional Transit group will be offering tours of the proposed (Airport Corridor) light rail extension from downtown Buffalo to BNIA. Ms. Gifford expressed the need to sign up for the tours being given on July 8, 15 and the 29<sup>th</sup>. Thomas Frank discussed various topics related to transportation in the region.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (6/2/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/DeSantis) to approve the meeting agenda as modified.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (5/5/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **PRESENTATION: Buffalo Car Share Update**

Creighton Randall, Executive Director of Buffalo Car Share delivered a presentation on the status of the car share program and growth in the first year of operations. Also discussed was the cost and finance structure of the program, and also benefits estimated to be attributable in terms of the environment and local economy.

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. TIP Amendment # 22 – Revised Highway Bridge & Pavement Program**

Mr. Trabold reported the public review period authorized at the last meeting had concluded with no comments received. The action before the members was to recommend Policy Committee approval of both the revised Highway Bridge Program and acceleration of pavement maintenance and rehabilitation work at 20 locations. If approved, a balloting of Policy members was proposed to finish the amendment process. *Approved a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) to recommend approval of the TIP Amendment #22 to the Policy Committee.*

### **B. Niagara County Community Transportation Advisory Committee Request**

Mr. Morse reviewed the governance framework recognizing advisory committees. He also reviewed these group objectives and noted their consistency with GBNRTC and that the group would appear very beneficial in the upcoming Human services transportation plan update. *Approved a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) recognizing Niagara County Community Transportation as an Advisory Committee to GBNRTC.*

**C. Request for additional Corridor Simulation study work**

NYSTA has requested additional study for buildout capabilities in the I-90 corridor south and west of the existing study area. This extension would build out the simulation network from the existing corridors and appears achievable.

*All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/Gottlieb) for additional study work on the I-90 corridor.*

**D. Indian Reservation Roads – TIP Amendment # 23 Public Review Process**

Mr. Trabold explained that \$1.282 million of *Indian Reservation Roads Program* funding was awarded for three projects on the Seneca Nation of Indians Cattaraugus Territory. Brief descriptions of each project were provided. Because these projects are federally funded they needed to be added to TIP and therefore a public review period was required.

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/DeSantis) to initiate public comment period on adding the three Indian Reservation Roads Program projects as TIP Amendment # 23.*

**E. NYS Parks Project – TIP Amendment # 23 – Public Review Process**

Mr. Trabold explained that the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation recently awarded \$0.100 million of Recreational Trails Program funding to replace a pedestrian bridge over Golden Hill Creek in Golden Hill State Park, Town of Somerset. This too needed to be added to TIP and it was suggested it be combined with Amendment #23 for a joint public review.

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/DeSantis) to initiate public review process for the Golden Hill State Park Recreational Trails project as part of TIP Amendment # 23.*

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A) Policy Committee Actions**

Mr. Morse reviewed the May 28, 2010 Policy Committee meeting. Several important action items were approved including the Long Range Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Air Quality Conformity, and planning process Self Certification. Discussion items were also reviewed, with any follow up actions noted.

**B) TIP Projects, obligations pipeline, fiscal carryover**

Mr. Trabold noted staff was processing information obtained during recent local project review meetings and any implications, outcomes and impacts would be discussed at the next TPS meeting to assure a smooth transition to the new federal fiscal year.

**C) TIP/MTP Development Process issues/opportunities**

Mr. Morse reviewed the current list of issues to be discussed in more detail at the next TPS meeting. In the spirit of continuous process improvement several items were agreed on for further research and discussion, including an upcoming meeting with Region 4 NYSDOT and GTC MPO staff.

**D) Regional Bicycle Route Guide**

Mr. Trabold reported the technical data and calculations used in producing the Bicycle Route Guide were undergoing testing to insure integrity. Publication of the 2010 version of the Guide was awaiting the results of that testing.

**E) Shoreline Trail Signage project**

The Signage project is progressing and a preview of possible signs was presented. Several more meetings are scheduled to get the project fully developed and implemented.

**F) Transportation and Livability Initiative**

Mr. Morse reminded everyone about this upcoming initiative. BNP continues to bring interested parties together to organize a regional submission for this opportunity.

**IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

**A. Member Agency Reports**

All members commented on future issues pertaining to the state's budget problems.

**B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*Mr. Merlo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 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, July 7, 2010  
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 2, 2010

### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) TIP Amendment #23: Indian Reservation Roads Funding Awards  
[PIN 51R092, PIN 51R093, PIN 51R094] and Recreational Trails Program  
Fund Award [PIN 5760.03]
- B) FHWA/FTA Year End Close Budget Revisions
- C) New Freedom Project Acceleration

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) TIP amendment for Regional Bridge Program
- C) TIP Development Process-some focus issues
- D) Route 438-Seneca Nation study startup
- E) Definition and Scoping FY2010-2011 UPWP work
- F) 2010 Regional Bicycle Route Guide
- G) TIGER 2 Program/Transportation and Livability Initiative
- H) Niagara-GTA Study-current alternatives and public process in Ontario

### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report
  - *PCC members please plan to remain post meeting briefly in executive session to review GBNRTC staff participation in NYS Retirement Incentive Program*

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** August 4, 2010 Erie County Department of Public Works, Rath Building, 95 Franklin street, Buffalo, NY

\* 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.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2010 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 July 7, 2010 at the Niagara County Public Safety Building

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Kevin O'Brien   | Niagara County        |
| 2. Doug Tokarczyk  | NYSTA                 |
| 3. Tom DeSantis    | City of Niagara Falls |
| 4. Gary Gottlieb   | NYSDOT                |
| 5. Gary Witulski   | City of Buffalo       |
| 6. Charlie Sickler | Erie County           |
| 7. Seth Piccirillo | NFTA                  |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse             | GBNRTC                              |
| 2. Timothy Trabold       | GBNRTC                              |
| 3. Barb Courtney         | GBNRTC                              |
| 4. Deborah Vizine        | GBNRTC                              |
| 5. Joe Buffamonte        | NYSDOT                              |
| 6. Richard Beers         | FHWA                                |
| 7. Jody Clark            | SNI                                 |
| 8. Tom Radomski          | City of Niagara Falls               |
| 9. Philip Scherer        | Continental 1                       |
| 10. Gregg Merlihan       | GPI                                 |
| 11. Brian Moore          | Bergmann Assoc.                     |
| 12. Jennifer Michniewicz | Clark Patterson Lee                 |
| 13. Joelle Guy           | Town of Amherst                     |
| 14. Brian Andrzejewski   | GPI                                 |
| 15. Joelle Guy           | Town of Amherst                     |
| 16. Jim Rozanski         | Buffalo Univ. Heights Collaborative |
| 17. Bonnie Kane-Lockwood | Rep. Higgins                        |
| 18. Chris Fahey          | Rep. Higgins                        |
| 19. Thomas Frank         | Resident                            |



## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Thomas Frank discussed various topics related to transportation in the region. Philip Scherer, recently named Executive Director of Continental 1 spoke in regard to Route 219 and his groups purpose to encourage completion of the Route 219. He is looking forward to support from GBNRTC and its members. Jim Rozanski discussed the importance of expediting the North Buffalo Rails to Trails project.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (7/7/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/DeSantis) to approve the meeting agenda.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (6/2/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Gottlieb) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. TIP Amendment # 23 – Indian Reservation Roads Funding Awards/ Recreational Trails Program**

Mr. Trabold reported the public review period on adding these new projects to the TIP had concluded and no comments were received. As these four new federally-funded projects originated outside of the regional selection process, an affirmative vote on Resolution 2010-11 by the PCC would complete the addition procedure.

*Approved a motion (Sickler/O'Brien) to approve Resolution 2010-11 which adds these projects [PINs 5IR092, 5IR093, 5IR094, and 5760.03] to the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program.*

### **B. FHWA/FTA Year End Close Budget Revisions**

Budget revisions and subsequent reconciliation to close out grants prepared by Deb Vizine were presented.

*All were in favor on a motion (Sickler/O'Brien) to approve the budget revisions and grant close-outs.*

### **C. New Freedom Project Acceleration**

Ms. Courtney requested acceleration of the Section 5317 funded project involving the Center for Transportation Excellence (CTE) due to expiring CTE matching funds. The TPS Committee has recommended this action to PCC.

*All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/DeSantis) to formally advance funding for the CTE project.*

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A) Subcommittee Reports**

Mr. Trabold reviewed the last TPS meeting held on 6/16/10. He noted the TPS had approved additional funding for the Lancaster Heritage Trail project (5756.88) subject to identifying a satisfactory CMAQ funding offset agreeable to that project sponsor. That effort was underway. The next TPS meeting was scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **B) TIP Amendment for Regional Bridge Program**

Mr. Trabold reported this final piece of new 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) had been approved by the GBNRTC Policy Committee and fully integrated with the program. Copies of the new 2011-2015 TIP were distributed.

#### **C) TIP Development Process**

Staff is reviewing the planning processes used by other MPOs. A meeting with the Rochester MPO was recently convened, along with NYSDOT staff from Region 4 & 5, to discuss their TIP development process. Attributes of both systems were compared, and possible best practices considered from each. Several more MPOs, as well as other similar operations will be benchmarked. The TPS will be the focal point for continuing discussions of process improvement, with regular reporting to PCC.

#### **D) Route 438 Study Startup**

Mr. Morse reviewed the work schedule for this project, integrating efforts of SNI, NYSDOT and GBNRTC. A public meeting is planned for August, followed by an interim report in the Fall and a final report expected in January 2011.

#### **E) Definition and Scoping FY2010-2011 UPWP work**

Mr. Morse reviewed the current years work program, indicating expected schedules and staffing for major work items as well as smaller studies and initiatives. Charters and schedules were being developed for most work items to assure timely completion and quality product.

#### **F) 2010 Regional Bicycle Route Guide**

Mr. Trabold reported the 2010 Bicycle Route Guide was being printed and should be available for distribution toward the end of July.

#### **G) TIGER 2 Program/Transportation and Livability Initiative**

Mr. Morse discussed a few of the major initiatives developing from this application opportunity.

#### **H) Niagara-GTA Study**

Status of this study was discussed. Staff offered to present the storyboards from the public meetings at the next PCC meeting, and then coordinate comments for a GBNRTC submittal to Ministry of Transport Ontario, especially in regard to BiNational implications.

#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

##### **A. Member Agency Reports**

NYSDOT noted Transportation has an official state budget. The Comptroller's office is awarding contracts and has been signing local project agreements. Also NYSDOT needs all agencies to analyze all ARRA funded projects and give final expected costs to NYSDOT. The deadline is approaching for any adjustment of remaining ARRA funds. Erie and Niagara County both noted they are busy with their 2010 summer paving and maintenance programs. Richard Beers, FHWA noted that post SAFETEA-LU expiration programs are continuing under extensions.

##### **B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*Mr. Merlo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and all were in favor. The Chair requested commencement of a PCC Executive Session for a presentation by the executive Director of possible ERI impacts to agency staffing and plans to accommodate. The session was closed at 11:20 am.*

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 4, 2010  
9:30 a.m. at Erie County Department of Public Works, Rath Building, 95 Franklin 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 – July 7, 2010

**II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) TIP Amendment #24: NFTA Section 5307 Program Realignment and New Project FFY10; NFTA Section 5309 Program Realignment FFY10
- B) FHWA Planning Funds Current Year Budget Revision
- C) Regional Sustainability Grant application

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee; Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) Niagara-GTA Study-current alternatives from public review
- C) TIGER 2 Program applications
- D) Congestion Management-Transportation Operations integration
- E) Property Disposition Referral-North Buffalo corridor easement
- F) Continental 1 Corridor

**IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: September 1, 2010 – Buffalo City Hall**

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2010 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 4, 2010 at the Erie County DPW

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Rick Eakin      | Niagara County        |
| 2. Doug Tokarczyk  | NYSTA                 |
| 3. Tom DeSantis    | City of Niagara Falls |
| 4. Gary Gottlieb   | NYSDOT                |
| 5. Seyed Ghasemi   | City of Buffalo       |
| 6. Charlie Sickler | Erie County           |
| 7. Robert Gower    | NFTA                  |

Others present were:

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse       | GBNRTC                        |
| 2. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC                        |
| 3. Barb Courtney   | GBNRTC                        |
| 4. Robert Wagner   | GBNRTC                        |
| 5. Joe Buffamonte  | NYSDOT                        |
| 6. Paul Gavin      | NYSDOT                        |
| 7. Greg Szewczyk   | NYSDOT                        |
| 8. Jody Clark      | SNI                           |
| 9. Tom Radomski    | City of Niagara Falls         |
| 10. Renee Filip    | BNP                           |
| 11. Brenda Ward    | EC Dept of Senior Services    |
| 12. Kelly Dixon    | CTE                           |
| 13. Tom George     | NITTEC                        |
| 14. Lynn Magdoz    | Citizens for Regional Transit |
| 15. Gladys Gifford | Citizens for Regional Transit |
| 16. Maria Lehman   | Bergman Associates            |
| 17. David Hall     | ECIDA                         |
| 18. David Stebbins | ECIDA                         |
| 19. Gary Witulski  | COB OSP                       |
| 20. Thomas Frank   | Resident                      |

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Thomas Frank discussed various topics related to transportation in the region.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (8/4/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/Sickler) to approve the meeting agenda.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (7/7/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Radomski/Ghasemi) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. TIP Amendment #24 – NFTA Section 5307 Project Realignment and New Project FFY10; NFTA Section 5309 Program Realignment FFY10**

Mr. Trabold explained each year NFTA sets their capital program based on anticipated federal allocations. The first part of the resolution realigns the 5307 & 5309 programs with actual FFY 2010 allocations that were less than expected. A new project was also being added for LRRT Capital Maintenance/Rehabilitation and was a recommendation from the recent NFTA Strategic Assessment Study. The last part of the resolution included advancing a New Freedom pilot project with the Center for Transportation Excellence using Section 5317 funding from FFY 2008.

*Approved a motion (Gower/Sickler) to recommend approval of Resolution 2010-12 to the Policy Committee via policy member ballot.*

### **B. FHWA Planning Funds Current Year Budget Revision**

Mr. Morse noted NHS funds had been included in the TIP for consultant support for calibration and alternative screenings in major corridors however these funds aren't able to be currently accessed due to the inability to document acceptable in-kind local share. To keep these initiatives moving a budget revision will be done to redistribute the current year planning funds. No additional funds are being requested.

*All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/Radomski) to approve the budget revisions.*

### **C. Regional Sustainability Grant Application**

Discussions continue regarding a potential DOT/HUD/EPA grant application in the region for furtherance of the Regional Framework for Growth and its transportation components. MPO engagement as sponsor has been suggested and discussed and PCC action to accept lead applicant status was requested.

*All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Gower) for GBNRTC to sponsor this application.*

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A) Subcommittee Reports**

Mr. Trabold reviewed the last TPS meeting held on 7/21/10. He noted Administrative Modification #44 was approved which established the final schedule for the NFTA to flex FTA funds back to ECHDC for monies previously advanced for accelerated bus replacement purchases. The subcommittee also approved initiating a 20-day public review period for a new National Scenic Byways project which would provide directional and interpretive signage throughout the designated route as well as develop maps and brochures.

Mr. Szewczyk reviewed the last Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting held on 7/21/10 and announced the Bicycle Route guides were now available.

#### **B) Niagara-GTA Study – current alternatives from public review**

As requested, Mr. Morse reviewed the MTO presentation recently given at various public meetings. MTO has expressed interest in comments from the GBNRTC. Members requested copy of the presentation to review. Staff would provide copies by email and keep the item on the agenda for further discussion at the September meeting.

#### **C) TIGER 2 Program applications**

A review of expected applications from the region was discussed.

#### **D) Congestion Management – Transportation Operations integration**

Based on the Congestion Management Process document a timeline along with objectives was discussed. Staff had met with NITTEC staff to integrate planning activities to optimally serve both agencies.

#### **E) Property Disposition Referral – North Buffalo corridor easement**

A brief review of this easement and possible issues was discussed in the context of a response to NFTA per the current agreement regarding possible transportation uses and projects in existing corridors. Outstanding questions were highlighted, staff agreed to convene a meeting of interested parties and bring a recommendation back to the September PCC meeting.

#### **F) Continental 1 Corridor**

Mr. Morse reviewed Continental 1 Corridor's planning initiatives and reported on a meeting with corridor representatives.

### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

#### **A. Member Agency Reports**

Erie County reported two projects near completion; Maple Road and Parkside Road Bridge in Akron.

NYSDOT reported Niagara Falls Blvd project is about to begin.

City of Niagara Falls reported the Customs House Restoration project starting soon.

**B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*Mr. Sickler 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,

### **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 4, 2010

#### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Property Disposition Referral-North Buffalo Corridor Easement
- B) TIP Amendment #25 / National Scenic Byways Project Addition
- C) Buffalo-Niagara Partnership Regional Agenda

#### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Regional Sustainability Grant application
- B) Niagara-GTA Study-any PCC comments and response outline
- C) Route 438-SNI study public meeting
- D) Potential regional vanpool initiative
- E) Section 5310 applications and ranking process
- F) Regional Freight Study-expected wrap up and next steps
- G) Other studies: Mohawk-Erie Corridor, Naturalistic driving, RMP
- H) Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Process
- I) TIP Process Improvement Process-progress on benchmarking
- J) Transportation Funding Status-any action on legislation

#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: October 6, 2010**

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 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 September 1, 2010 at the Erie County DPW

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Kevin O'Brien   | Niagara County        |
| 2. Doug Tokarczyk  | NYSTA                 |
| 3. Tom DeSantis    | City of Niagara Falls |
| 4. Gary Gottlieb   | NYSDOT                |
| 5. Peter Merlo     | City of Buffalo       |
| 6. Charlie Sickler | Erie County           |
| 7. Robert Gower    | NFTA                  |
| 8. Richard Beers   | FHWA                  |

Others present were:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse             | GBNRTC                |
| 2. Timothy Trabold       | GBNRTC                |
| 3. Barb Courtney         | GBNRTC                |
| 4. Robert Wagner         | GBNRTC                |
| 5. Rich Guarino          | GBNRTC                |
| 6. Ramsey Kahi           | NYSDOT                |
| 7. Paul Gavin            | NYSDOT                |
| 8. Tom Radomski          | City of Niagara Falls |
| 9. Tom Moore             | NYSTA                 |
| 10. Philip Scheer        | Continental 1         |
| 11. Dan Howard           | Town of Amherst       |
| 12. Sheila Ransbottom    | Fisher Assoc          |
| 13. Jennifer Michniewicz | Clark Patterson Lee   |
| 14. Thomas Frank         | Resident              |

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Thomas Frank discussed various topics related to transportation in the region.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (9/1/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/DeSantis) to approve the meeting agenda.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (8/4/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Gottlieb/DeSantis) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Property Disposition Referral – North Buffalo Corridor Easement**

Mr. Trabold explained that in accordance with the established *NFTA/GBNRTC Property Disposition Review Process*, the staff had undertaken a review and assessment of the easement modification request sought by Colvin Oakdale LLC. He noted that in the revised draft recommendation just distributed there was no objection to removing the LRRT provision #3 from the Colvin Oakdale LLC/NFTA easement agreement and left the other rails-to-trails implementation issues to be resolved separately. He clarified that this only affected the property between Colvin Blvd. and Starin Ave.

*Approved a motion to formally send the recommendation to the NFTA as the GBNRTC official position on the easement modification request. (Merlo/Gower)*

### **B. TIP Amendment #25 National Scenic Byways Project Addition**

Mr. Trabold noted the public outreach authorized by the TPS in July had concluded and no comments had been received. As this project originated outside the regional selection project the final action would be approval by the PCC so it could be added to the current TIP.

*All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/Gottlieb) to approve adding this project to the 2008-2012 TIP.*

### **C. Buffalo Niagara Partnership Regional Agenda**

Mr. Morse reviewed a request from the BNP for participation in their regional agenda setting process. Subsequent to discussions with BNP staff, it appeared that the most appropriate GBNRTC response would be to indicate the need for the agenda projects/policies to be consistent with the MPO Long Range Plan, that major projects be identified on the LRP or on an illustrative list, and that outyear TIP projects available for acceleration would be good candidates. A written response to BNP would convey those concepts and offer continued GBNRTC participation going forward.

*All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Sickler) for a response to BNP to convey those concepts.*

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A) Regional Sustainability Grant application**

Mr. Morse reported that the MPO sponsored application was submitted as authorized. The application proposal would strengthen regional partnerships, refine objectives and performance measures, and may place the region in a stronger position for available project funding in the future.

#### **B) Niagara-GTA Study – any PCC comments and response outline**

Materials were recently distributed detailing the presentations at public meetings recently held in Ontario. Morse reviewed items that would appear appropriate in terms of BiNational planning integration and offered to convey those to MTO as study comments.

#### **C) Route 438 – SNI study public meeting**

Mr. Morse reviewed the progress to date. Substantial background material had been prepared with NYSDOT and SNI in preparation for a public meeting on the Cattaraugus reservation. Subsequent to the meeting, comments would be assembled and incorporated with technical studies to support preparation of an interim report in the fall.

#### **D) Potential regional vanpool initiative**

Ms. Courtney reviewed the steps of the new initiative. GBNRTC and Ecology and Environment will jointly study market feasibility to expand transportation services into vanpool arena.

#### **E) Section 5310 applications and ranking process**

Ms. Courtney reported on the review teams meeting noting the team had reviewed all applicants and have sent their recommendations to NYSDOT Albany.

#### **F) Regional Freight Study Update**

Mr. Guarino gave an update on the Freight Study noting completion is near.

### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

#### **A. Member Agency Reports**

City of Niagara Falls reported Restoration of the Customs House is underway. Also two grant applications have been submitted; TIGER II & High Speed Rail.

NFTA reported the new fare structure is in place. Towards the end of October some route changes will be implemented.

Erie County reported a section of Wehrle Drive may possibly be closed in the next few weeks for culvert installation.

Thruway Authority reported a possible weekend closure of the Grand Island Bridge sometime this month and the pending installation of a noise barrier at 90 & 190.

#### **B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*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, October 6, 2010 9:30AM at New York State Thruway, 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 1, 2010

### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Resolution 2010-14-TIP Amendment #1:  
ITS Project Merger (PINs 5755.54 and 5759.05)

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports:
  - Transportation Projects Subcommittee
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) First Quarter UPWP Progress
- C) Signalization Work Team Proposal
- D) Status of TIP/STIP and Conformity
- E) Transportation Projects Scenario Development-potential acceleration
- F) Process Improvement Benchmarking Status
- G) 2010 Traffic Count Program
- H) Next Policy Committee – Possible Dates and Agenda

### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

**NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION:** November 3, 2010, Erie County Department of Public Works

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2010 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 October 6, 2010 at the New York State Thruway Authority

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Matthew Latko   | NYSTA                 |
| 2. Tom DeSantis    | City of Niagara Falls |
| 3. Ramsey Kahi     | NYSDOT                |
| 4. Peter Merlo     | City of Buffalo       |
| 5. Charlie Sickler | Erie County           |
| 6. Seth Piccirillo | NFTA                  |

Others present were:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse             | GBNRTC                    |
| 2. Timothy Trabold       | GBNRTC                    |
| 3. Rich Guarino          | GBNRTC                    |
| 4. Tom Radomski          | City of Niagara Falls     |
| 5. Paul Zakrzewski       | NYSTA                     |
| 6. Tom George            | NITTEC                    |
| 7. Philip Scherer        | Continental 1             |
| 8. Dan Howard            | Town of Amherst           |
| 9. Sheila Ransbottom     | Fisher Assoc              |
| 10. Jennifer Michniewicz | Clark Patterson Lee       |
| 11. Marie Hanrahan       | LWV                       |
| 12. Gladys Gifford       | CRTC                      |
| 13. Brian Andrzejewski   | GPI                       |
| 14. Mark Lee             | EC DEP                    |
| 15. Frank Dolan          | Bergmann Assoc.           |
| 16. Joseph P.            | Urban Engineers           |
| 17. Lumon Ross           | Black Chamber of Congress |
| 18. Thomas Frank         | Resident                  |

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Merlo called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Thomas Frank discussed various topics related to transportation in the region.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (10/6/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Latko) to approve the meeting agenda as modified.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (9/1/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Piccirillo/DeSantis) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Resolution 2010-14 –TIP Amendment #1 ITS Projects Merger**

Mr. Trabold explained that the resolution would allow the construction and construction inspection phases of two existing projects [PIN 5755.54 ITS/Incident Management Phase 4B and PIN 5759.05 ITS/Incident Management Phase 4C] to be merged. By combining these phases entirely under PIN 5755.54, a savings in the construction inspection phase of \$0.304 M of CMAQ funding would be realized.

*All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Piccirillo) to approve merging these two ITS projects.*

### **B. 13 Hybrid Passenger Bus Purchase – Public Review Process**

Mr. Trabold noted the NFTA was recently awarded a \$7,000,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) State of Good Repair (SGR) Program for the purchase of 13 hybrid passenger buses. As this would be a new project to the TIP, a public notification was required first and could begin immediately if so authorized.

*All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Latko) to initiate the public review process for this new NFTA project.*

## **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A) Subcommittee Reports:**

#### **1) Transportation Projects Subcommittee**

Mr. Merlo reviewed the actions taken at the September 15, 2010 meeting. He noted in particular that the TPS had approved a City of Buffalo request to transfer surplus funds from PIN 5756.51 Grider St to cover cost increases on PIN 5755.72 South Park Av Bridge/Buffalo River.

#### **2) Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee**

Mr. Trabold, reporting for Mr. Szewczyk, reviewed the B-P Subcommittee agenda topics discussed at the September 15, 2010 meeting. He covered the status of the park & ride

lot surveys, NY Bicycle Rt. 517, Shoreline Trail signage, and Riverwalk maintenance. He added that the next B-P meeting would be scheduled for an evening timeslot.

**B) First Quarter UPWP**

A summary the first quarter of the work program was given by Mr. Morse. A document had been distributed highlighting status of all work items progressed during the period April-September 2010. Also mentioned was upcoming projects and staff resource allocation post Early Retirement Incentive.

**C) Signalization Work Team Proposal**

The current retiming initiative in six corridors is nearly complete, it is being suggested a small task team form to coordinate the near term projects and consider a longer term coordination effort. This would address issues such as corridor interconnection, NITTEC interface, and longer term buildout. Morse suggested that this be a task oriented initiative and not a standing committee, they could resolve these near term issues and frame the discussion for further initiatives. The recommended team would include City of Buffalo, NYSDOT, NITTEC and GBNRTC staff.

**D) Status of TIP/STIP and Conformity**

Mr. Trabold related that the conformity determination was complete and the approved TIP could proceed.

**E) Transportation Projects Scenario Development**

As the TIP moves forward without long term legislation in place, some scenario possibilities were discussed. These centered around possible near term funding expansion as proposed by the Obama administration and longer term funding levels as proposed by Representative Oberstar. Some risk analysis had been performed based on these scenarios and impacts on the TIP projects and project delivery process. Issues were discussed with further engagement at TPS to follow.

**F) Process Improvement Benchmarking Status**

Mr. Morse reviewed the benchmarking status where staff is studying at least twelve other MPO's, other governmental functions, corporate asset management and non-U.S. approaches to project development, ranking and delivery. Some initial observations were reported with more in depth profiling and recommendations still to come.

**G) 2010 Traffic Count Program**

The GBNRTC traffic counting program for 2010 is complete. Mr. Morse reviewed the range of data assembled collection of ATR segment counts and turning movement counts, as well as utilization of the data, how it is integrated with other agencies data and how it can be accessed.

**H) Next Policy Committee – Possible Dates and Agenda**

Mr. Morse reviewed possible dates for the upcoming Policy Committee meeting as well as agenda items. Members are welcome to submit additional items.



#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

##### **A. Member Agency Reports**

City of Niagara Falls reported phase two Rail project went to bid and is under review.  
Erie County reported the Wehrle Drive closure seems to be going well.

##### **B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*Mr. DeSantis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am, seconded by Mr. Piccirillo, 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 3, 2010 9:30AM 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 6, 2010

### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Resolution 2010-15: TIP Amendment #2 - Addition of 13 Hybrid Buses
- B) Resolution 2010-16: TIP Amendment #3 – Rt. 62 Projects Merger (PIN 5810.50 with PIN 5307.96)
- C) Resolution 2010-17: Recommendation for annual endorsement of MPO Memorandum of Understanding

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports:
  - Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) High Speed Rail Initiative: Buffalo-Niagara Involvement
- C) Mohawk-Erie Corridor Planning Startup
- D) Projects Delivery Process-“Chokepoints” Session
- E) Status of Current Transportation Studies and Initiatives
- H) Next Policy Committee – Final Date and Proposed Agenda

### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: December 1, 2010 at NYS Department of Transportation, 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY.

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2010 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 3, 2010 at Erie County Department of Public Works

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Doug Tokarczyk  | NYSTA                 |
| 2. Tom DeSantis    | City of Niagara Falls |
| 3. Ramsey Kahi     | NYSDOT                |
| 4. Peter Merlo     | City of Buffalo       |
| 5. Charlie Sickler | Erie County           |
| 6. Robert Gower    | NFTA                  |
| 7. Kevin O'Brien   | Niagara County        |

Others present were:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse            | GBNRTC                |
| 2. Timothy Trabold      | GBNRTC                |
| 3. Rich Guarino         | GBNRTC                |
| 4. Robert Wagner        | GBNRTC                |
| 5. Dan Howard           | Town of Amherst       |
| 6. Sheila Ransbottom    | Fisher Assoc          |
| 7. Jennifer Michniewicz | Clark Patterson Lee   |
| 8. Michael DeSantis     | City of Niagara Falls |
| 9. Joseph Polchlopek    | Urban Engineers       |
| 10. Gary Witulski       | COB OSP               |
| 11. Patrick Waterman    | T.Y. International    |
| 12. Kelly Thompson      | Bergmann Assoc.       |
| 13. Thomas Frank        | Resident              |

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **B. Public Participation**

Thomas Frank discussed various topics related to transportation in the region.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (11/3/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Kahi/DeSantis) to approve the meeting agenda as modified to include the request by NYSDOT for action on the proposed Bridge Maintenance program.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (10/6/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/Sickler) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Resolution 2010-15 – TIP Amendment#2 Addition of 13 Hybrid Buses**

Mr. Trabold noted the public review period had ended and no comments were received. The action was to approve this project (5T1802) so it could be amended to the TIP/STIP. *All were in favor of the motion (Gower/DeSantis) to approve Resolution 2010-15.*

### **B. Resolution 2010-16 – TIP Amendment #3 Rt. 62 Project Merger**

Mr. Trabold explained that the purpose of this resolution was to merge the construction and construction inspection phases of two existing projects; PIN 5307.96 (Rt. 62 Cayuga to Walmore highway widening) and PIN 5810.50 (Rt. 62 Walmore to Military pavement rehabilitation). By combining these phases entirely under PIN 5307.96 a savings in the construction inspection phase was expected to be realized. Approval of the resolution would allow the TIP/STIP to be modified accordingly. *All were in favor of the motion (Kahi/O'Brien) to approve Resolution 2010-16.*

### **C. Resolution 2010-17 – Recommendation for annual endorsement of MPO Memorandum of Understanding**

The memorandum under which GBNRTC operates is subject to annual endorsement. The current version appears to require no further update or revision at this time. The current version had been distributed for review. *All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/DeSantis) in recommending MOU endorsement to Policy Committee.*

### **D. Public Review Process of Bridge Program NYSDOT**

Mr. Buffamonte explained every year a bridge maintenance program is including in the TIP. This would require a public review process. *All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/DeSantis) to begin the public review process.*

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A) Subcommittee Reports:**

##### **1) Transportation Projects Subcommittee**

Mr. Merlo reviewed the actions taken at the September 15, 2010 meeting. He noted the subcommittee had approved as Administrative Modification #45, a City of Buffalo requested that surplus funds be transferred from PIN 5756.51 Grider St to cover cost increases on PIN 5755.72 South Park Avenue Bridge/Buffalo River. The next scheduled TPS meeting was to take place on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **B) High Speed Rail Initiative: Buffalo-Niagara Involvement**

Mr. Morse reviewed the NYS High Speed Rail. The process to initiate the EIS for HSR in NYS has commenced. A kickoff meeting had been conducted in Albany of the Empire corridor Advisory Committee, of which GBNRTC is a member, and regional public meetings conducted including a buffalo event. Staff will review the study process and expected outcomes, as well as schedule and local involvement. Participation invitation and briefing materials were distributed.

#### **C) Mohawk-Erie Corridor**

GBNRTC is a participant in this study. This study will examine all transportation options and development linkage in the traditional transportation corridor between Albany and Niagara Falls. Staff reviewed expectations and involvement process. A comprehensive package of background material was distributed.

#### **D) Projects Delivery Process – “Chokepoints” Session**

A recent “chokepoint” session to identify constraints to delivery of transportation projects was attended by staff. Further discussions are anticipated along with potential plans for advancing projects in a more timely fashion.

#### **E) Status of Current Transportation Studies and Initiatives**

Mr. Szopinski briefed the members on the numerous ongoing studies. These included upcoming major corridor studies now underway as well as a number of smaller area studies being delivered or supported. Major tools in use and being developed were also discussed.

#### **F) Next Policy Committee**

Mr. Morse reviewed the proposed GBNRTC Policy Committee agenda, for the meeting scheduled on December 10, 2010 in Niagara Falls. No new items were offered at this time, final approval would be at the next meeting.

#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

##### **A. Member Agency Reports**

City of Niagara Falls reported Governor Patterson was in CNF and signed the High Speed Rail Legislation also announcing a new maintenance facility for Amtrak.

Erie County reported on the status of few ongoing projects. Noting the Wehrle Drive closure should be opened up soon.

NFTA reported the implementation of the new bus routes.

##### **B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*Mr. Sickler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 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 1, 2010 9:30AM at New York State Department of Transportation, 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY.

## **PROPOSED AGENDA**

### **I. PROCEEDINGS**

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2010

### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Resolution 2010-18: Pavement and Culvert Project Additions and FFY 2011-2012 Local Bridge Maintenance Program (TIP Amendments #4 & #5)
- B) Resolution 2010-19: TIP Amendment #6 – Wehrle (5755.19), E. Robinson (5755.43) & N. Forest (5753.74)
- C) FFY 2010 Section 5310 Grant Program Awards: Authorization to Initiate Public Comment Period
- D) Approval of December 10, 2010 Policy Committee Agenda
- E) Approval of 2011 Meeting Dates and Locations
- F) Election of PCC Chair for 2011

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) Subcommittee Reports:
  - Transportation Projects Subcommittee, Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) Regional Data Warehouse – Presentation by Dr. Adel Sadek, University at Buffalo
- C) Transportation Enhancement / Safe Routes to School Programs Outlook
- D) Transportation Demand Management – Recent Regional Session

### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: January 5, 2011 at NFTA Board Room

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2010 MEETING OF THE  
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on December 1, 2010 at NYSDOT

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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| 1. Doug Tokarczyk  | NYSTA                 |
| 2. Tom DeSantis    | City of Niagara Falls |
| 3. Ramsey Kahi     | NYSDOT                |
| 4. Peter Merlo     | City of Buffalo       |
| 5. Charlie Sickler | Erie County           |
| 6. Seth Piccirillo | NFTA                  |
| 7. Kevin O'Brien   | Niagara County        |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse       | GBNRTC                |
| 2. Timothy Trabold | GBNRTC                |
| 3. Rich Guarino    | GBNRTC                |
| 4. Robert Wagner   | GBNRTC                |
| 5. Richard Beers   | FHWA                  |
| 6. Tom Radomski    | City of Niagara Falls |
| 7. Tom George      | NITTEC                |
| 8. Matt Latko      | NYSTA                 |
| 9. Joe Buffamonte  | NYSDOT                |
| 10. Chris Church   | NYSDOT                |
| 11. Greg Szewczyk  | NYSDOT                |
| 12. Mike Leydecker | BNP                   |
| 13. Gary Witulski  | COB OSP               |
| 14. Kelly Thompson | Bergmann Assoc.       |
| 15. Dave McCoy     | ABATE Assoc.          |
| 16. Gary Gottlieb  | resident              |
| 17. Adel Sadek     | UB                    |
| 18. Mark Lee       | Erie County Planning  |



## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **A. Roll Call**

Mr. Tokarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All members were present.

### **B. Public Participation**

No comments from the public were made at this time.

### **C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (12/1/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) to approve the meeting agenda.*

### **D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (11/3/10)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/DeSantis) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Resolution 2010-18 –TIP Amendment #4 & #5 Pavement and Culvert Project Additions and FFY 2011-2012 Local Bridge Maintenance Program**

Mr. Trabold noted the purpose of this resolution was to create several new projects for pavement, culvert and local bridge maintenance activities from block funding previously reserved in the 2011-2015 TIP. Both amendments had completed public review periods with no comments received on either action.

*All were in favor of the motion (O'Brien/Piccirillo) to recommend approval of Resolution 2010-18 to the Policy Committee.*

### **B. Resolution 2010-19 – TIP Amendment #6 (Wehrle 5755.19, E. Robinson 5755.43 & N/ Forest 5753.74)**

Mr. Trabold explained that two Erie County projects, PIN 5755.19 Wehrle Drive [Ellicott Ck-Transit Rd] and PIN 5755.43 E. Robinson (N French) [Rt. 62-Sweet Home Rd], had experienced significant cost increases. The resolution would address those funding needs by a scope reduction to an existing Erie County project, PIN 5753.74 N. Forest Rd [Rt. 263-Dodge Rd] and a utilization of available funds from PIN 5T16.53 Infrastructure Block. The proposed combination of scope reduction and funding transfers would cumulatively provide an appropriate offset to maintain fiscal constraint.

*All were in favor of the motion (O'Brien/DeSantis) to approve Resolution 2010-19.*

### **C. FFY 2010 Section 5310 Grant Program Awards: Authorization to Initiate Public Comment Period**

Mr. Trabold noted that the NYS Department of Transportation's Transit Bureau had recently announced project awards from Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Elderly and/or Handicapped Specialized Transportation Program for 2010. The recommendations included the purchase of thirteen (13) vehicles for six local agencies at an estimated cost of \$587,806. As the first step in adding these projects to the TIP, a public comment period must be initiated.

*All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/DeSantis) to authorize commencement of a Public Comment Period.*

**D. Approval of December 10, 2010 Policy Committee Agenda**

Mr. Morse reviewed the upcoming Agenda, indication actions items, special presentations and items for general discussion. No additional items were requested by the committee at this point.

*All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/Merlo) approving the Policy Committee meeting agenda.*

**E. Approval of 2011 Meeting Dates and Locations**

Mr. Morse reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2011.

*All were in favor on a motion (Sickler/Merlo) to approve 2011 meeting schedule.*

**F. Election of PCC Chair for 2011**

*All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/Sickler) to elect Mr. Kahi PCC Chairperson for 2011.*

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A) Subcommittee Reports:**

**1) Transportation Projects Subcommittee**

Mr. Merlo reviewed the actions taken at the November 17, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Szewczyk reviewed the last bicycle pedestrian meeting.

**B) Regional Data Warehouse – Presentation by Dr. Adel Sadek, University at Buffalo**

In partnership with NITTEC, the University of Buffalo is developing a data warehouse to store, assemble and retrieve transportation systems data. Dr. Sadek presented current status and features of the warehouse. Use of the data was discussed by staff, especially related to the congestion management program. Some discussion followed regarding regular data collection and long term maintenance of the warehouse.

**C) Transportation Enhancement/Safe Route to School Programs Outlook**

Mr. Trabold reported that several conference calls had taken place with NYSDOT officials responsible for these programs in anticipation of a new round of project application requests for each. Current guidance appears to be favoring advancement of the TE program in early 2011, with the SRTS to follow in late 2011 or early 2012.

**D) Transportation Demand Management – Recent Regional Session**

Mr. Morse outlined a statewide initiative to develop policies and programs for coordinated management of demand at the regional and state level. A recent workshop had been conducted locally to bring together entities engaged in demand management operations and user representatives. In a presentation, current initiatives were discussed as well as potential approach to better coordination and service provision in the future.

#### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

##### **A. Member Agency Reports**

All agencies reported they were wrapping projects up for the winter season.

##### **B. Director's Report**

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on staff activities during the month.

*The next meeting was confirmed for January 5, 2011 at the NFTA Board Room.*

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