

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2012 9:30AM at the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, 181 Ellicott 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 – December 7, 2011

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Recommend Approval TIP Amendment – Resolution 2011-12 (currently tabled)
- B) Recommend Approval Resolution on Transportation Legislation and Finance – Resolution 2011-17 (currently tabled at Policy Committee)
- C) FFY 2010 Section 5310 Grant Program Awards: TIP Amendment

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports:
 - Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) TIP Issues: NYSDOT Program Update and Hybrid TIP Development Process
- C) Next UPWP Development
 - budget development
 - host issue
 - work scopes
- D) Microsimulation Models Calibration approach
- E) 2012 Areawide Traffic Count Program
- F) Status of Empire Corridor High Speed Rail EIS
- G) December Policy Committee review

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: February 1, 2012 at Buffalo City Hall

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2012 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 4, 2012 at the NFTA.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Tim Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 4. Steve Szopinski | GBNRTC |
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| 11. Kelly Thompson | Bergmann |
| 12. David McCoy | ABATE Assoc |
| 13. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 14. Dipak Shasti | NYSDOT |
| 15. Jennifer Michniewicz | Clark Patterson |
| 16. Paul Pfleuger | Watts A/E |
| 17. Jon Sowinski | Hatch Mott |
| 18. Keina Jackson | Rep T Kennedy |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. Piccirillo called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Quorum was present.

B. Public Participation

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

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (1/4/11)

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

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (12/7/11)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A) Resolution 2011-12 *(currently tabled)*

Mr. Merlo explained the City's desire to advance the Niagara St Gateway project and was working to enact that within fiscal constraints. It was projected that the issue would be resolved in time for discussion at the next TPS meeting in late January. – ***Item Remained Tabled***

B) Resolution 2011-17 *(currently tabled)*

Mr. Kahi explained the draft was still under review and he was confident it would be resolved by the next PCC meeting. – ***Item Remained Tabled***

C) Resolution 2012-1: FTA Section 5310 Grant Awards for FFY 2011

Mr. Trabold reviewed the recipients of the FTA Section 5310 Grants for FFY 2011. Twelve (12) agencies have been awarded a total of \$752,504.80 from the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Elderly and/or Handicapped Specialized Transportation Program for 2011. He noted all public notifications and outreach procedures related to a TIP amendment had been observed and no community feedback had been received.

All were in favor of approving Resolution 2012-1. (O'Brien/Merlo)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Subcommittee Reports: Transportation Projects Subcommittee

Mr. Trabold reviewed the December 21st meeting. He reported that two projects had been separated from the pending TIP realignment amendment in order to assure they would meet their 2012 letting dates. Administrative Modification #34 was approved which moved funds from the PIN 5753.74 North Forest Rd project and offset a construction phase increase on PIN 5755.25 Seneca St and a design phase increase on PIN 5758.74 Abbott Rd. The next meeting was scheduled for January 25, 2012.

B) TIP Issues: NYSDOT Program Update and Next TIP Development Process

Mr. Trabold stated that each regional NYSDOT office had presented their draft comprehensive programs in Albany and a formal response was expected but had not been received. There had been some concern expressed about the large number of local earmarks in the

first year of the program. He noted that at the last TPS meeting a draft funding summary for FFY 2013-2017 was discussed. It showed where the proposed TIP realignment would reschedule project whose construction dates moving from the 2011-2015 TIP. The plan was to immediately prepare a project-level printout for 2016 & 2017 as soon as the major program realignment was approved.

C) UPWP Development – A basic overview of upcoming work and budget issues in preparation for the new UPWP to be in place in March was presented. Based on expected available federal planning funds allocated to the MPO, current level of operations can be sustained. More detailed work scopes were discussed, subsequent to the overview presentations at previous meetings. Members were asked to review and forward comments or additional work items. A summary would be presented for concurrence at the February PCC prior to formal document approval in March. The Administrative Subcommittee (Chair, host and NYSDOT) were to meet after today's meeting to review budget details and work overview.

D) Microsimulation Models Calibration - Mr. Szopinski reviewed the completed reports for Microsimulation in the Buffalo Corridor I-90 and I-290 areas. All federal calibration targets were met or exceeded for both AM and PM models. Members were asked to review the documents and prepare any questions or comments, in preparation for a concurrence at a future PCC meeting.

E) 2012 Areawide Traffic Count Program – Mr. Szopinski gave a brief review of the upcoming program noting the RFP for a consultant to perform the counts will be going out shortly. Selection is planned for February, and a consolidated list of state and local count locations developed prior to startup of the count season.

F) Status of Empire Corridor High Speed Rail EIS – Mr. Morse noted this process is being accelerated and he reviewed the status and schedule. A project advisory group meeting is expected soon however no dates had been offered yet.

G) Policy Committee review – Mr. Morse reviewed the December Policy Committee and actions taken. Numerous agenda items had generated discussion by Policy members and helped frame some major issues for upcoming initiatives.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues, noting status of federal legislation, upcoming state budget and regional economic council efforts in particular.

The next meeting was confirmed for February 1, 2012 at Buffalo City Hall.

Mr. Tokarczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am, seconded by Mr. Sickler, and all were in favor.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2012 9:30AM at Buffalo City Hall, Room 1417

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- B) Recommend Approval Resolution on Transportation Legislation and Finance – Resolution 2011-17 (currently tabled at Policy Committee)
- C) Proposed TIP Amendments: Public Review
 - \$15M TIGER Grant – Cars on Main Street
 - PIN 5934.25 West Blood Rd/BPRR – New RR Crossing Upgrade Project
- D) Recommend Draft UPWP Workscopes and Budget 2012-2014
- E) Concurrence with I-90/I-290 Simulation Calibration

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports:
 - Transportation Projects Subcommittee
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) TIP Issues: Proposed State Budget and Federal Legislation Outlook
- C) Logistics and Freight Program
- D) On Board Transit Survey status
- E) Some Asset Management and Data Information initiatives
- F) Main Street – Williamsville community planning process

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: Erie County Public Works Department

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| 3. Steve Szopinski | GBNRTC |
| 4. Thomas Frank | ESD CFA #7585 |
| 5. Phil Haberstro | Wellness Institute |
| 6. Sheila Ransbottom | Fisher Assoc. |
| 7. Gary Witulski | COB SP |
| 8. Lauren Rivett | Office Senator Tim Kennedy |
| 9. Kelly Thompson | Bergmann Associates |
| 10. Chris Austin | UB |
| 11. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 12. Matt Grabau | GBNRTC |
| 13. Yuri Hreshchyshyn | |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. Piccirillo called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Quorum was present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed various topics related to transportation in the region. Lauren Rivett introduced herself as staff to Senator Tim Kennedy. Phil Haberstro asked about status of trail projects in Buffalo and Tonawanda, staff offered to prepare an assessment and respond.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (2/7/12)

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

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (1/4/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2011-18 (currently tabled)

Mr. Trabold explained this resolution had been previously tabled pending further review by the City of Buffalo. The scheduled letting dates for two Buffalo projects had subsequently been reversed from the previous version to reflect the City's priorities for construction in concert with other initiatives. No other jurisdiction's projects were affected and overall fiscal constraint was maintained. With this resolved the resolution was now ready for Policy Committee action. *All were in favor of recommending to the Policy Committee approval of Resolution 2011-18 (O'Brien/Merlo).*

B. Resolution 2011-17 (currently tabled)

This resolution had been tabled at Policy Committee for further review by NYSDOT. Revisions proposed were included in the package with text changes highlighted. Mr. Morse explained that these proposed changes provide some clarity and more local focus and are within the intent of the original document. Recommendation to Policy Committee in this form were appropriate, as House and Senate versions of new legislation may be in compromise soon and would benefit from local input. *All were in favor of recommending to the Policy Committee approval of Resolution 2011-17 (O'Brien/DeSantis)*

C. Proposed TIP Amendments- Initiate Public Review – Mr. Trabold noted two potential TIP additions had emerged since the last Transportation Projects Subcommittee meeting and both required public review prior to action amending the TIP. These included a \$15M TIGER Grant awarded to the City of Buffalo for the 500 Block of the Main Street Revitalization project, and a new railroad crossing upgrade project at West Blood Rd. and Buffalo-Pittsburg Railroad.

All were in favor of initiating public review, (DeSantis/O'Brien) on the first, and (DeSantis/Kahi) on the second.

D. Recommend Draft UPWP Workscopes and Budget 2012-2014

Mr. Morse noted that the new UPWP needed to be in place prior to 4/1/12. In preparation, the workscopes reviewed at previous PCC meetings have been refined, member comments and work items incorporated, and included in the summary document transmitted to the PCC. Also included is the budget detail. Scopes and budget had also been reviewed by the Administrative Subcommittee. Upon concurrence at PCC, staff will assemble the formal UPWP document for action in March. Major features include:

- complete new MTP and TIP with innovative approaches
- several major corridor studies and analyses
- Alternatives analysis for public transportation
- Revised and combined approach to mobility issues
- Deeper and combined asset management approach
- Continued emphasis on project development and delivery
- Budget includes carryover funds to complete transit survey started this year, reserved funds for HHD survey if needed; otherwise budget is slightly less than new funds available.

All concurred with scopes and budget, to proceed to full UPWP document preparation for March approval (O'Brien/DeSantis).

E. Concurrence with I-90/I-290 Simulation Calibration

Mr. Szopinski reported that documents and presentations were provided demonstrating the achievement calibration to federal guidelines of the simulation models for the I-90/I-290 corridor in January. Comments and discussion continue. A meeting with NYSTA and NYSDOT for more detailed review was scheduled. *A motion to table action until March (Kahi/DeSantis) was approved.*

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports:

Transportation Projects Subcommittee: Mr. Trabold reported the subcommittee met on January 25, 2012. The TPS approved AdMod #35 which moved the scheduled letting dates for two Thruway projects from 2013 to 2014; and AdMod #36 which changed design phase funding from IRR or HBP. The group discussed a timeline for a new TIP and the funding shortfall on Rt. 104 in Niagara Falls. Next meeting was schedule for February 15, 2012.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee: Mr. Szewczyk reported the subcommittee met on January 25, 2012. Topics discussed included status of the online Bicycle Route Guide, the new NYSDOT Bicycle website, sharrow installations in the City of Buffalo, TCSP funding submissions and the NYSDOT-developed ADA post-construction evaluation tool. The next meeting was scheduled for March 15, 2012.

B. TIP Issues:

Mr. Morse reported that several state budget meetings had been held recently, highlights include: \$1.3B in state investment to spur \$25B from other sources to launch and accelerate major infrastructure

projects. Creation of a NY Works Fund and Task Force includes Design-Build provisions. A second round of Regional Economic Development Awards, new \$200M includes \$130M in capital for the NY Works program. The NYSDOT capital program would be set at \$4.5B in 2012-13 including Advanced Construction. CHIPS funding would be maintained at \$402.8M. On the Federal side, Mr. DeSantis asked about likely funding levels, and it was noted that three House committees would meet to mark up 5-year \$206B highway/transit authorization, existing levels of funding. The proposals would delegate more authority to States and streamline project delivery; a portion would be funded by royalties from expanded domestic oil and gas production. The Senate still considering 2-year \$109B MAP-21 which cleared EPW in November, the Senate Finance Committee would mark up revenue provisions. That proposal includes some program consolidations, and greater NHS focus.

C. Logistics and Freight Program

Mr. Guarino presented initiatives that are progressing post Freight studies completion and based on REDC actions. There was recognition of logistics opportunities in REDC process, and a logistics group follow on meeting was held. Next steps would include integration with BNP Logistics Council. Draft federal transportation legislation recognizes freight needs and includes language to that effect. Recent discussions were held with NS Rail regarding Portage Bridge issue and impacts in the upstate movement of freight.

D. On Board Transit Survey Status

Mr. Grabau noted that this major study is now underway. The work is in the current UPWP and will provide a comprehensive look at transit users in Buffalo-Niagara. Results will also assist with modeling capabilities and support several studies and analyses including the upcoming Buffalo-Amherst Corridor Alternatives Analysis. A contract with NuStats is in place and an excellent consultant team has been assigned. The survey was originally planned for Feb/Mar but with possible route adjustments now under consideration, all parties agreed to defer actual field survey to post summer. Subsequently, survey design is underway, and a pilot scale test is still scheduled for February.

E. Some Asset Management and Data Information initiatives

Mr. Trabold discussed this emerging initiative, noting that much data and information is collected and produced in a variety of ways. The MPO is developing internal reconfiguration for better use and management and also externally for use by members and availability to public. This could include traffic counts and conditions, upcoming projects such as 511-system integration. On the asset management side there is an excellent history of road scoring available and the potential exists to build on the success of the bridge maintenance program. An option may be to include some funds in the TIP for a demo to see if prolonged life of roads and other assets is achievable. Staff is currently preparing some analysis to look at “break point” on scores, possible activities and associated costs to stabilize assets.

F. Main Street – Williamsville Community Planning Process

The Village of Williamsville is undertaking a planning effort to examine Main Street and possible improvements. A large group met recently and task teams were formed in the Village. The intent is to improve walkability and community feel in the Village especially as related to Main Street. GBNRTC

can provide information and possibly model consistent with facility owner's interest. A challenge is to find appropriate and available techniques in high volume traffic situations.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions. Mr. Piccirillo noted the week of public hearings on service reduction proposals.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues, including:

- Niagara Street - an integrated schedule had been developed for all parties and the Vision Niagara group was supported.
- Amherst-Buffalo Corridor Alternatives Analysis - consultant scope in development with NFTA.
- HUD Sustainability Program (MPO lead) - nearing kickoff, with agreements developed for review by consortium members. This will boost MTP efforts and eligibility for federal funds from a variety of sources.
- Traffic Count Program - consultant RFPs due this week. Several members offered to assist in ranking proposals.
- Regarding the signal systems retiming project, two corridors remain to be installed. Workarounds being developed to implement soon.
- BNMC parking and streets analysis is being examined to aggregate existing information and seek support for longer term initiatives.
- Lockport Area Study - initial conditions report drafted, stakeholder meetings being scheduled for February and March to focus issues.
- TIGER IV funding round coming. Members may wish to apply. Federal Notice was distributed.
- Staff had received requests to present to PCC by Erie County Stop DWI, and the Border Patrol. The group noted they had recently seen the Border Patrol outreach and did not feel an update was needed; and that the EC Stop DWI may be appropriate at a future meeting.

The next meeting was confirmed for March 7, 2012 at Erie County Public Works.

Mr. DeSantis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am, seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2012 9:30AM at Erie County Public Works Department

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I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2012

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Recommend TIP Amendments: Two Project additions – Resolution 2012-3
 - Cars Sharing Main Street \$15M TIGER Grant
 - West Blood Rd/BPRR – RR Crossing Upgrade Project PIN 5934.25
- B) Approve Proposed TIP Change: 2012-2013 Local Bridge Program – Resolution 2012-4
- C) Recommend Approval of UPWP 2012-2014 – Resolution 2012-2
- D) Concurrence with I-90/I-290 Simulation Calibration and Associated Updates
- E) Approval of Administrative Modification #37: Tiffy Street Pier, Industrial Heritage Trail, Lake Kirsty Dock PIN 5759.68

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports:
 - Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) TIP Issues: Program Update Status/TIP Amendment/Federal Legislation
- C) 2012 Construction Season Outlook
- D) Alternatives Analysis – Status of Upcoming Major Initiative
- E) Regional Public Transit Survey-progress to date
- F) Traffic Counting Program: startup schedule and contract, locations needs
- G) Proposed Policy for Use of Social Media in Public Outreach

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NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: April 4, 2012 NYSDOT Region 5

Please note brief Administration Subcommittee meeting (NYSDOT, NYSTA, NFTA reps) right after PCC to discuss Draft HUD Sustainability Grant Consortium Agreement

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| 3. Ramsey Kahi | NYSDOT |
| 4. Richard Eakin | Niagara County |
| 5. John LoFredo | Erie County |
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| 13. David Szuba | NYS Parks |
| 14. Brian Moore | Bergmann Assoc. |
| 15. Brian Andrzejewski | Prudent |
| 16. Tom Moore | NYSTA |
| 17. Paul Gavin | NYSDOT |
| 18. Thomas Frank | Resident |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. Piccirillo called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

B. Public Participation

Gladys Gifford discussed involving social media in the public participation process, noting hopes that this would not preclude personal contact. Morse responded that the social media outreach has provided more opportunities for in person meetings. Thomas Frank discussed various topics related to transportation in the region.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (3/7/12)

All were in favor on a motion (Kahi/DeSantis) to approve the meeting agenda as amended.

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (2/1/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2012-3 Cars Sharing Main Street & West Blood Rd RR Crossing upgrade

Mr. Guarino reported the public review period is over and action would be to recommend approve of this resolution to policy. *All were in favor of recommending to the Policy Committee approval of Resolution 2011-18 (O'Brien/Merlo).*

B. Resolution 2012-4 Local Bridge Program

This resolution will amend the TIP to formalize the bridge selection for the 2012-2013 bridge maintenance process. *All were in favor of approving Resolution 2012-4 (DeSantis/Sickler)*

C. Resolution 2012-2 UPWP 2012-2014 – based on concurrence with UPWP scopes and budgets in February and direction to formalize the UPWP document for approval, the UPWP document was prepared and is ready for recommendation to approve.

All were in favor of recommending to the Policy Committee approval of Resolution 2012-2 (Tokarczyk/Sickler)

D. Concurrence with I-90/I-290 Simulation Calibration and Associated Updates

Mr. Szopinski reported Calibration of the Microsimulation models for the I-90 and I-290 corridors is complete, reports were previously provided to PCC. Subsequent to the February meeting, an in depth review with NYSTA, NYSDOT, Cambridge Systematics, and GBNRTC staff resulted in OK to proceed. Documentation of the action also incorporates the most recent regional model update and the two other microsimulation corridors. Action was to concur with the model updates and calibration for planning use. *All concurred (Merlo/Sickler)*

E. Approval of Administrative Modification #37

Mr. Guarino reviewed Tiff Street Pier, Industrial Heritage Trail, Lake Kirsty Dock PIN 5759.68. The Administrative Modification had become available for action since the last TPS meeting. Additional funding had been secured to progress this underfunded project.

All were in favor on a motion to approve allowing the project to proceed. (DeSantis/Merlo)

F. Resolution 2012-5 and 2012-6 – NY Works Programs for Pavement and Bridge Preservation

Mr. Morse reviewed the two proposed resolutions for Governor Cuomo's NY Works Program. These related to bridge and road projects applied as a statewide block at this time, and been recently received. Several assurances on program implications were noted in the resolutions in response to questions by PCC members.

All were in favor on a motion to approve both Resolutions (Kahi/Piccirilo)

G Resolution 2012-7 Rt 104 Lewiston Road (Ontario to NF NCL)

Mr. DeSantis reported FHWA Coordinated Border Infrastructure funds were secured to cover the cost change necessary to keep this project on track. Mr. Kahi concurred.

All were in favor on a motion to approve the cost change for the Rt 104 project (DeSantis/Kahi)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports:

Transportation Projects Subcommittee: Mr. Guarino reported the TPS committee met on February 15, 2012. He noted all of the actions here today were discussed and approved by TPS.

B. TIP Issues:

Mr. Morse reported that we are continuing to review where legislation and funding stand and its impacts on program levels in the area. Currently the Senate MAP-21 proposal appeared to be in consideration, impacts were discussed with the group.

C. 2012 Construction Season Outlook

Mr. Guarino reviewed 2012 Construction seasons projects expected to move forward. This provides an indication of level and location of contracting activities this season.

D. Alternative Analysis

Mr. Morse gave expected timeline of activities noting the RFP is close to completion and should be advertised in the near future. He also reviewed expected MPO involvement and interface with numerous related planning initiatives in the region..

E. Regional Public Transit Survey

Mr. Grabau noted that the pilot scale test was complete. Noting an excellent outcome regarding the number of surveys returned. The consultants are currently compiling the results of the pilot test. This will provide some early information as well as inform the study process for the upcoming full deployment.

F. Traffic Counting Program

Mr. Szopinski reported the contract for the new counting program is expected to go before NFTA's Board on March 26, 2012. The counting program should begin shortly after that. He also asked any members with request for counts should contact him soon as the program schedule is almost complete.

G) Proposed Policy for Use of Social Media in Public Outreach

As social media is becoming an integral part of the outreach program some policies are being considered for future inclusion in the Public Participation Plan. Any recommendations for policies defining use are welcome. The proposed policy would start public review for eventual approval at Policy Committee.

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Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues.

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Mr. DeSantis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am, seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2012 9:30AM at NYSDOT Region 5 Offices 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY.

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- B) PCC Chair Succession

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 - Transportation Projects Subcommittee
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- B) TIP Issues: Program Update Status/Federal Legislation Outlook/2012 Construction
- C) NY Works Program – additional information on program and advance construction
- D) UPWP 2012-2014 - Work Activities and Startup
- E) Traffic Count Vendor selection and contract – count program initiation
- F) High Speed Rail - EIS recent meeting and schedule
- G) Mohawk-Erie Corridor Study Status
- H) On Site Certification Review FTA-FHWA

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Special Presentation: NYS STOP DWI – Transportation Safety and structure of the STOP-DWI program, history of results and the deterrent model

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: May 2, 2012 at Carnegie Bldg, 1022 Main St., Niagara Falls, New York 14301

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| 11. Richard Fontana | Buffalo Common Council President |
| 12. Sen. Timothy Kennedy | NYS Senator 58 th District |
| 13. Kelly Thompson | Bergmann Assoc. |
| 14. Gary Witulski | COB OSP |
| 15. Dan Howard | Town of Amherst |
| 16. Thomas Frank | Resident |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. Piccirillo called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation

Sen. Kennedy discussed a proposed Clinton Street project, and noted collaboration with Richard Fontana, Buffalo Common Council President. Interest was expressed in development of a corridor improvement program, including infrastructure revitalization and associated amenities.

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

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (4/4/12)

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

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (3/7/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. FFY 2010 JARC and New Freedom Projects

Ms. Dixon noted the recommended projects for JARC and New Freedom have been through the selection process and will be eligible for inclusion in the TIP. She noted the next step is to initiate public review of the selected projects. *All were in favor of initiating the public review process (DeSantis/O'Brien).*

B. PCC Chair Succession

Seth Piccirillo, current PCC Chair will be leaving the NFTA. As the rotating PCC Chair position is with the jurisdiction, NFTA offered that their alternate representative, James Morrell, would continue the NFTA term and serve as PCC Chair.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports:

Transportation Projects Subcommittee: Mr. Guarino reported the TPS met on March 21, 2012 and took action on a number of TIP-related projects. Two Buffalo projects were merged (5759.65 & 5760.16) as AdMod #38. A railroad funding transfer was approved from 5936.46 to 5936.50 as AdMod #39. Two railroad projects (5936.50 & 5936.51) had their let dates moved to 2013 as AdMod #40; two more were moved to 2015 (5936.53 & 5936.54) as AdMod #41. Lastly, TIP Amendment #24 was adjusted to correct a miscalculation on the amount of CBI funds needed. Next meeting was April 18th.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee: Mr. Szewczyk reported the B-P Subcommittee met on March 21st and discussed a number of items including modifications to the operational plan, chair succession, the efforts of the NYSMOP Working Group, and progress of the on-line Bicycle Route Guide. He also announced that Christopher Church would be assuming the role of Region 5 Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.

B. TIP Issues: Program Update Status/Federal Legislation Outlook/2012 Construction

Mr. Trabold noted the major TIP realignment concluded in February is being incorporated into both PSS and the STIP. Printouts will be made available at the next TPS meeting showing the current program phases for all existing projects, especially those with construction let dates that moved post-2015. Mr. Trabold also discussed the anticipated 2012 construction season with NYSDOT projects now included.

C. NY Works Program:

Mr. Morse reviewed emerging details of the NY Works program. Three primary portions include:

- solidification of all current year state/local TIP projects
- identification of state funded projects to progress now
- acceleration of state pavement and bridge preservation projects to be funded with advance construction. Assurances in March PCC resolution regarding endorsement of the concept and implications were noted

The program also creates a NY Works Task Force to guide future state infrastructure investment across agencies

It was noted that CHIPS and Marchiselli were funded in the State budget

D. UPWP 2012-2014 – Work Activates and Startup

Mr. Morse presented details of a comprehensive staff work program starting with the new fiscal year. The program included activities encompassing;

- Two complete new plans (MTP and TIP) to be delivered
- Several studies to support future projects, these were reviewed and delivery discussed
- Development of a comprehensive approach to systems performance
- Preparation of an integrated mobility coordination effort
- In terms of resource needs a more diverse approach will look to leverage staff, other agencies and contracted support to complete needed work

E. Traffic Count Vendor selection and contract

Staff noted that a vendor had been recommended to perform traffic counting based on review of proposals. Upon approval by NFTA Board a contract would be offered in anticipation of program startup in April. A comprehensive state/local count program list is also being assembled to guide efforts.

F. High Speed Rail – EIS recent meeting and schedule

A detailed presentation reviewed current status of the Tier I EIS for high speed rail service in the Empire Corridor. The draft report is emerging; consultants will visit the area soon. More information will be presented as available.

G. Mohawk-Erie Corridor Study Status

Status of this study was also presented. An extensive array of transportation infrastructure data and economic drivers attributable to the corridor were presented. Next action by the team will be to analyze transportation alternatives based on criteria and the information assembled to date.

H. On site Certification Review FTA-FHWA

Per requirements, an onsite review of MPO operations is conducted every four years by FHWA/FTA. The next GBNRTC review is scheduled for May 28-31. Karen Rosenberger, FHWA; and James Goveia, FTA will be participating from federal agencies. It was noted that all actions/issues from the last review were promptly closed out.

Extensive preparations are underway to demonstrate full compliance as well as innovative practices at GBNRTC. The meetings may include some interviews with member agencies during visit, and a public meeting will be conducted for input from community.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues and upcoming activities.

At this point, the floor was ceded to John Sullivan, Program Coordinator for the Erie County Stop DWI office. Mr. Sullivan offered a detailed presentation and answered questions relative to the safety initiatives pursued by his office. Substantial reduction in fatalities had been realized in recent years, and expectations are for continued improvement.

The next meeting was confirmed for May 2, 2012 at Niagara Falls, Carnegie Bldg.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2012 9:30AM at 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 4, 2012

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) FFY 2010 JARC and New Freedom Projects (Recommend to Policy)
- B) CMAQ – NYS Electric Truck Voucher Program (Endorsement)
- C) Four (4) New Railroad Crossing Safety Projects (Initiate Public Comment Period)
- D) PIN 5757.76 Fillmore Ave: N. Parade to E. Ferry (Approve Cost Increase)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports:
 - Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) TIP Issues: Federal/State Funding and Assumptions for TIP Development
- C) NY Works Program: Program Summary for Buffalo Niagara
- D) BiNational Planning - Border Work Group and NGTA Advisory Group Reports
- E) Proposed June 12, 2012 Policy Committee Meeting
- F) Demonstration of GBNRTC Enhanced Website
- G) Multiagency Sustainability Grant Program Startup and Schedule
- H) Demand Management/Vanpool/Complete Streets Activities
- I) Empire Corridor High Speed Rail issues

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: June 6, 2012 at NYS Thruway Authority

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2012 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 2, 2012 at Niagara Falls.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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| 1. James Morrell | NFTA |
| 2. Douglas Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 3. Ramsey Kahi | NYSDOT |
| 4. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 5. Michael Asklar | Erie County |
| 6. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 7. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |

Others present were:

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| 1. Karen Rosenberger | FHWA |
| 2. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 3. Tim Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 4. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 5. Kelly Dixon | GBNRTC |
| 6. Kathryn Stilwell | GBNRTC |
| 7. Gary Witulski | COB OSP |
| 8. Nancy Peters | NFTA |
| 9. Paul Pfleuger | Watts A/E |
| 10. Bill Yuhnke | Liberty Cab |
| 11. Lumon Ross | Black Chamber Comm. |
| 12. Tanya Paz | Buffalo Car Share |
| 13. Mike Miranda | Greenmann Pederson Inc. |
| 14. Sheila Ransbottom | Fisher Assoc. |
| 15. Mark Lee | Erie County Environmental Plng |
| 16. Chris Renn | NYSDOT |
| 17. Thomas Frank | Resident |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. Morrell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation

Tanya Paz introduced herself and spoke about her role in further developing Buffalo CarShare's plans in the future.

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

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (5/2/12)

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

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (4/4/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. FFY 2010 JARC and New Freedom Projects

Mr. Trabold noted the recommended projects for JARC and New Freedom had been through the selection process and the public comment period was also complete. The action was to recommend these seven (7) projects to Policy for inclusion in the TIP. *All were in favor of recommending to Policy (DeSantis/Merlo).*

B. CMAQ – NYS Electric Truck Voucher Program

Mr. Trabold described a new partnership between NYSDOT and the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA) to assist public entities, and non-profit entities operating vehicles within New York State purchase new electric battery powered medium and heavy-duty trucks. He further explained that in order to take advantage of this funding, the GBNRTC was required to add this project to their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for informational purposes.

All were in favor of endorsing the NYS Electric Truck Voucher Program in the 2011-2015 TIP for informational purposes. (Merlo/DeSantis)

C. Four (4) New Railroad Crossing Safety Projects

Mr. Trabold noted that these four railroad safety projects have been redesigned to support construction of a 'Town of Hamburg Quiet Zone.' The work now includes road work to protect vehicles on the approaches. *All were in favor of initiating a public review of these new projects. (O'Brien/DeSantis)*

D. PIN 5757.76 Fillmore Ave: N Parade to E Ferry (Approve Cost Increase)

Mr. Trabold indicated that a funding shortfall of \$1.1M on this project was being covered entirely by the City of Buffalo with bond funds. The action was simply to approve the total cost increase from \$1.051M to \$2.15M. *All were in favor of the cost total project cost increase. (Merlo/O'Brien)*

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Reports:

Transportation Projects Subcommittee: Mr. Guarino reported the TPS met on April 18, 2012 and took action on a number of TIP-related projects. Administrative Modification #42 approved a transfer of funding for PINs 5756.16, 5822.12 and 5757.45. Administrative Modification #43 switched funding on PIN 5051.10 from IM to CBI. Next meeting was scheduled for May 16, 2012.

B. TIP Issues: Federal/ State Funding and Assumptions for TIP Development

Mr. Morse discussed federal legislation likelihood in the near future, as well as paths to proceed with new TIP development and assumptions of funds available. There is a need to proceed with TIP development, some possible scenarios would include establishing a funding range and working up project lists and estimates, then continuing to refine as more information becomes available. This could also help in establishing a “ready” list of projects for inclusion should additional funds become available.

C. NY Works Program:

Mr. Trabold reviewed the Western New York projects announced on the NY Works Program website. The program includes an accelerated pavement preservation program, an accelerated bridge program and signature transportation projects.

D. BiNational Planning – Border Work Group and NGTA Advisory Group Reports

Mr. Morse reviewed current status of the NGTA study and recent border work group meetings in the context of possible implication in the Buffalo-Niagara Region.

E. Proposed June 12, 2012 Policy Committee Meeting

Mr. Morse reviewed action items and potential informational items for the next Policy meeting. Several actions are on the agenda needing to be addressed in early June.

F. GBNRTC Enhanced Website

Mr. Guarino reviewed the new enhanced website for GBNRTC with some brief overview materials. An interactive display will be made available at the June meeting.

G. Multiagency Sustainability Grant Program Startup and Schedule

Ms. Dixon discussed the nearing startup for this program and its potential schedule. This multi agency initiative is funded by HUD/EPA/USDOT, led by the MPO and will be an excellent precursor to MTP development. A resolution approving the Consortium Agreement will be ready for action at the next meeting.

H. Demand Management/Vanpool/Complete Streets Activities

Ms. Dixon gave a brief review of the many activities and initiatives in the demand management area. Programmatically, GBNRTC is working to build linkage among the separate initiatives for maximum benefit.

I. Empire Corridor High Speed Rail Issues

Mr. Morse reviewed the corridor planning and EIS work. An issue of concern focused on the current study and the non-inclusion of the GTA as a destination/market in the Empire Corridor analysis. Staff will assemble a communication regarding the issue and seek its inclusion in the study process.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues and upcoming activities. Some of these included:

- Lehigh Valley meetings to progress utilization of rail yards in Niagara Falls
- Signal retiming progressing in NFB and Sheridan, this will complete initial project
- Integrated schedule on Niagara Street further developed and all parties in discussion
- Main Street Williamsville-group continues to meet, GBNRTC analyses offered to NYSDOT
- BCS and 290-existing conditions simulations are now complete, demonstrations of MOEs being developed now, an I-290 meeting with NYSDOT mobility group attended to show results
- Alternatives Analysis RFP for NFTA is due out soon
- BNMC urgency and support with model and consultant assistance needed based on near term buildout and employment increase
- Vanpool demo E&E with NYSERDA kicked off
- Norfolk Southern here to meet with stakeholders, etc May 7 PM at BNP
- Data Viewer application promising, will seek proposals
- Certification review May 29-31, will offer members an opportunity to meet with FHWA/FTA

The next meeting was confirmed for June 6, 2012 at NYSTA.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2012 9:30AM at 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 2, 2012

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Addition of Safety Block Program Projects SFY12/13 (Recommend to Policy)
- B) Addition of HRRR Intersection Safety Project (Recommend to Policy)
- C) Four (4) New Railroad Crossing Safety Projects (Recommend to Policy)
- D) Sustainability Grant Consortium Agreement (Recommend to Policy)
- E) NFTA-NYSDOT Host Agreement Endorsement (Recommend to Policy)
- F) Public Participation Plan Amendment for Use of Social Media (Recommend to Policy)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports:
 - Transportation Projects Subcommittee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
- B) Emerging TIP; Funding and Program Emphasis
- C) 2011 Consolidated Road Score Report
- D) June 12, 2012 Draft Policy Committee Meeting Agenda
- E) Demonstration of GBNRTC Enhanced Website

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: July 11, 2012 Niagara County Public Safety Building

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2012 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 6, 2012 at New York State Thruway Authority.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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| 1. James Morrell | NFTA |
| 2. Paul Zakrzewski | NYSTA |
| 3. Ramsey Kahi | NYS DOT |
| 4. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 5. Michael Asklar | Erie County |
| 6. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 7. Thomas DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |

Others present were:

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Kim Smith | GBNRTC |
| 3. Tim Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 4. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 5. Kelly Dixon | GBNRTC |
| 6. Kathryn Stilwell | GBNRTC |
| 7. Karen Rosenberger | FHWA |
| 8. Lumon Ross | Black Chamber Comm. |
| 9. Mark Lee | Erie County Environmental Plng |
| 10. Christopher Church | NYS DOT |
| 11. Thomas Frank | Resident |
| 12. Aliesa Adelman | Wendel |
| 13. Mike Miranda | GPI |
| 14. Brian Andrzejewski | Prudent |
| 15. Dan Howard | Town of Amherst |
| 16. Bonnie K. Lockwood | Rep. Brian Higgins |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A. Roll Call

Mr. Morrell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All members were present.

B. Public Participation

Thomas Frank discussed various topics related to transportation in the region especially as related to the War of 1812 events and historical significance.

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda (6/612)

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

D. Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (5/2/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A) Addition of Safety Block Projects SFY 12/13. Two projects were recommended at TPS to be placed on the TIP from the safety block. These are:

PIN 5812.14 – Signal Pedestrian Upgrades: \$1.22M from existing 12/13 Safety Block funds.

PIN 5806.58 – Pavement Markings: \$.677M from existing 12/13 Safety Block funds.

All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/Merlo) to recommend the projects to Policy Committee for inclusion on the TIP.

B) Addition of one HRRR project to the TIP as recommended by TPS:

PIN 5758.22 – Strickler Rd (CR 269) @ County Road (CR 282) intersection safety improvements: \$440K from High Risk Rural Roads Funding Program.

All were in favor on a motion (Zakrzewski/Asklar) to recommend the projects to Policy Committee for inclusion on the TIP.

C) Addition of Four (4) New Railroad Crossing Safety Projects, including:

PIN 5933.23 - Rogers Road, CR 464 Crossing of CSX Lakeshore Mainline, \$.326M

PIN 5933.24 - Rogers Road, CR 464 Crossing of Norfolk Southern Mainline, \$.300M

PIN 5933.26 - Cloverbank Road crossing of CSX Lakeshore Mainline, \$.326M

PIN 5933.27 - Cloverbank Road crossing of Norfolk Southern Mainline, \$.300M

All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/ Zakrzewski) to recommend the projects to Policy Committee for inclusion on the TIP.

D) Sustainability Grant Consortium Agreement – The Buffalo Niagara region is recipient of a \$2M HUD/EPA/USDOT grant to build sustainability in development and transportation systems, and MPOs fulfill lead responsibility for a consortium of agencies responsible for the products. All consortium members had approved the agreement in preparation for GBNRTC signature at the June 12 Policy Committee meeting. This had been previously reviewed at the last PCC Administrative Subcommittee meeting. Some discussion ensued relative the GBNRTC staff time commitment, the director reviewed the roles and estimates for any staff involvement. *All were in favor on a motion (DeSantis/O'Brien) to recommend the signing of the Consortium Agreement by Policy Committee.*

E) Concurrence with NYS – NFTA Host Agreement for GBNRTC. The current agreement between NYS and NFTA to host the MPO administratively was subject to renewal. An updated agreement had been developed between the two parties and executed by NFTA on March 8, 2012. NYSDOT has subsequently requested that MPO Policy Committees concur with the completed action. *All were in favor on a motion (Zakrzewski/Merlo) to recommend signature of the Consortium agreement to Policy Committee.*

F) Public Participation Plan Amendment- an amendment to the PPP included policies and procedures for use of social media in the MPO process. This amendment had been through the formal public notification and review process and was ready for action at policy Committee to formally amend the PPP. *All were in favor on a motion (Merlo/DeSantis) to recommend PPP amendment to Policy Committee.*

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Guarino reviewed actions from the May TPS meeting, including all project changes recommended as well as discussion of project development and next TIP. Mr. Church discussed both operational as well as project related activities from the May Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting.

B) Emerging TIP Issues: Staff reviewed assumptions on funding for next TIP development cycle. Also further discussion of program emphasis areas, especially the preservation focus and data needs to support as preparations for next TIP continue.

C) 2011 Consolidated Road Score Report – Ms. Stilwell presented the final document describing infrastructure conditions in the region as a result of the 2011 field work. Some summation of conditions was also presented, discussion overall trends in the region as well as localized issues.

D) June 12, 2012 Policy Committee Meeting: The agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting was reviewed in detail, no additional items were included.

E) Demonstration of GBNRTC Enhanced Website: A comprehensive live demonstration of the recently revised GBNRTC website was delivered by staff. Graphic features and organization of data and information was highlighted. Discussion followed, some opportunity to include site comments will be examined.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues and upcoming activities. He thanked members for support during the recent FHWA/FTA on site certification review. Also discussed were status of UPWP work items and ongoing studies, at detailed presentation would be available at Policy Committee meeting.

The next meeting was confirmed for July 11, 2012 at Niagara County Public Safety Building.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2012 9:30AM at 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 6, 2012

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) FTA 5307 Program Realignment FFY 2012 (Realignment and 3 new projects)
- B) PIN 5T15.34 PMI-Pavement Maintenance SFY 13/14 (Block Split)
- C) W. Ferry Street Bridge project sequencing change (tentative)
- D) Seneca Pathway project scope change (action or referral)
- E) Bicycle – Pedestrian Subcommittee Operating Procedure

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Subcommittee Reports:
 - Transportation Projects Subcommittee
- B) Components of new Transportation Legislation
- C) Funding and Program Emphasis Forecast for Next TIP
- D) Regional Simulation Model completion forecast for remaining items
- E) June Policy Committee Recap

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: August 1, 2012 at NFTA Board Room

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2012 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 11, 2012 at Niagara County Public Safety Building.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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| 1. James Morrell | NFTA |
| 2. Doug Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 3. Joseph Buffamonte | NYS DOT |
| 4. Richard Eakin | Niagara County |
| 5. Charlie Sickler | Erie County |

Others present were:

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Tim Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 4. Darren Kempner | NFTA |
| 5. Paul Gavin | NYS DOT |
| 6. Athena Hutchins | NITTEC |
| 7. Jody Clark | Seneca Nation |
| 8. Mike Leydecker | BNP |
| 9. Sheila Ransbottom | Resident |
| 10. Dan Howard | Town of Amherst |
| 11. Thomas Frank | Resident |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A) Roll Call

Mr. Morrell called the meeting to order at 9:35 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 (7/11/12)

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

D) Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (6/6/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A) FTA 5307 Program Realignment FFY2012 (Realignment & 3 new Projects)

B) PIN 5T15.34 PMI-Pavement Maintenance SFY 13/14 (Block Split)

Mr. Trabold explained that the first action was an annual adjustment of NFTA's §5307 program to match the congressional appropriation for a given year. The second action distributed funding reserved in a TIP pavement maintenance block into 15 PMI and VPP projects throughout Erie and Niagara Counties. Though there were still two days left for the public to comment on either of these actions, no responses had been received to date. The request was to conditionally recommend the resolution containing these two actions pending no adverse comments were received by the end of the public comment period in two days. Staff would notify the members if that were the case.

All were in favor on a motion (Buffamonte/Sickler) to conditionally recommend Resolution 2012-14 to the Policy Committee for TIP approval.

C) W. Ferry Street Bridge - Deferred to Transportation Projects Subcommittee.

D) Seneca Pathway

Mr. Trabold noted that a scope change had been received which would alter the project termini from the original IPP. A discussion ensued on the significance of that and its impact on the regional bikeway system.

All were in favor of a motion (Buffamonte/Sickler) to refer this request to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee for further discussion and a consensus recommendation.

E) Bicycle Pedestrian Subcommittee Operating Procedure

Mr. Trabold reminded members of draft operational procedures presented at the June PCC meeting and then reviewed the specific changes being proposed. Mr. Buffamonte asked that the TPS be specified as one other entity that can delegate a task or issue to the B-P Subcommittee. Members agreed to the change requested and amended the draft operational procedures.

All were in favor of a motion (Buffamonte/Sickler) to approve the B-P Subcommittee Operational Plan as amended.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Guarino reviewed actions from the June 20, 2012 TPS meeting including:

- FTA 5307 Program Realignment FFY 2012 and PIN 5T15.34 PMI-Pavement Maintenance SFY 13/14 were granted permission to advertise in the Buffalo News as *Amendment #28*;
- PIN 5755.43 E Robinson Rd (N French Rd) – Additional funds were needed for ROW. Extra funds in construction inspection was transferred for a net zero funding switch. Approve as *Administrative Modification #46*;
- PIN 5757.53 Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor –The project needed to move funds between phases to get *the* project started. Approved as *Administrative Modification #47*.

B) Components of New Transportation Legislation

Mr. Morse reviewed the new legislation, passed by Congress and signed by the President. MAP-21 provides funding certainty for the balance of the current federal fiscal year and the next two full years. Funding levels are flat plus inflation, and the legislation featured no earmarks. Substantial program and fund source consolidation will change project eligibility; staff will begin reviewing implications for TIP projects, both in the current program and in new TIP development. Programmatic changes for MPOs were not significant, a most important feature is the requirement for State Dots, Transit Operators and MPOs to develop and adopt system performance measures and subsequent targets in the immediate future.

C) Funding and Program Emphasis Forecast for Next TIP

Mr. Morse discussed statewide focus for new TIP development. Funding levels are expected flat, consistent with MAP-21 in the initial years; final guidance on subsequent years is expected in September. A change in strategy is expected, with system preservation having a significant focus, a capital component allocated to regions, and a statewide competition for a portion of the capital funds.

D) Regional Simulation Model Completion

Mr. Morse reported the consultant will be in house next week for hands on training relative to some of the refined features of the model sets. Next major deliverable is calibrated Mesoscopic model AM and PM components, now forecast for late August to mid September.

E) June Policy Committee

Mr. Morse briefly reviewed last month's Policy meeting. A substantial number of action items were approved, and reports on MTP and TIP development followed, as well as a presentation by the City of Buffalo regarding the transformation of Main Street in the downtown area.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions. Construction projects underway and anticipated were highlighted.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues and upcoming activities. Numerous studies underway in the UPWP were noted.

The next meeting was currently scheduled for August 1, 2012 at the NFTA. Due to lack of upcoming action items, a proposal was offered to cancel the August meeting and reconvene on September 5, 2012 in Buffalo City Hall – the next regularly scheduled PCC date and location. All were in favor.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2012 9:30AM 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 – July 11, 2012

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Change Items
 - Seneca Creek Pathway recommendation
 - FY Transition STIP reconfiguration

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Report
- B) Transportation Projects/TIP Development
 - TIP transformation to new funding categories
 - preservation/capital funding and solicitation process
 - project status meetings
 - TIP development schedule
- C) Metro Plan Development
 - asset management and performance measures
 - alternative funding and resource concepts
 - One Region Forward integration
- D) Ongoing Studies Status
 - BCS; I-290; Niagara Street; BNMC; Lockport area; Transit Survey
- E) Human Services Transportation Plan project delivery
- F) Freight and Logistics Initiative
- G) Buffalo Niagara Partnership Regional Agenda

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: October 3, 2012 at New York State Thruway Authority

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 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 5, 2012 at Buffalo City Hall

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Tim Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 4. Matt Grabau | GBNRTC |
| 5. Steve Szopinski | GBNRTC |
| 6. Darren Kempner | NFTA |
| 7. Mike Leydecker | BNP |
| 8. Sheila Ransbottom | Resident |
| 9. Jim Shaw | Jazz Gas |
| 10. Keith Mortimer | Fisher Assoc. |
| 11. Michael Ball | BNMC |
| 12. Tuona Batchelor | Sen. Gillibrand |
| 13. Gladys Gifford | CRTC |
| 14. James Jones | Town of Tonawanda |
| 15. Erin Werbowski | Community Services for Dev. Disabled |
| 16. Matt Hartrich | BNP |
| 17. Mary Cooke | Town of Grand Island |
| 18. Mark Lee | ECDEP |
| 19. Gary Witulski | COB OSP |
| 20. Dan Howard | Town of Amherst |
| 21. Thomas Frank | Resident |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A) Roll Call

Mr. Morrell called the meeting to order at 9:35 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 (9/5/12)

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

D) Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (7/11/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A) TIP Change Items

Resolution 2012-15/Amendment#29 Seneca Crk. Pathway (PIN5756.89) Scope Change

Mr. Trabold reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee had met in a special session to discuss the matter as requested by PCC members. The consensus was to recommend approval of the change in project termini and proceed through engineering to see if surplus funding would facilitate any additional linkage work to the regional system.

All were in favor of a motion (Sickler/O'Brien) to approve Resolution 2012-15.

FY Transition STIP reconfiguration

Mr. Trabold explained that at the end of each federal fiscal year projects are identified that will not make their scheduled let date for that given year. The let dates for those specific projects are then realigned with their current project schedule by an Administrative Modification. He reported that this year's action was done as an email ballot (Administrative Modification #50) and it had been unanimously approved. Members were thanked for their prompt attention to the matter.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Report

Mr. Trabold reported the Subcommittee met on September 4, 2012 and in addition to discussing the Seneca Creek Road Pathway, was also presented with a project proposal to build a trailway along the West River Parkway on Grand Island. A similar presentation to the PCC would be scheduled for the October meeting.

B) Transportation Projects/TIP Development

Mr. Morse and Mr. Guarino discussed key items in upcoming TIP development process, including new regional allocations, program emphasis areas, and funding category reconfiguration per MAP-21. While guidance documents are not yet available, sufficient information has allowed a startup of the TIP process.

C) Metro Plan Development

Mr. Morse reviewed current initiatives in the process, including:

Asset Management and Performance Measures, summarized as:

- Now a specific MAP 21 requirement
- States, transit operators, MPOs will develop performance measures, then targets and measure success
- Asset management also a requirement, were building anyway
- Initially assemble existing systems, then management strategies and data systems
- Will assist in funding discussions and investment strategies

Alternative Funding and resource concepts

- Recognition of needs greater than current federal program
- Need to look at current as well as longer term options
- Three part approach:
 - Revised financial resource levels through MAP-21 and funding categories
 - Options in current programs not USDOT
 - Options available or conceivable for funding, including revenue potential and implementation

D) Ongoing Studies Status

Mr. Szopinski provided an update on studies currently underway including - Buffalo Corridor Study and I-290; - Niagara Street Planning; BNMC. Matt Grabau followed with status of Lockport area traffic and development analysis and the regional Public Transit Survey

E) Human Services Transportation Plan Project Delivery

Mr. Morse indicated that HSTP projects were progressing on a path that included:

- 2010 projects (JARC and New Freedom) in TEAM and at FTA for final review
- 5310 reviews sent to Albany for the 2012 funds available
- Workshops being held today on 2011 funds (\$1.1M) for JARC/NF
- Applications ready for release Sept 17, due back Oct 19th, ranking late Nov TPS, public review, then Jan PCC/Policy approval

F) Freight and Logistics Initiative

Mr. Guarino highlighted work on the overall regional concept as well as some project specific work being addressed through other agencies. Some notes were provided on a recent discussion of a national freight policy identified in MAP-21

G) Buffalo Niagara Partnership Regional Agenda

Mr. Leydecker briefly noted the emerging BNP agenda, Morse offered to assemble any comments and distribute at TPS regarding possible additions.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues and upcoming activities. Numerous studies underway in the UPWP were noted.

The next meeting was confirmed for October 3, 2012 at the New York State Thruway Authority. All were in favor on motion to adjourn.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2012 9:30AM at New York State Thruway Authority 455 Cayuga Rd Suite 800, Cheektowaga, NY

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2012

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) TIP Change Items 2011-2015 TIP
 - PIN 5758.38 Rein Rd/Ellicott Creek Bridge – New ROW Phases
 - PIN 5812.14 & PIN 5812.23 – Project Split
 - PIN 5051.10 I-190/Buffalo Av – Addition of Grant Award & Fund Transfer
- B) TIP Changes Released for Public Review
 - PIN 5812.10 I-190 & Virginia/Carolina Ramps – New Project
 - PIN 5759.01 Braley Rd & Ransomville Rd – New Project HRRR
- C) Concurrence Letter – NHS Designation Submittal
- D) Grand Island Proposed West River Greenway Concept – support letter

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Transportation Projects Subcommittee Report
- B) TIP Development Activities
 - Regional Funding Targets
 - Program Development Process
 - Statewide Prioritization Program
 - Transportation Alternatives Program development
- C) Metro Plan Development
 - Current Planning Activities
 - Concepts for Committee Review and Discussion
- D) Lockport Area – Some Study Findings and Path Forward
- F) Fact Sheets – Complete Streets and Pedestrians

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: November 7, 2012 at Erie County Public Works

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2012 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 3, 2012 at New York State Thruway Authority

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Tim Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 4. Darren Kempner | NFTA |
| 5. Athena Hutchins | NITTEC |
| 6. Sheila Ransbottom | Resident |
| 7. Mary Cooke | Town of Grand Island |
| 8. Paul Leughner | Niagara River Greenway Comm. |
| 9. Tom Lajewski | Town of Grand Island |
| 10. Chris Fahey | Rep Higgins |
| 11. Kelly Thompson | Bergmann Assoc. |
| 12. Keith Mortimer | Fisher Assoc. |
| 13. Dan Howard | Amherst |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A) Roll Call

Mr. Morrell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All members were present.

B) Public Participation

No comments from the public at this meeting

C) Approval of Meeting Agenda (10/3/12)

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

D) Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (9/5/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A) Resolution 2012-17

- **PIN 5051.10: I-190/ Buffalo Ave**
- **PIN 5019.17: Rt.265 & I-190/Power Res.; Phase 1**
- **PIN 5758.38: Rein Rd over Ellicott Creek**
- **PIN 5812.14: Signal Pedestrian Upgrades**

Mr. Trabold summarized the resolution as changing the cost of two existing projects, adding a right-of way phase to an existing project and splitting a current project into two separate ones. Fiscal constraint was demonstrated and the resolution had been recommended by TPS.

All were in favor of a motion (O'Brien/DeSantis) to approve Resolution 2012-17.

B) TIP Changes Released for Public Review

- **PIN 5812.10: I-190 @ Virginia/Carolina Ramps**
- **PIN 5759.01: Braley Rd & Ransomville Rd**

Mr. Trabold noted that public review of these two proposed project additions had begun and those results would be reported at the next PCC meeting.

C) Concurrence Letter – NHS Designation Submittal

Mr. Morse discussed Resolution 2012-16 which would endorse the expansion of the Nation Highway System to include existing and proposed Principal Arterials as required under MAP-21.

All were in favor of a motion (DeSantis/Merlo) to approve Resolution 2012-16.

D) Grand Island Proposed West River Greenway Concept – support letter

Supervisor Mary Cooke gave an introductory presentation of the Town of Grand Island's conceptual plan to develop a trail along the West River Parkway. A question and answer exchange followed. Members reviewed a draft letter of support.

All were in favor of a motion (DeSantis/Merlo) to approve the letter of support.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Transportation Projects Subcommittee Report

Mr. Guarino reviewed the Subcommittee meeting held on September 19, 2012 including the following Administrative Modifications that were approved by TPS:

- Rail Program – Several railroad crossing projects had a low priority and their let dates were moved back. Approved as Administrative Modification #52
- ADA Compliance Projects – PIN 5808.27 was merged into PIN 5808.26, and PIN 5808.29 was merged into 5808.28 however PIN 5808.29 will remain and be used for SFY16/17 ADA projects. PIN 5808.27 to be deleted when the TIP is updated. PIN 5086.22 has CMAQ funds transferred into it. A project merger and reallocation of funding while maintaining fiscal constraint was accomplished. Approved as Administration Modification #53.

B) TIP Development Activities

Mr. Guarino discussed key 2014-2018 TIP items including:

- Regional Funding Targets
- Region 5 Target Funding Estimate
- TIP Development Process
- Statewide Prioritization Program

C) Metro Plan Development

Mr. Morse reviewed current initiatives in the process. Internal staff teams are currently assembling information on impacting trends and forecasts, working up asset management profiles, and researching funding sources. A schedule of work activities is driving products through the completion of this SFY.

D) Lockport Area

Mr. Morse noted the study to examine growth and transportation issues in the Town of Lockport and surrounding areas is nearing completion. A matrix of issues and potential actions was prepared in the context of near term, midrange and longer term actions. The November meeting of the study team will solidify the matrix and identify responsible parties.

E) Fact Sheets

Mr. Morse reviewed the fact sheet prepared by the statewide MPO regarding complete streets, signalization and pedestrian accommodation. Copies were also made available electronically.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues and upcoming activities. Numerous studies underway in the UPWP were noted.

The next meeting was confirmed for November 7, 2012 at the Erie County DPW. All were in favor on motion to adjourn.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2012 9:30AM at Erie County Public Works Department, 14th Floor, 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 – October 3, 2012

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Resolution 2012-18/Amendment #30: New Project Additions (*Recommend to Policy*)
 - PIN 5812.10 I-190 @ Virginia/Carolina
 - PIN 5759.01 Braley Rd & Ransomville Rd
- B) Approval to Initiate Public Comment Period
 - Local Bridge Maintenance Block
 - North Grand Island Bridge redeck
- C) PCC Concurrence:
 - Statewide Prioritization Program: Candidate listing
 - Safe Routes to School: Prioritized Candidate Listing

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Transportation Projects Subcommittee Report
- B) TIP Development Activities
 - Regional Funding Targets
 - Program Development Process
- C) Metro Plan Development
 - Current Planning Activities
- D) Federal Budget Update – possible near term impacts
- E) Cross Border Travel Surveys
- F) Planning Assistance Requests
 - BNMC Traffic Mitigation
 - Erie County Route review
- G) Policy Committee (December) Possible Agenda and Date
- H) Memorandum Of Understanding – possible revisions
- I) Title VI - EJ MPO Statement
- J) UPWP 2013-2014 Endorsement
- K) PCC Chair Rotation for 2013 Meetings

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: December 5, 2012 at NYS Department of Transportation, 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY.

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2012 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 7, 2012 at Erie County DPW

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Tim Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 4. Paul Gavin | NYSDOT |
| 5. Greg Szewczyk | NYSDOT |
| 6. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 7. Elizabeth Giles | CRT |
| 8. Gary Witulski | COB OSP |
| 9. Mark Lee | EC DEP |
| 10. Dan Howard | Town of Amherst |
| 11. Mike Miranda | Greenman Pedersen Inc |
| 12. Matt Hartrich | BNP |
| 13. Brian Moore | Bergmann Assoc |
| 14. Thomas Frank | Resident |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A) Roll Call

Mr. Morrell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All members were present.

B) Public Participation

Thomas Frank spoke of transportation related issues.

C) Approval of Meeting Agenda (11/7/12)

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

D) Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (10/3/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A) Resolution 2012-18 /Amendment # 30

- **PIN 5812.10 I-190 @ Virginia/Carolina**
- **PIN 5759.01 Braley Rd & Ransomville Rd**

Mr. Trabold reported that no comments had been received during the public outreach period regarding adding these two new projects to the TIP. A resolution had been prepared and the action was to recommend approval of these project additions to the Policy Committee.

All were in favor of a motion to recommend to Policy (O'Brien/Sickler) approval of Resolution 2012-18.

B) Initiate Public Comment Period

- **Local Bridge Maintenance**
- **North Grand Island Bridge Re-deck**

Mr. Trabold noted local bridge maintenance programs for SFY 13-14 and SFY 14-15 had been finalized. In addition, the NYS Thruway Authority had received NHPP funding for North Grand Island Bridge repairs including panelized deck replacement of the southbound structure and substructure repairs to both bridges. The action requested was to initiate public review of both the local bridge maintenance programs and the NYSTA project in preparation for further PCC and Policy Committee actions in December.

All were in favor of a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) to initiate public review of the local bridge maintenance programs and the North Grand Island Bridge re-decking and repairs.

C) PCC Concurrence

- **Statewide BP Prioritization Program**

Mr. Kahi noted the scoring of candidate projects for the statewide beyond preservation competition had been completed and those deemed most competitive were being submitted for statewide funding consideration. Projects not making the list would be considered for regional beyond preservation funding.

All were in favor of a motion to concur with the candidate listing submitted by Region 5 for statewide funding consideration (Sickler/Merlo).

- **Safe Routes to School Program**

Mr. Szewczyk discussed the status of the Safe Routes to School Program and reviewed handouts summarizing candidate submissions. He indicated a ranked listing of the recommended applications was still under development. No action.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Transportation Projects Subcommittee Report

Mr. Guarino reviewed the Subcommittee meeting held on October 17, 2012 including:

- 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - PIN 5759.01 Braley Rd & Ransomville Rd & I-190 at the Virginia St and Carolina St Ramps –presented to PCC for approval recommendation to the Policy Committee.
 - Local Bridge Maintenance Blocks – presented to the PCC for approval to initiate a public review
 - PIN 5756.28 Niagara Falls Intermodal Center – more funding was needed for the design phase of the project and would be transferred from the construction inspection phase, keeping the project fiscally constraint. Approved as Administrative Modification #51
- 2014-2017 TIP Discussions
 - Funding targets for the 2014-2017 STIP as well as planning targets versus current TIP programming.
 - GBNRTC staff is working with the NFTA to develop a transit asset management program, as now mandated in MAP-21.

B) TIP Development Activities

Mr. Trabold discussed key 2014-2018 TIP items including:

- Regional Funding Targets
- TIP Development Process

C) Metro Plan Development

Mr. Morse reviewed current initiatives in the process. Regionwide forecasts for population and employment are needed early, potential methods of developing them were reviewed. Internally staff has been assembling a review of potential issues and impacts for discussion. Financial forecasting and alternatives is also progressing.

D) Federal Budget Update

Mr. Morse noted that the federal budget challenge is also a potential impact on transportation program funds. Various sources were reviewed and possible funds reduction noted.

E) Cross Border Travel Surveys

Mr. Trabold reported MTO has initiated a set of surveys at the borders. The survey instrument and schedule were reviewed.

F) Planning Assistance Requests

- **BNMC Traffic Mitigation** – Staff is analyzing traffic implications both at BNMC and in the surrounding area. A scope review and possible need for a UPWP amendment to include consulting activities was discussed.
- **Erie County Route Review** – Mr. Morse noted Erie County has requested staff to review current snow removal routes and report back on optimizing these routes. The resource

needs to accommodate appear able to be deployed within currently available in the UPWP.

G) Policy Committee (December) Possible Agenda and Date

Mr. Morse reviewed possible agenda items and also locked down the meeting date as December 14, 2012, in Niagara Falls place to be determined.

H) Memorandum of Understanding

Annually members reaffirm the MOU to continue to work together to approve transportation plans in the region. Morse reviewed changes this year, referencing MAP-21 as enabling legislation and also new date for the Host Agreement. The MOU would be approved in December.

I) Title VI Environmental Statement

A draft statement summarizing relevant activities as they relate to the MPO was presented. Concurrence with the statement will be sought at the December meeting.

J) UPWP 2013-2014 Confirmation

GBNRTC adopts a two year UPWP a review of the second year was presented. NYSDOT Main Office requires a confirmation of the second year. Any changes will be noted, primarily reduction in FTA planning funds and inclusion of additional FHWA funds for BNMC Study support.

K) PCC Chair Rotation 2013

The chair person typically rotates among members, Erie County has agreed to chair 2013, with election in December.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues and upcoming activities. Numerous studies underway in the UPWP were noted.

The next meeting was confirmed for December 5, 2012 at NYSDOT. All were in favor on motion to adjourn.

The next GBNRTC-PCC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2012; 9:30 AM at NYS Department of Transportation, 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY.

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call
- C) Public Participation
- D) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- E) Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2012

II. ACTION ITEMS (All Resolutions but 'F' are Recommendation to Policy Committee)

- A) Resolution 2012-19: 2013 MPO Memorandum of Understanding
- B) Resolution 2012-20/Amendment #32: New Project Additions
 - Local Bridge Maintenance Block
 - North Grand Island Bridge redeck
- C) Resolution 2012-21: UPWP Concurrence and Amendment
- D) Resolution 2012-22: Transportation Planning Equity Statement
- E) Resolution 2012-23: Addition of 2011 JARC and New Freedom Projects
- F) Resolution 2012-24/Amendment #33: PIN 5759.91 Salt Road Bridges-New ROW Phases
- G) Administrative Modification #54: Ohio St. & Inner Harbor Infrastructure-Funding Transfer
- H) Approval December 14, 2012 Policy Agenda
- I) Election of 2012 PCC Chair

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Transportation Projects Subcommittee Report
- B) Demonstration of Traffic Data Management System
- C) TIP Development Activities
 - Statewide Capital Projects Selection
 - Funding Profile and Availability
 - TA/JARC/NF/5310 Projects
 - HSIP Funds Process
- D) Metro Plan Development
 - Current Planning Activities
- E) 2013 Meeting Locations for PCC

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION: January 2, 2013 NFTA Board Room

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2012 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 5, 2012 at NYS Department of Transportation.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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| 1. James Morrell | NFTA |
| 2. Doug Tokarczyk | NYSTA |
| 3. Joe Buffamonte | NYSDOT |
| 4. Kevin O'Brien | Niagara County |
| 5. Charlie Sickler | Erie County |
| 6. Peter Merlo | City of Buffalo |
| 7. Tom DeSantis | City of Niagara Falls |

Others present were:

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| 1. Hal Morse | GBNRTC |
| 2. Tim Trabold | GBNRTC |
| 3. Rich Guarino | GBNRTC |
| 4. Steve Szopinski | GBNRTC |
| 5. Amy Weymouth | GBNRTC |
| 6. Kim Smith | GBNRTC |
| 7. Paul Gavin | NYSDOT |
| 8. Darren Kempner | NFTA |
| 9. Athena Hutchins | NITTEC |
| 10. Mike Laydecker | BNP |
| 11. Mark Lee | ECEP |
| 12. Frank Armento | Fisher Associates |
| 13. Ali Adelman | Wendel |
| 14. Jennifer Michniewicz | Clark Patterson Lee |
| 15. Jim Shaw | Jazz Gas |
| 16. Gladys Gifford | CRTC |
| 17. David Szuba | NYS Parks |
| 18. Chris Fahey | Higgins |
| 19. Jamie Hamann-Burney | BNMC |
| 20. Bill Smith | BNMC |
| 21. Sheila Ransbottom | Nussbaumer Clark |
| 22. Gary Witulski | COB OSP |
| 23. Thomas Frank | Resident |

I. PROCEEDINGS

A) Roll Call

Mr. Morrell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All members were present.

B) Public Participation

Gladys Gifford spoke about Title VI. Thomas Frank spoke of transportation related issues.

C) Approval of Meeting Agenda (12/5/12)

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

D) Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (11/7/12)

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A) Resolution 2012-19 2013: MPO Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Morse explained the memorandum under of which GBNRTC operates needs annual approval. *All were in favor of a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) recommending to the Policy Committee approval of Resolution 2012-19.*

B) Resolution 2012-20: Amendment #32 / New Project Additions

Mr. Guarino reviewed three project additions recommended by TPS.

- PIN 5758.98 - Local Bridge Maintenance projects (SFY 13-4)
- PIN 5758.99 - Local Bridge Maintenance projects (SFY 14-15)
- PIN TWY B.18 - Panelized deck replacement on NGI Bridge southbound structure

All were in favor of a motion (Merlo/Tokarczyk) recommending to the Policy Committee approval of Resolution 2012-20.

C) Resolution 2012-21: UPWP Concurrence and Amendment

Mr. Morse noted GBNRTC regularly adopts a two-year work program and budget. NYSDOT Main Office now requires an action to confirm the second year of the program. The budget changes include a reduction in FTA Planning funds along with an increase in consultant services from reserved FHWA funds.

All were in favor of a motion (Merlo/Tokarczyk) recommending to the Policy Committee approval of Resolution 2012-21.

D) Resolution 2012-22: Transportation Planning Equity Statement

Ms. Weymouth reviewed Title VI statement documenting MPO process in this area.

All were in favor of a motion (DeSantis/Merlo) recommending to the Policy Committee approval of Resolution 2012-22.

E) Resolution 2012-23: Amendment #34 /Addition of 2011 JARC and New Freedom Projects

Mr. Trabold reviewed six new project additions to be funded with FTA FFY 2011 JARC and New Freedom allocations. The projects were selected through a competitive application process and recommended by the TPS.

All were in favor of a motion (Merlo/O'Brien) recommending to the Policy Committee approval of Resolution 2012-23.

F) Resolution 2012-24: Amendment #33 / Salt Road Bridges – New ROW Phases

Mr. Guarino reviewed the new right-of-way (ROW) incidental and acquisition phases for phases for PIN 5759.91.

All were in favor of a motion (O'Brien/DeSantis) approving Resolution 2012-24.

G) Administrative Modification #54: Ohio St & Inner Harbor Infrastructure

Mr. Guarino reviewed the recommended changes shifting funding from Preliminary Design and Construction phases into the Detailed Design phase for this project.

All were in favor of a motion (Merlo/Sickler) approving Administration Modification #54.

H) December 14, 2012 Policy Agenda

Mr. Morse reviewed the December Policy Committee agenda. The meeting is being held at the Four Points Sheraton Niagara Falls at 10 am.

All were in favor of a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) to approve the Policy Committee meeting agenda.

I) Election of 2012 PCC Chairperson

Mr. Morse noted GBNRTC-PCC chairperson generally follows a revolving list and Erie County has agreed to chair the PCC in 2013. No other nominations were offered.

All were in favor of a motion (O'Brien/Tokarczyk) to approve Erie County as chair of the Planning and Coordinating Committee in 2013.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Transportation Projects Subcommittee Report

Mr. Guarino reviewed the Subcommittee meeting held on November 21, 2012 including:

- 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
 - PIN 5758.98 Local Bridge Maintenance SFY 2013 - 2014
 - PIN 5758.99 Local Bridge Maintenance SFY 2014 - 2015
 - PIN TWY B.18 North GI Bridge
 - PIN 5759.91 Salt Rd Bridges
 - PIN 5760.26 Ohio Street and Inner Harbor Infrastructure
 - PIN 5933.22 & 5933.43 DOT Rail Projects
 - PIN 5086.22, 5756.76 & 5812.21 DOT Project Merger
- 2014-2017 TIP Discussions
 - Statewide Prioritization Program
 - Regional Beyond Preservation Program
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

The next TPS meeting will be December 19, 2012.

B) Demonstration of Traffic Data Management System

Mr. Szopinski showed a demo of the data management system and gave an over view on how to access this information via internet.

C) TIP Development Activities

1. Statewide Prioritization Program Update – Projects were submitted on time and waiting a Main office decision.

2. Regional Beyond Preservation Program – GBNRTC staff distributed a listing of exiting “preservation” and “beyond preservation”(BP) projects sorted by jurisdiction. Member agencies were asked to review and finalize the list. BP forms will be created for all BP projects by staff as requested. Forms will be transmitted to local agencies for completion finalized forms need to be submitted by January 7, 2013.
3. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) There is a draft HSIP project submission form now available and DOT noted that there are several safety reference documents available online.

D) Metro Plan Development

Mr. Morse reviewed actives associated with MTP development. Interface with related activities such as Regional Sustainability Plan and Alternatives analysis were noted.

E) 2013 PCC meeting locations

Mr. Morse reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2013.

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Member Agency Reports

Members reviewed current status of projects within their jurisdictions.

B. Director’s Report

Mr. Morse provided additional notes on several key issues and upcoming activities. Numerous studies underway in the UPWP were noted.

The next meeting was confirmed for January 2, 2013 at NFTA. All were in favor on motion to adjourn.