

**GREATER BUFFALO - NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 12, 2012 10 AM – 12 PM
New York State Department of Transportation
100 Seneca Street Buffalo, New York**

Proposed Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment on Action Items *
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Secretary's Report

Presentation: Transformation of Main Street in Buffalo through Cars Sharing Main Projects

6. Action Items
 - A) FFY 2010 JARC and New Freedom Projects
 - B) Four (4) New Railroad Crossing Safety Projects
 - C) High Risk Rural Road Program project addition
 - D) Safety Block Program Projects SFY12/13
 - E) Sustainability Grant Consortium Agreement
 - F) NFTA-NYSDOT MPO Host Agreement Endorsement
 - G) Public Participation Program Amendment-Social Media Policies

7. Discussion Items:

Plans:

- A) MTP Development w/Sustainability initiative
- B) TIP Development Schedule and Approach
- C) Social Media Initiatives and use in planning
- D) Corridor Development and Alternatives Analysis Study Startup
- E) Planning Studies underway in UPWP
- F) Recent FHWA/FTA Planning Certification Observations

Projects:

- A) Capital Program – 2012 Construction Preview
- B) Regional Agencies Initiatives Report
 - Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
 - New York State Thruway Authority
 - New York State Department of Transportation
 - Niagara International Transportation Technology Coalition
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting/Adjournment of Policy Meeting

Post Meeting: Members and Public are welcome to remain for informal discussion on issues

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2012 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) Policy Committee was held on June 12, 2012 at the New York State Department of Transportation.

The following GBNRTC Policy representatives were present:

Darrell Kaminski	NYS DOT
Tom Pericak	NYS Thruway Authority
Charles Sickler	Erie County
Tom DeSantis	City of Niagara Falls
Peter Merlo	City of Buffalo
Tom George	NFTA
William Ross	Niagara County

Others present were:

Hal Morse	GBNRTC
Tim Trabold	GBNRTC
Amy Weymouth	GBNRTC
Rich Guarino	GBNRTC
Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
Ramsey Kahi	NYS DOT
Kevin O'Brien	Niagara County
Athena Hutchins	NITTEC
Adam Locher	Assm. Gabryszak
Andrew Graham	VOICE/TRAC
Gary Witulski	COB OSP
Dan Howard	Town of Amherst
Frank Cirillo	NYS DOT
Bill Yunke	Liberty Cab
Mark Lee	EC Environ/Planning

POLICY BOARD MEETING

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM with all members represented.

2. Public Comment on Action Items

Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to speak publicly on the action items before the Council.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda (6/12/12)

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

4. Approval of GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (12/12/2011)

Mr. DeSantis moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2011, seconded by Mr. Sickler, and all were in favor.

5. Secretary's Report

Mr. Morse reviewed correspondence received from various agencies.

6. Action Items (Resolutions)

A. Resolution 2012-8 FFY 2010 JARC and New Freedom Projects

Mr. Merlo, seconded by Mr. DeSantis to approve the resolution, all were in favor.

B. Resolution 2012-10 Four New Railroad Crossings

C. Resolution 2012-10 High Risk Rural Roads project addition

D. Resolution 2012-10 Safety Block Program Projects SFY 12/13

Resolution 2012-10 moved as a block vote by Mr. Merlo seconded by Mr. DeSantis to approve the resolution, all were in favor.

E. Resolution 2012-12 Sustainability Grant Consortium Agreement

Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Pericak to approve the resolution, all were in favor.

F. Resolution 2012-11 NFTA-NYSDOT MPO Host Agreement

Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Sickler to approve the resolution. All were in favor.

G. Resolution 2012-13 Public Participation Program Amendment – Social Media

Mr. DeSantis, seconded by Mr. Merlo to approve the resolution. All were in favor.

7. Discussion Items:

Plans

A) MTP Development w/ Sustainability initiative

B) TIP Development Schedule and Approach

C) Social Media Initiatives and use in planning

D) Corridor Development and Alternatives Analysis Study Startup

E) Planning Studies underway in UPWP

F) Recent FHWA/FTA Planning Certification Observations

An in depth presentation by staff provided detail on the upcoming development of the Metro Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program, two major MPO products that drive project implementation in the region. Tiered studies in major corridors were also presented to highlight major initiatives underway and upcoming. A review of related planning studies as well as observations on the recent planning certification review was also addressed.

Projects:

A) Capital Program – 2012 Construction Preview

Staff presented a preview of the upcoming construction season, including number and location of numerous projects in all jurisdictions.

B) Regional Agencies Initiatives Report: Initiatives for information by the major agencies providing regional transportation services were reported, especially major projects and their status.

9. Other Business

No other business was noted at this time.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting would be in Niagara County; a specific date will be announced.

11. Adjournment of Policy Meeting

Mr. Sickler moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m., seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.

**GREATER BUFFALO - NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 14, 2012 10 AM – 12 PM
Four Points by Sheraton - Niagara Falls
7001 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York, United States**

Proposed Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment on Action Items
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Secretary's Report
6. Action Items
 - A) Amendments to the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program:
 - Resolution 2012-18/Amendment #30
 - Bridge Repairs: I-190 @ Virginia/Carolina
 - Intersection Safety improvements: Braley Rd & Ransomville Rd
 - Resolution 2012-20/Amendment #32
 - Redeck North Grand Island Bridge
 - Local Bridge Maintenance Block
 - Resolution 2012-23 JARC and New Freedom Projects for FFY 2011
 - B) Resolution 2012-19: Memorandum of Understanding Reaffirmation
 - C) Resolution 2012-22: Transportation Planning Equity Statement
 - D) Resolution 2012-21: GBNRTC Work Program
 - Amendment to Include BNMC Study
 - Endorsement of 2013-2014 Activities
 - E) Election of 2013 Policy Committee Chair/Vice Chair
7. Discussion Items

Plans:

 - A) Buffalo – Niagara 2050: Some Key Issues in Regional Transformation
 - B) One Region Forward – Alignment of Planning Initiatives
 - C) Transportation Improvement Program:
 - Funding Projects for Success
 - Perspectives on Future Funds for Transportation in Buffalo Niagara
 - D) Buffalo Niagara Partnership: Regional Agenda
 - E) MPO Planning Activities Annual Summary

Projects:

 - A) Capital Program – 2012 Construction Review
 - B) Regional Agencies Initiatives Report
 - Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
 - New York State Thruway Authority
 - New York State Department of Transportation
 - Niagara International Transportation Technology Coalition
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting/Adjournment of Policy Meeting

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2012 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE

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The following GBNRTC Policy representatives were present:

Darrell Kaminski	NYS DOT
Tom Pericak	NYS Thruway Authority
Charles Sickler	Erie County
Mayor Paul Dyster	City of Niagara Falls
Peter Merlo	City of Buffalo
Tom George	NFTA
Kevin O'Brien	Niagara County

Others present were:

Hal Morse	GBNRTC
Tim Trabold	GBNRTC
Amy Weymouth	GBNRTC
Rich Guarino	GBNRTC
Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
Kayla Yammarino	Consultant
Ramsey Kahi	NYS DOT
Paul Gavin	NYS DOT
Joe Buffamonte	NYS DOT
Athena Hutchins	NITTEC
Matt Hartrich	BNP
Alfred Wright	BNP
Gary Witulski	COB OSP
Dave Edgerton	WNYIL
Melissa Golpl	WNYIL
Marie Malinowski	Voice – Buffalo
Luc Robinson	Voice – Buffalo
Darren Kempner	NFTA
Gladys Gifford	CRT
Alvin Schuster	CRT
Tom DeSantis	City of Niagara Falls
Sheila Ransbottom	Nussbaumer & Clarke
Mary Cooke	Town of Grand Island
Mark Lee	Erie County EP
Mike Leydecker	BNP

POLICY BOARD MEETING

1. Roll Call

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2. Public Comment on Action Items

Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to speak publicly on the action items before the Council.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda (12/14/2012)

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

4. Approval of GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (6/12/2012)

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2012, seconded by Mr. Merlo, and all were in favor.

5. Secretary's Report

Mr. Morse reviewed formal correspondence received from various agencies since the last meeting.

6. Action Items (Resolutions)

A) Amendments to the 2011 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program

- **Resolution 2012-18** - PMI Bridge General Repairs I-190@Virginia/Carolina Ramps Ransomville Rd @ Braley Rd, Town of Porter (Amendment 34)
Mr. Merlo moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the resolution, all were in favor.
- **Resolution 2012-20** – Redeck N Grand Island Bridge, Local Bridge Maintenance Block
Mr. Pericak, seconded by Mr. Sickler to approve the resolution, all were in favor.
- **Resolution 2012-23**- JARC an New Freedom Projects for FFY 2011
Mr. Sickler, seconded by Mr. Merlo to approve the resolution, all were in favor.

B) Resolution 2012-19: Memorandum of Understanding Reaffirmation

Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Merlo to approve the resolution, all were in favor.

C) Resolution 2012-22: Transportation Planning Equity Statement

Mr. Merlo, seconded by Mr. George to approve resolution, all were in favor.

D) Resolution 2012-21: GBNRTC Work Program

- Amendment to include BNMC Study
- Endorsement of 2013-2014 Activities
Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Merlo to approve the resolution, all were in favor.

E) Election of 2013 Policy Committee Chair/Vice Chair

Annually the committee selects a member to serve as the chair and vice chair.

Mr. Pericak nominated NYSDOT for chairman, seconded by Mr. Merlo, all were in favor.

Mr. Kaminski nominated NYSTA for vice chair, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

7. Discussion Items:

Plans:

- A) Buffalo-Niagara 2050: Key Issues in Regional Transformation
- B) One Region Forward – Alignment of Planning Initiatives - Staff presented a summary of early progress in development of a complete new transportation plan for the region, extending the planning horizon to 2050. Further discussion focused on how the emerging One Region Forward Sustainability Initiative is developing and integrated into the transportation plan
- C) Transportation Improvement Program:
 - Funding Projects for Success
 - Perspective on Future Funds for Transportation in Buffalo Niagara - The next Transportation Improvement Program was reported as in preparation, details regarding changes in approach and fund source were discussed. MAP 21 (federal legislation) revised funding categories and applicability of projects for use of funds. At the State level, a greater focus on systems preservation was required, with a more statewide competitive approach in place for major capital projects. Recognizing these challenges, staff prepared and presented a matrix of potential non-traditional funding sources for projects, suggesting that a longer term approach may need to invoke some alternatives. A three pronged approach to maximizing the efficiency of existing funds, integrating projects into comprehensive sources, and potentially deploying new strategies was discussed.
- D) Buffalo Niagara Partnership: Regional Agenda - Annually the Buffalo Niagara Partnership prepares a consolidated Regional Agenda of projects and policy items to advance the region. BNP presented the Agenda to provide insight into the process and results
- E) Planning Activities Annual Summary - A summary of highlights in metropolitan planning was prepared to provide an overview of activities in 2012. An accompanying document was delivered in hardcopy, and a video of planning highlights presented to display progress.

Projects:

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9. Other Business

No other business was noted at this time.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting would be in Erie County; a specific date will be announced.

11. Adjournment of Policy Meeting

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