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
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  NYSDOT
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  NYSDOT
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  NYSDOT
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.*
Proposed Agenda

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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

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) Policy Committee was held on December 14, 2012 at the Four Points by Sheraton - Niagara Falls

The following GBNRTC Policy representatives were present:
Darrell Kaminski       NYSDOT
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           NYSDOT
Paul Gavin            NYSDOT
Joe Buffamonte        NYSDOT
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
Gladyys 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**
   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 (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.

        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 been 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:

A) Capital Program – 2012 Construction Review
- 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 Erie 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.