

GREATER BUFFALO - NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING – Buffalo New York

May 13, 2013 10:00AM

Hotel @ The Lafayette

Courtyard Room - 2nd Floor

391 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY 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) Approval of 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 2013-3)
 - B) Approval of Revised Project Change Control Procedures (Resolution 2013-4)
7. Discussion Items

Plans:

- A) One Region Forward – Progress in Defining Strategic Regional Decisions
- B) MTP 2050 Integration and Issues – Planning, Funding and Delivering Projects to Sustain our Progress
- C) Public Transportation Alternatives Analysis - Catalyzing Regional Development
- D) Social Media and GBNRTC Outreach Process
- E) Regional Public Transportation Survey – Initial Results

Policies:

- A) Potential Transportation Issues for Legislative Action

Projects:

- A) Capital Program – 2013 Construction Season Outlook
- 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
10. Adjournment of Policy Meeting

MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2013 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 May 13, 2013 at the Hotel @ Layfayette - Buffalo

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
Nick Giangreco	GBNRTC
Ramsey Kahi	NYS DOT
Paul Gavin	NYS DOT
Kevin O'Brien	Niagara County
Darren Kempner	NFTA
Athena Hutchins	NITTEC
David Kenyon	Town of Lockport
Elizabeth Giles	Citizens for Regional Transit
Ruth Lampe	Parkside Comm. Assoc.
Bill Smith	BNMC
Garret M	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Dan Howard	Town of Amherst
Gary Witulski	COB OSP
Mark Lee	Erie County EP
Sheila Ransbottom	Nussbaumer & Clarke
Jay Bray	SNI
Nathan Taylor	Rotella Grant Management
Sandra Cumming	Resident
Pat Christian	Kenmore Village Improvement Society
Cindy Cumming	Resident
Chris Duquin	Village of Williamsville
Jim Costello	Berts Bikes
Chris Fahey	NYS Congressman Higgins
Adam Locher	Gabryszak
Anthony Rotella	Rotella Grant Management
David Szuba	NYS Parks
Thomas Frank	Resident

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 (5/13/2013)

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

4. Approval of GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (12/14/2012)

Mr. George moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2012, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, 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) Approval 2014 -2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Resolution 2013-3 – 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program

This action will put the list of capital projects programmed for federal funding in place.

Mr. Sickler made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Pericak, all were in favor.

B) Revised Change Control Procedures

Resolution 2013-4

GBNRTC uses a rigorous change control process to manage scope, schedule and budgets for capital projects. This resolution will approve the revisions recommended by the planning and coordinating committee

Mr. Merlo made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, all were in favor.

7. Discussion Items:

Plans:

A) One Region Forward

Staff presented current status of the One Region Forward Initiative. This initiative will build sustainable practices for regional growth and infrastructure finance, and will assist in development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

B) MTP 2050 - Staff presented a summary of early progress in development of a complete new transportation plan for the region, extending the planning horizon to 2050.

C) Public Transportation Alternatives Analysis

A review of current status of this initiative indicated that the study was well underway, consultants engaged and early documentation in development.

D) Social Media and GBNRTC Outreach Process -

A brief review of the social media outlets and outreach techniques GBNRTC uses in the planning process. Discussion ensued regarding adaptability by the public and noted that traditional methods were still employed, ensuring broadest possible coverage.

E) **Regional Public Transportation Survey**

Initial results of this survey were presented. A comprehensive on board survey of the entire public transportation system had been completed, full document is in preparation. Results will be used in the planning process and in further development of transportation models.

Policies:

A) **Potential Transportation Issues for Legislative Action**

As MAP-21 expires in 2014, staff presented some potential issues for consideration. Obvious challenges include funding and ability to sustain and rebuild our existing infrastructure.

Projects:

A) **Capital Program** – A comprehensive look at the upcoming 2013 construction season was presented.

B) **Regional Agencies Initiatives Report** – Major Agencies provided a brief review on current initiatives.

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

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

**September 9, 2013 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) Resolution 2013-8: UPWP Amendment
 - B) Resolution 2013-9: FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient
 - C) Resolution 2013-10: Census Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary
7. Discussion Items

Plans:

 - A) Metropolitan Transportation Plan
 - B) One Region Forward – Sustainability to Strengthen the Plan
 - C) Federal Funding Issues-Regional Approaches and Next Legislation
 - D) BNP Trade Gateway Strategic Plan
 - E) Planning Work Program Status and Upcoming Needs
 - F) Planning Certification Highlights

Projects:

 - A) Capital Program – Transportation Improvement Program transition
 - B) Amherst-Buffalo Public Transportation Corridor Progress
 - C) Robert Moses Parkway-South area Project Status
 - D) 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 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 September 9, 2013 at the Four Points by Sheraton - Niagara Falls

The following GBNRTC Policy representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

Hal Morse	GBNRTC
Tim Trabold	GBNRTC
Amy Weymouth	GBNRTC
Rich Guarino	GBNRTC
Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
Nick Giangreco	GBNRTC
Ramsey Kahi	NYS DOT
Paul Gavin	NYS DOT
Kevin O'Brien	Niagara County
Tom DeSantis	City of Niagara Falls
John Mecca	Citizen
Mike Leydecker	BNP
Mark Armbrust	URS
Dan Leonard	BNP
Randy Hoak	Erie County Senior Services
Willie Dunn	NFHA
Jim Jones	Town of Tonawanda
Meg Lauerman	Continental 1
Mike Glesk	BNP
Jennifer Michniewicz	Clark Patterson
Keith Mortimer	Fisher Associates
Dave Edgerton	WNYILI
Melissa Golpl	WNYILI
Dan Howard	Town of Amherst
Deanna Rosi	Canisius
Athena Hutchins	NITTEC
Doug Funke	Citizens for Regional Transit
Lynn Magdol	Citizens for Regional Transit
Adam Locher	Assemblymember Gabryszak
Jon McNulty	Senator Ranzenhofer
Kim Smith	GBNRTC
Sheila Ransbottom	Nussbaumer & Clarke
Thomas Frank	Resident

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 (9/9/2013)

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

4. Approval of GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (5/3/2013)

Mr. Merlo moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2014, seconded by Mr. Dyster, 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) Approval UPWP Amendment: Resolution 2013-8

This action would provide a minor funding adjustment (\$16,178) to the work program based on final federal budget.

Mr. Pericak made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Sickler, all were in favor.

B) Approval FTA Section 5310 Designated Recipient: Resolution 2013-9

Changes in federal enabling legislation are now providing direct funding to MPOs for the 5310/New Freedom programs previously administered statewide. GBNRTC, as with other MPOs, would prefer to indicate NYSDOT as formal designated recipient of the funds to facilitate administration of the program, including procurement of vehicles on OGS contract and recordkeeping. The MPO will continue to maintain funding allocation levels and project selection responsibility

Mr. Dyster made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Merlo, all were in favor.

C) Approval Census Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary: Resolution 2013-10

Based on 2010 Census data and technical review by staff and committees, a recommended set of minor changes to the urban boundary has been completed. The Resolution certifies these changes

Mr. Sickler made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Pericak, all were in favor.

7. Discussion Items:

Plans:

A) Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Staff presented progress toward development of an update (2040) to the current transportation plan, while keeping focus on the major new 2050 plan being completed in conjunction with One Region Forward and several major studies in the region

B) One Region Forward – Sustainability to Strengthen the Plan

Staff provided a detailed presentation on the comprehensive regional effort to integrate transportation, land use, energy and environment, highlighting issues and interface with the 2050 initiative

C) Federal Funding Issues – Regional Approaches and Next Legislation

A presentation explained the upcoming expiration of MAP-21 next year and fiscal challenges in the Highway Trust Fund. GBNRTC is continuing to develop focus areas for inclusion in new legislation as well as possible local funding initiatives is evolving and will be available for discussion

D) BNP Trade Gateway Strategic Plan

Mike Glesk offered a presentation showing how the Buffalo Niagara Partnership has been developing an integrated logistics approach to further implementation of recommendations in the Regional Freight Plan. Subcommittees within BNP are forming to address the administrative, technical and financial aspects of the project.

E) Planning Work Program Status and Upcoming Needs

In preparation for a new staff work program in 2014, status of existing work was presented and some possible focus areas for the next two year program discussed. Members suggested Possible study areas and projects desired for inclusion in the UPWP, all would be accommodated with available resources.

F) Planning Certification Highlights

In 2012 GBNRTC completed on site planning Certification Review by FTA and FHWA (done every four years). The MPO is fully certified again based on the findings. Staff reviewed results including two action items, some recommendations and several commendations. Kaminski noted the positive aspects of the review and MPO status.

Projects:

A) Capital Program

Staff reviewed the transformation of the capital program to the new TIP approved earlier in the year. Status of numerous projects completed or underway was reviewed; cumulative delivery by members was again exemplary.

B) Amherst-Buffalo Public Transportation Corridor

Planning for the potential public transportation improvement in this major corridor is progressing; review of work to date and upcoming actions was presented including anticipated public outreach activities in November.

C) Robert Moses Parkway - South Area Project Status

This key project continues to proceed, a brief review of status and some design features was given plus indication of progress on the North segments also discussed.

D) Regional Agencies Initiatives Report

Major Agencies provided a brief review on current initiatives.

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. Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m., seconded by Mr. Pericak, and all were in favor.