TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Stakeholders: None.

1. Approval of December 18, 2013 TPS Meeting Summary – Motion for approval: Kempner/Merlo. Approved.

2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5759.40 Fruit Belt/Carlton St Project – P. Merlo explained that the City was still exploring a solution to the CI funding shortage. He asked that the item be tabled again until the next meeting. Item remained tabled.
   b. Draft 2014 STP Rail Program – J. Buffamonte presented the new rail program to the group. He explained this revised program reschedules some existing projects, deletes others and add new ones too. J. Tay gave a more detailed description of the new rail program for the upcoming fiscal year. Motion initiate public review as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #4: Merlo/DeSantis. Approved.
   c. PIN 5757.28 Clarence Center Rd/Gott Creek Bridge – C. Sickler explained that the bridge project is currently programmed as a rehabilitation but upon further engineering assessment it needed to be replaced. The replacement could be done with the existing funds. Motion to initiate public review as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #5: Buffamonte/Kempner. Approved.
   d. PIN 5756.83 Tonawanda Rails to Trails – J. Buffamonte indicated a scope change was in order for this project since its northern terminus would now end at State St, just over a half mile shorter than originally programmed. Motion to initiate public review on this minor scope change as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #6: Buffamonte/Merlo. Approved.
   e. Functional Classification Changes – T. Trabold explained that when MAP-21 automatically reclassified existing Principal Arterials (PA) to NHS status, regions were also allowed to propose other non-PA routes that would complete or enhance the NHS system. In 2012 several local roadways were submitted for reclassification consideration. FHWA had just authorized three of those roadways be reclassified as Principal Arterials: Rt 62; Rt. 16 and N. French Rd (CR 299). TPS agreed with the selections but asked that the other proposals be pursued to the extent possible. Motion to initiate public review as Amendment #3: Buffamonte/Merlo. Approved.

3. 2014-2018 TIP Discussions
   a. 2014 TIGER Funding – R. Guarino gave a brief overview of the program. He discussed the 2013 eligibility of applicants and projects, the selection criteria, and possible project submissions for the next round, noting the 2014 program has not yet been announced. He pointed out that recent legislative proposals being considered range from discontinuing the TIGER program (House) to increasing its funding levels (Senate).
   b. MTP 2040 Update (Revenue/Demographics/System/Project Rationalization) – T. Trabold presented the anticipated funds for the region through 2040. He explained the forecasts include additional fund sources such as TIGER grants, along with other non-federal fund sources. Transit money is also available. He noted that 70-80% of the region’s funds go to maintenance of the existing infrastructure, while the remainder was for new projects. J. Buffamonte suggested the group create a list of projects with funding shortages so the member agencies can vote on possible candidates for that funding.
   c. Bridge Program Beyond Available Funding Resources – H. Morse discussed financing options available to address funding shortages. Some ideas suggested included leveraging future TIP funding, borrowing from the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB), TIGER grants, or raising local funds. He presented one scenario for expanding the bridge replacement program if an additional $20M could be raised per year. It was suggested that white paper be written to see what is needed to make this work.
   d. Proceduralizing Major Changes to the TIP and Allocating Funding Blocks – T. Trabold indicated that the local projects meetings will collect more information to assess project viability and scheduling should quick program adjustments become necessary.

4. Old Business
   a. Statewide HSIP Project Solicitation FFY 2015-2017 – T. Trabold reminded members that their new HSIP project applications were due February 21, 2014, but those wishing to have their applications reviewed should submit them to Region 5 by February 6, 2014 for a preliminary evaluation.

5. New Business
   a. Local projects meetings for the first quarter of 2014 were being scheduled in the next few weeks.
   b. TEP award announcements were due any day.
   c. An announcement for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project candidates was also expected any day.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday February 19, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Buffamonte/DeSantis. Approved.
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Wednesday, February 19, 2014
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Stakeholders: J. Bray and M. Leydecker.


2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5759.40 Fruit Belt/Carlton St Project – P. Merlo explained that the City was still exploring a solution to the CI funding shortage. He asked that the item be tabled again until the next meeting. Item remained tabled.
   b. 2012 TEP Awards – Initiate Public Review – T. Trabold announced that the new list of TEP projects has been chosen for funding by NYSDOT’s main office and is ready for public review. The project list, including the IPPs, will be officially added to the TIP once it has gone through the public review period and is approved at PCC. Motion initiate public review as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #8: Merlo/O’Brien. Approved.
   c. Project Additions to STIP – Missing Rollover PINs – D. Kempner explained that three projects that were not carried over from the previous TIP needed to be reinstated on the STIP and TIP because they were not yet closed out and still have available funding left. Motion to reinstate PINs to STIP/TIP as 2014-2018 TIP Administrative Modification #8: Buffamonte/Kempner. Approved.
   d. PMI Bridge Maintenance Block – Split – T. Trabold explained there were two separate components to be approved for this item.
      - The first request consisted of splitting two existing funding blocks into four funding blocks and assigning them permanent PINs so projects could be created from those in the future. Motion to approve block splits as Administrative Modification #7: Buffamonte/Merlo. Approved.
      - The second request was to break PIN 5T1533 into two separate projects consistent with the block funding scope. IPP’s for these two new projects were discussed. Motion initiate public review as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #7: Kahi/Merlo. Approved.

3. MTP & Next TIP Discussions
   a. MTP 2040 Update (Future Project Rationalizations) – T. Trabold noted the Policy Committee had concurred with the 2040 demographics and revenue forecasts and he then presented a handout comparing the 2040 funding forecasts with the transportation investments contained in the 2035 MTP. He explained that identifying adequate funding was essential to preparing the Constrained Plan portion of the 2040 MTP Update. H. Morse explained how funding was grouped by agency and how it appeared to be adequate in some cases to advanced those future transportation projects desired. R. Kahi felt the share of existing system maintenance was not properly accounting for the resources needed and suggested it be increased. Staff will continue to work with member agencies with the target of recommending the Constrained Plan to PCC at the March 19th TPS meeting.
   b. 2016-2020 TIP – Outlook, Discussion and Guidance – T. Trabold indicated NYSDOT’s main office could be releasing new TIP funding targets as early as June even though there has been no new congressional authorization of new funds. The main office has also stated they would like all MPOs to have an updated next year. H. Morse suggested the group will need to get started on that TIP update soon to meet the deadline.

4. Old Business – Funding Discussions
   a. TAP Solicitation Announcement – It was reported that applications are now being solicited for the new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and will be due June 11, 2014. It is a two year program for 2013 and 2014 and replaces the TEP. P. Gavin stated that there will be several workshops on the process in March. The notice has been posted on the GBNRTC website.
   b. 2014 TIGER Funding Status – It was reported that the TIGER program had been funded by Congress at $600M. An announcement was expected shortly and will likely involve a short turn-around. Any member contemplating applying were encouraged to begin preparing as soon as possible.
   c. Statewide HSIP Project Solicitation FFY 2015-2017 – Members were reminded that applications for the HSIP project solicitation were due on Friday February 21, 2014.

5. New Business – None.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday March 19, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Merlo/Kahi. Approved.
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Wednesday, March 19, 2014
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5759.40 Fruit Belt/Carlton St Project – P. Merlo stated there were still some unresolved issues with closing the project and would like to have item removed from the agenda. Motion to remove item from agenda until solution for project is found: Buffamonte/Merlo. Approved.
   b. PIN 5760.44 Bridge Deck Overlay & Joint Replacement – K. O’Brien explained that the Minnick Rd Bridge deck replacement was added to the project resulting in higher bids. Additional funding is needed to allow the project to proceed. The additional funding will come from PIN 5758.99 Local Bridge Maintenance Program SFY 14/15. Motion to approve additional funding as Administrative Modification #9: Kempner/Zakrzewski. Approved.
   c. PIN 5934.42 Replace Grade Crossing Surfaces – R. Kahi explained that several rail crossings were in need of pavement improvements at the approaches to the crossings. J. Buffamonte added that Region 5 has acquired additional money to be used for such purposes. The IPPs were submitted for the two new rail crossing upgrade projects. Item 2d. PIN 5934.43 has the same request and was discussed under this item along with the motion to approve. J. Buffamonte indicated they may request a Policy Committee Ballot after the April PCC meeting so these projects could proceed before the May Policy meeting. Motion to initiate public review of both PIN 5934.42 and 5934.43 as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #9: Kahi/Merlo. Approved.
   d. PIN 5934.43 Replace Grade Crossing Surfaces – See item 2c.
   e. FFY 2012 TEP Projects – T. Trabold discussed the resolution for the 2012 TEP project list that can now be recommended to PCC for approval. Public review period had ended with no comments received. Motion to recommend the 2012 TEP project list to PCC for approval as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #8: Kempner/DeSantis. Approved.
   f. PMI Bridge Maintenance SFY 14/15 – T. Trabold explained this new set of PMI bridge projects had also finished its public review period with no comment and was also ready to recommend to PCC for approval. Motion to recommend PMI Bridge Project to the PCC as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #7: Kempner/DeSantis. Approved.
   g. PIN 5757.30 Savage Rd/Dry Creek Bridge & PIN 5758.74 Abbott Rd/Neumann Creek Bridge – C. Sickler explained that these two projects needed extra funds for close out. He indicated there was funding available in PIN 5753.74 N Forest Rd that could be transferred to the two bridge projects for that purpose. Motion to approve transfer of funding as Administrative Modification #10: O’Brien/Buffamonte. Approved.
   h. PIN 5756.09 West Ferry Street Bridge/Black Rock Channel – D. Smith explained that the project needed additional money for the design phase. The COB will use city funds from the construction phase to cover this expense but would like to then shift $0.220M from PIN 5758.99 Local Bridge Maintenance Program to the construction phase of PIN 5756.09 to cover that shortage. Motion to approve transfer of funding as Administrative Modification #11: Kempner/Zakrzewski. Approved.

3. MTP & Next TIP Discussions
   a. MTP 2040 Update (Finalization and Preparation for Public Release) – T. Trabold explained the revenue forecast for the MTP 2040 plan. There was discussion about whether maintenance and preservations costs were accurately reflected in the spreadsheet. Members agreed scenarios depicting several different levels of maintenance and preservations would be helpful.
   b. 2016-2020 TIP – Outlook, Discussion and Guidance – H. Morse suggested the group could get started on the TIP update as no reauthorization bill was forthcoming and projected revenues remained flat.

4. Old Business – Funding Discussions
   a. CMAQ Countdown – T. Trabold presented a list of the remaining CMAQ funded projects on the TIP. Members understood that the projects would need to be obligated by 9/30/2014 before they expired.
   b. 2014 TIGER Funding Status – R. Kahi stated the new TIGER program would be looking for shovel ready projects from the locals. There would be a time restriction on how soon the money would need to be obligated so quick turn around on projects would be necessary. Any member contemplating applying was encouraged to begin preparing as soon as possible.
   c. TAP Workshops – T. Trabold reported that the first of three TAP workshops was held at the NYSDOT Region 5 office and the other two workshops were coming up soon. J. Buffamonte reiterated that certain projects were better suited for TAP funds and any local agency with those project types should submit them for consideration.

5. New Business – M. DeSantis raised a question about the Lockport Street project in Niagara Falls being under-funded. R. Kahi suggested he contact his project liaison to help quantify the shortage.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday April 16, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Buffamonte. Approved.
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Wednesday, April 16, 2014
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


3. MTP & Next TIP Discussions
   a. MTP 2040 Update – T. Trabold stated the public meetings began this week, starting in Niagara County. There were several comments concerning Niagara Falls Blvd. A handout with a list of the Recommended Projects was discussed. The list included the total cost of each project with a total cost of $5.5B over the 25 years of funding. The Illustrative Project list had a total cost of $1.5B for the projects on that list. It was noted that both lists are still in draft format and are subject to change based on input from the public and the member agencies.
   b. 2016-2020 TIP – Outlook, Discussion and Guidance – H. Morse stated that at a recent MPO meeting NYSDOT suggested the MPOs wait a year before updating their next TIP. Since there are no target funding amounts available yet NYSDOT would like to postpone the update until the NYSDOT project update is complete. The other MPOs agreed to wait. H. Morse suggested the group could get started on the TIP update even though it was not necessary. The other members agreed this would be a good idea to stay ahead. R. Kahi stated the delay in the next TIP update would help the local agencies have time to put together their project lists for the next TIP. J. Buffamonte announced that the next round for the bridge program would be starting soon. He wanted the local agencies to start putting their list together for eligible bridges.

4. Old Business – Funding Discussions
   a. 2014 TIGER Funding – H. Morse noted there were 16 projects on the TIGER application list. He asked that the interested parties stay after the meeting to discuss more detail about the application.
   b. FFY 2013/2014 NFTA Program Realignments – T. Trabold explained that the program realignment figures had been cleaned up and was ready to be presented to Policy at the May 12th meeting in Niagara Falls.

5. New Business – None.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday May 21, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Kempner/O’Brien. Approved.
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MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, June 18, 2014
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


Stakeholders:  M. Leydecker.


2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5758.32 Wilson-Burt Rd Bridge – K. O’Brien stated that all bids for this project were rejected and it will be rebid. He asked that this item be tabled until they can determine how much more funding might be needed.  Item tabled.
   b. PIN 5268.48 Rt 240 Harlem Rd Bridge – J. Buffamonte explained that more funding is needed for ROW so the offset is coming from PIN 5V14.44; a project being deleted from NYSDOT’s capital program.  Motion to transfer funds to PIN 5268.48 as Administrative Modification #16:  O’Brien/Kahi.  Approved.
   c. PIN 5756.84 Tonawanda Rails-to-Trails – J. Buffamonte explained that $315K will be added to three phases of this project from CMAQ funds available from PIN 5755.54. He also gave an update on the new type of pedestrian signal to be used in the project.  Motion to transfer funds from PIN 5755.54 to PIN 5756.84 as Administrative Modification #12: Kahi/Merlo.  Approved.
   d. PIN 5756.83 North Buffalo Rails-to-Trails – P. Merlo requested that $210K of available CMAQ funds be transferred from PIN 5755.54 to PIN 5756.83 to cover shortages in the C&CI phases.  Motion to transfer funds from PIN 5755.54 to PIN 5756.83 as Administrative Modification #17:  Buffamonte/O’Brien.  Approved.
   e. PIN 5758.66 Replacement Bus Purchase SFY 14/15 – D. Kempner requested that $160k of available CMAQ funds from PIN 5755.54 be transferred to PIN 5756.66 to fill a shortfall in funding to purchase four new CNG buses.  Motion to transfer funds from PIN 5755.54 to PIN 5756.66 as Administrative Modification #14:  Buffamonte/O’Brien.  Approved.
   f. PIN 5011.33 Rt 93 Dysinger Rd Sidewalk Installation – R. Kahi explained this request decreases the PS&E construction costs of PIN 5011.33 by $348K and transfers that amount to PIN 5T15.52 HSIP State Rd Program SFY 15/16.  Motion to transfer funds from PIN 5011.33 to PIN 5T15.52 as Administrative Modification #13:  Kahi/Merlo.  Approved.
   g. JARC/New Freedom – T. Trabold explained that 10% of the FFY12 JARC/NF funds were reserved for NFTA administrative costs but not accounted for in the TIP/STIP. This request will assign separate PINs to these funds so administrative costs can be charged and tracked.  Motion to assign PINs for JARC/NF accounts as Administrative Modification #15:  O’Brien/DeSantis.  Approved.
   h. PIN 5934.44 HSIP Rail Crossing Program – J. Buffamonte explained these are 14 new railroad crossing upgrades at various locations throughout Niagara County. This is new funding from the statewide HSIP Rail block fund therefore the program remains fiscally constraint. Public comment period is required for new projects.  Motion to initiate a public review period for this new railroad safety program:  O’Brien/Kahi.  Approved.
   i. PIN 5T15.36 PMI PAVT Maint Let & VPP SFY 15/16 – R. Kahi explained these paving projects are being broken out into six separate projects from the PMI funding block and will remain fiscally constraint. Public comment period is required for new projects.  Motion to initiate a public review period for these new pavement maintenance projects:  Kahi/DeSantis.  Approved.
   j. HSIP – New Safety Projects – T. Trabold explained the Governor’s office announced that four local safety projects were awarded HSIP funding from the statewide block. These projects will be fiscally constraint.  Motion to initiate a public review period for these new safety projects: Merlo/Buffamonte.  Approved.

3. Next TIP Discussions
   a. 2017-2021 TIP – Outlook, Discussion and Guidance – H. Morse gave an overview of what the next TIP process will entail. The MPOs asked that the next TIP be delayed one year so approval would not take place until May 2016.  R. Kahi suggested a subcommittee should be formed when work on the MTP 2050 is initiated.
   b. Suggested Change Control Revision – R. Kahi sought a way to expedite the process of adding a maintenance-type project on the TIP so that it would be easier and quicker when new funding becomes available that must be obligated quickly. He asked if the new project could be listed on the TIP before public review is completed but no awarded until the process was complete. Staff offered to investigate with NFTA’s legal counsel.

4. Old Business – Funding Discussions
   a. TAP Application Submission Status – J. Buffamonte discussed the TAP program status. The applications are all in and being evaluated. There was approximately $22M worth of projects submitted but only about $5M anticipated locally.

5. New Business
   a. EPA National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program – R. Guarino discussed EPA’s Clean Diesel program.
   b. Local Projects Meetings Schedule – The next round of local projects meetings have been scheduled for the end of June.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee changed the next TPS meeting to Wednesday July 23, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices, one week later than it is normally held.  Motion to adjourn:  Kempner/DeSantis.  Approved.
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Wednesday, July 23, 2014
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5758.32 Wilson-Burt Rd Bridge – K. O’Brien stated that the contract is being worked out. The project should be okay until September at this point. Item removed from agenda.
   b. PIN 5757.43 Outer Harbor Trail Ph 2 – P. Merlo explained that funding would be transferred from PIN5755.54 to this project to cover the additional $45K needed for Design. Motion to transfer funds to PIN 5757.43 as Administrative Modification #19: Buffamonte/Zakrzewski. Approved.
   c. Discussion: PIN 5760.80 Peace Bridge Plaza – C. Mozrall gave an overview of the new design for the Peace Bridge Plaza. PS&E was done and the new plaza design will be awarded as a Best Value contract. J. Buffamonte explained that the project was described in public meetings as costing $37M but the TIP only accounted for $19M of the total cost. Funds were recently identified that added $2.8M of federal earmarks, $7.4 of local funds and $15.1 of state funds. In order to meet an August letting, an emergency ballot was conducted on July 9th of PCC members to approve the additional funding. The motion was approved by all PCC members as Administrative Modification #18.
   d. PIN 5760.80 NY Gateway Connections Improvement to US Peace Bridge Plaza – J. Buffamonte further explained that shortly after the July 9th ballot, nearly $11M of new Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds were made available to the Region so the State funding participation could be reduced. There was also an $83k increase proposed under Buffalo’s local construction share. The net change in the project total cost would be +$2.402M if approved. Motion to recommend approval of the additional CBI funds and other state and local funding adjustments to PIN 5760.80 as Administrative Modification #20: Zakrzewski/Kempner. PCC recommendation approved.
   e. PIN 5807.92 Pavement Markings & CARDs Installation – J. Buffamonte explained that CARDs-type projects were usually implemented in conjunction with another project. This request would add $0.078M of HSIP funds (includes SDF match) to Construction & CI phases of PIN 5807.92. The additional funding will allow for the installation of CARDs (Centerline Audible Roadway Delineators) at various locations. Funds will be transferred from PIN 5T16.27, CARDs Block. J. Buffamonte also asked staff to explore how CARDs funding might be added to existing projects in the future without triggering new project change control procedures. Motion to initiate public review of PIN 5807.92 as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #15: O’Brien/Merlo. Approved.

3. Next TIP Discussions
   a. H. Morse stated there are still no new funding targets to work with, but we can still begin work on the next update. Forecasts for performance measures need to be updated. T. Trabold added that the latest Highway Trust Fund fix being proposed would keep the HTF solvent through May of 2015 but does nothing to address the underlying deficiencies contributing to the insolvency.

4. Old Business
   a. TAP Application Review Status – T. Trabold summarized the recent meeting with NYSDOT staff on the TAP application review process. Twenty-three (23) applications are being evaluated. There were a variety of projects submitted for consideration. There is still some debate about how the final list of projects will be chosen.

5. New Business
   a. Revised Page to Pavement Report – H. Morse handed out a revised page to the draft Pavement Assessment Report.
   b. NYSDOT requested that Erie County stay after meeting to discuss a project in the Holland area.

6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday August 20, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Kempner/Zakrzewski. Approved.
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Wednesday, August 20, 2014
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PINs 5807.80 & 5807.87 & 5812.48 – R. Guarino explained that the original PINs 5807.80 & 5807.87 would be split into five smaller projects and a new project PIN 5812.48 was being created for bridge painting at various locations within Niagara County. Remaining funds will be used for two new bridge painting/repair projects in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties. Per established TIP change controls, these management techniques are permitted since there was no change to original work scopes, conformity, classifications, fiscal constraint or scheduling. Motion to approve as 2014-2018 TIP Administrative Modification #21: Buffamonte/O’Brien. Approved.
   b. PIN 5T15.36 Pavement/VPP Block – R. Guarino explained that NYSDOT requested the creation of six new VPP projects from funding still remaining in PIN 5T15.36. These new paving projects would need to go to public review before being approved at PCC. Fiscal constraint would be maintained with this request. Motion to initiate public review of six new VPP PINs as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #16: Buffamonte/Sheehan. Approved.
   c. Section 5307, FFY 2014 – R. Guarino explained that the NFTA requested to transfer FFY 2014 Section 5307 funds previously programmed for Project Administration (5823.66) into Preventive Maintenance (5822.63) and Associated Transit Improvements (5823.64). Fiscal constraint would be maintained. Motion to approve funding switch as 2014-2018 TIP Administrative Modification #22: Buffamonte/Amplement. Approved.
   d. PIN 5760.68 SRTS – R. Guarino explained that the Grand Island SRTS project needed a detailed design phase added to the project. The request would transfer $0.025M from the existing construction phase to create this new phase, therefore maintaining fiscal constraint. Motion to recommend to PCC the addition of a new detailed design phase as 2014-2018 TIP Administrative Modification #23: Buffamonte/O’Brien. Approved.
   e. High Risk Rural Roads – P. Gavin explained that a HRRR project at Strickler and County Roads (5758.22) was in need of a funding increase. Since the change request was not yet ready it would be brought directly to the September 3rd PCC meeting. No Motion at TPS.
   f. 2014 TAP Application Status – T. Trabold discussed the draft MPO ranking of the 2014 TAP applications. He noted the list had been further grouped into three categories as High, Medium, and Low Priority. It was suggested that the wording not include Priority. NYSDOT stated they are still working on their rankings which would be finished by Friday 8/22. Once finished, the two listed will be merged and a final list will be sent to members for review before the Sept. PCC meeting. The final endorsed listing was due in Albany on Sept 10th. Motion to table 2014 TAP Application List: O’Brien/Buffamonte. Approved.

3. New TIP Discussion – Schedule and Objectives
   a. H. Morse discussed a list of activities and a proposed timeline to complete the next TIP. The MPO would begin working on funding forecasts using past allocations as a starting point. More would be detailed in the weeks ahead.

4. Old Business None.

5. New Business
   a. STIP Performance Status – T. Trabold discussed a list of projects complied by Region 5 staff that won’t be let before the end of FFY 2014. Most will have their letting dates moved into FFY 2015, but some were being pushed out as far as FFY 2016 and FFY 2017. J. Buffamonte stated there might be an additional project or two not on this list that may not get let this fiscal year either.
   b. WNY REDC – T. Trabold reported on two transportation projects making the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council’s recommended funding priorities for 2014. These included Cars Sharing Main Street 400 Block and the NFTA Light Rail Vehicle Midlife Rebuild.
   c. John James Audubon Parkway Bridge-Town of Amherst – T. Trabold explained that the Town of Amherst had questions about how to request federal aid for bridge repairs. The JJ Audubon Parkway Bridge over Ellicott Creek had been yellow-flagged and the Town had paid for a consultant study of recommended treatments. Members agreed that the Town should coordinate with Erie County DPW and then assess if local bridge maintenance block monies might be made available to offset the needed bridge repairs. C. Sickler to follow up with the Town.

6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday September 17, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: O’Brien/Buffamonte. Approved.
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9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. High Risk Rural Roads – C. Sickler stated that the intersection of Rt. 240/Genesee Rd/Sibley Rd is in need of some sort of safety modification such as a roundabout. R. Kahi indicated there was possibly HSIP funds might still be available for this project so fiscal constraint would be maintained. Motion to initiate public review of PIN 5760.99 Sibley Rd/Genesee Rd HRRR project as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #17: O’Brien/Merlo. Approved.
   b. PIN 5757.27: Taylor Rd/Durkee Bridge – K. Felgemacher explained that a funding increase was necessary to fix all problems associated with the yellow flag issued for the bridge. R. Kahi stated that bridge block funds would be used along with local funds from the City of North Tonawanda to cover this increase. Motion to increase funding with existing bridge block funds as 2014-2018 TIP Administrative Modification #25: Kempner/O’Brien. Approved.

3. New TIP Discussion – Schedule and Objectives
   a. H. Morse discussed a list of activities and a proposed timeline to complete the next TIP. He discussed the idea of working on several items as soon as possible to help show what is needed to finish update.

4. Old Business
   a. PIN 5807.92: Pavement Marker/CARDS – T. Trabold reminded members that at the last PCC meeting a vote was taken recommending this TIP project addition to the Policy Committee. Since no Policy meeting was currently scheduled, the request was to approve a Policy member ballot of the project addition. Members agreed to this request and ballots were distributed.

5. New Business
   a. PIN 5760.87: Newstead Trail – T. Trabold explained that an additional $47K was added to construction using new statewide Recreational Trails Funds. The project is moving along without any problems.
   b. TIGER VI Grant – T. Trabold presented the selection list of TIGER VI Grant awardees across the country. It was noted there were three projects selected in New York State, but none were from this region.
   c. Rt 219 Extension – M. Lauerman of Continental 1 asked how the group she represents would go about applying for a TIGER Grant for the extension of Rt 219. Various group members stated that they had experience with the program and could help answer some questions but the prudent course would be to hire a consultant fluent in the nuances of the application process.
   d. MPO vs. Non-MPO Counties – R. Zink asked how the MPO worked and how it affected the other non-MPO counties funding. R. Kahi explained that the funds for the non-MPO areas are managed by NYSDOT and are used mainly for bridge repairs and maintenance and some highway maintenance, too.
   e. New TIP Projects – J. Bray asked when new TIP projects would be added. T. Trabold stated that new projects would be considered for the new TIP sometime in 2015 for the TIP update targeted for approval in May 2016.
   f. PIN 5757.16: Buffalo Av Ph II – T. DeSantis requested that the Niagara Falls TAP application for Buffalo Ave. be rescinded because those streetscaping elements could be advanced within the existing TIP project (PIN 5757.16) if additional STP funds were added in a like amount. In addition, NF would like to accelerate the project and have it let in early FFY 2016. T. DeSantis stated an updated IPP would be circulated incorporating these changes. The group deferred any action on this item until the October 2014 PCC meeting and directed it be added to the agenda.

6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday October 15, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Kempner/Merlo. Approved.
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 22, 2014
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5760.99: Sibley/Genesee/NY 240 Safety Improvements – R. Guarino explained that this project had completed public review. R. Kahi commented that all potential intersection improvements should be evaluated, not just a roundabout. C. Sickler agreed to work with NYS DOT on a modification to the IPP wording so that all options would be considered. Motion to recommend approval of project (as being worded) to PCC as Amendment #17: Sickler/O’Brien. Approved.
   b. PIN 5011.34: Rt. 93 Dysinger Rd Sidewalk Installation – J. Buffamonte explained that this project was originally part of a larger sidewalk project for Rt. 93 (PIN 5011.33) but was removed. This north side section is now being returned to the program as a new project. Members requested a map of the project. Motion to initiate public review as part of 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #18: Sickler/Buffamonte. Approved.
   c. PINs 5809.95 & 5809.96: Union Rd Sidewalks – J. Buffamonte explained that this project has been desired by the DOT for 15 years but potential ROW costs hampered project development. Funding has now been secured and the project can proceed. Members requested a map of the project. Motion to initiate public review as part of 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #18: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved.
   d. PIN 5760.65: Amherst SRTS – J. Buffamonte explained this project was estimated at a higher level than actual bids. Unspent funds from the project will be transferred to a similar project (PIN 5760.91) with the same sponsor. Motion to approve transfer funds as 2014-2018 TIP Administrative Modification #28: Buffamonte/Sheehan. Approved.
   e. PIN 5761.01: Establishment of Railroad Quiet Zone-Phase II – K. Felgemacher stated that this project will transfer $300K of unused funds from the Phase I project (PIN 5759.70) to a new project (PIN 5761.01) which would enlarge the railroad quiet zone in the Town of Hamburg. Motion to initiate public review as 2014-2018 TIP Amendment #18: Sickler/Buffamonte. Approved.
   f. PIN 5758.32 Wilson-Burt Rd Bridge – K. O’Brien noted ongoing discussions with NYS DOT on quantifying the availability of surplus funds from the Lincoln Ave project (PIN 5757.13) to offset the excess local match committed to cover unforeseen costs on the Wilson-Burt bridge project (PIN 5758.32). Tabled.

3. New TIP Discussion – Schedule and Objectives
   a. T. Trabold distributed a 2014-2021 handout showing core federal funding programmed, roll-in, planning targets and year-end balances to serve as a starting point for the next TIP development. This was based on the “Super Report through 9/30/14” compiled by NYS DOT’s main office. H. Morse relayed the TIP completion schedule and the progress to date.

4. Old Business - none

5. New Business
   a. Bridge Maintenance Program – P. Gavin announced a solicitation for bridge candidate projects for the next two years of the Local Bridge Maintenance Program. Bridge owners must submit an annual program plan that demonstrates the strategy used for bridge maintenance activities. Application deadline is Nov. 14, 2014.
   b. Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS) Survey – R. Guarino explained that the USDOT’s PNRS program was seeking project candidates which provide for the safe, secure and efficient movement of people and goods and improve the national economy. USDOT is developing a report to Congress that contains a comprehensive list of each project of national and regional significance that has been compiled through a survey of State departments of transportation; transit agencies, tribal governments, and multi-state or multi-jurisdictional groups. Candidates may be submitted on-line.
   c. Build America Investment Initiative – R. Guarino announced the USDOT Build America Initiative which is a new effort to support and expand the use of innovative finance strategies, such as P3’s to help fill the infrastructure funding gap. Any qualifying P3 projects should be submitted.
   d. NS Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program (PFRAP) Application – R Guarino explained that Norfolk Southern Railroad had submitted a $6.52M application to the state for infrastructure improvements at the Bison Yard. NS is providing a 50% match. NS has requested a letter of support. Motion directing GBNRTC staff to provide a letter of support for the NS PFRAP application: Merlo/Sickler (NYS DOT abstained). Approved.
   e. 2014 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Awards had not been announced at this time.
   f. December Policy Committee Meeting – Confirmed December 15 from 10am to 12pm in Niagara County. Location to be determined.

6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday November 19, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Buffamonte/DeSantis. Approved.
MEETING CANCELED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday December 17, 2014 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices.
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, December 17, 2014
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2014-2018 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5758.32 Wilson-Burt Rd Bridge – K. O’Brien stated that this change request was still being finalized and a special session would take place after the close of the TPS meeting. He asked that the item be tabled until next month. Motion to table item until the next TPS meeting: O’Brien/Buffamonte. Tabled.

3. New TIP Discussion – Schedule and Objectives
   a. T. Trabold distributed a handout showing the current TIP program as of October 2014 and asked members to review for any discrepancies, missing projects, etc. He further explained how the Superfund report, which was the basis for the status report, was re-issued in November and what had changed. Differences in core funds were specially highlighted. R. Kahi noted some out-year projects might now be advanced since there was a bit more funding flexibility. H. Morse discussed priority focus areas. He gave suggestions as to what course might be followed for prioritizing new projects and the role asset management would play in developing a new transportation program.

4. Old Business
   a. J. Buffamonte told members that submissions for the next bridge maintenance program were fewer than expected and suggested they recheck their list of eligible bridges to see if any more could be added. NYSDOT offered limited assistance with identifying eligible projects and possibly with preparing design plans. A discussion ensued on how best to approach local municipalities and intake their eligible bridges for programming consideration.

5. New Business
   a. Relative to the November snowstorm, D. Kempner asked member agencies to include the NFTA in any meetings that might be convened to discuss obtaining reimbursement for unanticipated costs incurred during the emergency.

6. Next Meeting – The next TPS meeting will be Wednesday January 21, 2015 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: O’Brien/Merlo. Approved.