TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 25, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2008-2012 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5041.01 & PIN 5528.39 – P. Zakrzewski explained that these two projects would need to be moved from SFY 2013 to SFY 2014 as a result of the NYSTA capital program update for 2012-2015. Motion to approve scheduling change for these two projects as Administrative Modification #35: Zakrzewski/O’Brien. Approved.
   b. PIN 5034.98 Rts. 5&20/Cattaraugus Creek – H. Langdon explained that the federal fund source for just the design phase needed to be changed from IRR to HBRR. There was surplus savings in HBRR from other projects to accommodate this. Motion to approve the federal funding source change for this project as Administrative Modification #36: Buffamonte/Zakrzewski. Approved.
   c. PIN 5934.25 West Blood Rd/BPRR – T. Trabold stated that the NYSDOT-submitted IPP was for a new railroad crossing project involving the installation of upgraded grade crossing warning devices including flashers, gates and circuitry. Funding would come from two other railroad crossing projects outside of the MPO area that were being cancelled. This new project will need to go through the public review phase before it is approved. Motion to recommend to PCC initiation of a public review: O’Brien/Skurka. Approved.
   d. $15M TIGER Grant – T. Trabold explained this TIGER grant had been awarded to the City of Buffalo to implement another phase of the Cars on Main Street project. He noted the air quality conformity analyses had been done for the entire length of the pedestrian mall in anticipation of additional funding. An IPP would be needed for a public review. P. Merlo indicated the pending bids for the 600 block of Main St. will guide the project limits for this next section. Motion to recommend to PCC initiation of a public review: Zakrzewski/O’Brien. Approved.

3. 2011-2015 TIP
   a. NYSDOT Draft Comprehensive Program Status – R. Kahi reported that the region was expecting a formal response on their program update from MO any day. Some minor adjustments were being anticipated but would not substantially affect the overall program. The need for a full replacement of the South Ogden Bridge over Mineral Springs had been questioned.
   b. Major Program Realignment/TIP Amendment #19 Status – T. Trabold stated that the City of Buffalo’s desire to advance their Niagara St. Gateway project from 2015 to 2013 could be accommodated by switching it with Erie Canal Harbor Streets-Phase III project. This was acceptable to Buffalo however it would create a $1M over-programming situation in 2013. Efforts will continue to balance the program year with other funding. With this change the program realignment amendment could now be recommended to PCC and then to the Policy Committee for a ballot approval. Motion to recommend to the PCC approval of Resolution 2011-18/Amendment #19: Merlo/Buffamonte. Approved.
   c. Drafting a 2013-2017 TIP – T. Trabold stated that the local projects meetings should be used to refine project specifics and help determine their place on a new TIP. H. Morse agreed adding that a local pavement management process was also being pursued to assist in justifying project selections, extending roadway life cycles and strengthening the candidate waiting list.

4. Old Business
   a. 2012 Local Bridge Maintenance Program – J. Buffamonte and others discussed the merits of following a regular bridge maintenance schedule to help keep overall costs down. He asked that this item be revisited next month as well.

5. New Business
   a. Local Projects Meetings Schedule – K. Stilwell stated that most agencies had responded to her email about scheduling the next round of local projects meetings. She will send a follow-up email to confirm availabilities and meeting schedules.
   b. Resolution 2011-17 – R. Kahi distributed a handout with revised wording reflecting MO’s comments on this tabled resolution. They had suggested making certain changes so it fits a more general process. Staff to review for possible PCC action in February.
   c. PIN 5045.24 Rt. 104 Lewiston Rd Funding Shortage – J. Skurka discussed the ongoing problems with cost overruns on this project. The Rt. 104 project is short approximately $3.65M because of unforeseen radiation remediation costs. Niagara Falls was advised to prepare a Plan B and C which would cover this shortage, or part of it, by adjusting the costs and schedules of other Niagara Falls projects. Efforts would also continue to find additional funding to make this project whole.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday February 15, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/O’Brien. Approved.
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Wednesday, February 15, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. 2012 Local Bridge Maintenance Program – J. Buffamonte stated there were some concerns about achieving target letting dates for local projects in this program. NYSDOT was seeking better delivery from local agencies in the future. P. Gavin discussed the proposed local bridge program for FFY12-13 noting the projects and funding amount for each agency. Motion to recommend to PCC for approval as TIP Amendment #23: O’Brien/Piccirillo. Approved.

3. 2011-2015 TIP
   a. NYSDOT Draft Comprehensive Program Status – R. Kahi reported there had been no new developments in the program status. A formal letter was expected at some point. The main office was seeking more information on certain projects and members may be contacted for specific project details.
   b. Policy Ballot Status: Major Program Realignment – T. Trabold reported that all outstanding ballots had been returned with the exception of Niagara Falls. Staff and NYSDOT would outreach to the City after the meeting to resolve the issue.
   c. Review of Local Projects Meetings:
      • Draft 2012 Construction Season List – T. Trabold stated staff was preparing the annual list of projects anticipated to be under construction in 2012 construction season. A draft listing should be ready for review at the next TPS meeting.
      • 2012 Funding Impacts due to Schedule Changes – T. Trabold discussed a handout showing projects likely to have their scheduled letting move from FFY 2012 based on local project meeting discussions. A discussion ensued on how these changes might allow projects to be accelerated in some funding categories and how it may impact fiscal constraint in future years.
   d. 2013-2017 TIP Development – The upcoming TIP program was discussed. A detailed listing of projects would be printed after the major TIP alignment was finished and enacted. T. Trabold indicated the current TIP was still valid through FFY 2013 so development of a new TIP could extend into next year.

4. Old Business
   a. Upcoming Policy Action: New Project Additions – T. Trabold reported a public notice had been placed to add the Main St Revitalization/500 Block project and W. Blood Rd RR Crossing Improvement project to the TIP. Public comments would be accepted through February 25, 2012. After that the resolution would go to PCC for an approval recommendation to the Policy Committee.

5. New Business
   a. TIGER IV Discretionary Grant Applications – Members were advised of the upcoming 2012 TIGER IV Grant program. A handout was distributed noting changes from the TIGER III Grant program. It was noted that this region had been fortunate to receive several grants this program in recent years.
   b. Asset Management Pavement Maintenance – T. Trabold distributed a handout showing which generic roadway treatment was appropriate for each recorded road score in 2011. Using unit costs for those treatments developed by NYSDOT main office personnel, Niagara County roadway scores were multiplied by unit treatment costs to produce a range of maintenance costs on those facilities. The demonstration was an attempt to show what a local pavement maintenance program might achieve and give a sense of magnitude to the size of such a program if funds were set aside for this purpose.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday March 21, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Sickler/O’Brien. Approved.
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Wednesday, March 21, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5804.86 NITTEC TOC Annual Staffing – 2012-13 Budget – J. Buffamonte explained there was a slight funding increase needed ($67k) for NITTEC staffing in their 2012-2013 budget. A. Hutchins reviewed handouts which detailed the specifics of the proposed budget. Motion to concur with approval of the increase: Piccirillo/Zakrzewski. Approved.
   b. PIN 5933.69 Active Warning Device Upgrade BSRR – R. Guarino gave explanations for this action item and for each of the following two action items. Item 2b involved switching funds from PIN 5936.46 to cover the funding shortage. The next two items 2c and 2d were changes in let dates. Both projects let dates were being moved out due to scheduling problems with the railroads involved. There were no cost changes associated with these two projects. Motion to approve project changes as TIP Administration Modification #39: O’Brien/Buffamonte. Approved.
   c. PIN 5936.50 Ensminger Rd & PIN 5936.51 Franklin St – CSX Niagara – See item 2b. Motion to approve project changes as TIP Administration Modification #40: O’Brien/Buffamonte. Approved.
   d. PIN 5936.53 & PIN 5936.54 Active Warning Device Upgrade NSRR Various Locations – See item 2b. Motion to approve project changes as TIP Administration Modification #41: O’Brien/Buffamonte. Approved.
   e. PIN 5759.65 Bridge Joint Replacements, City of Buffalo & PIN 5760.16 Bridge Joint Replacements, Buffalo SFY 11/12 – R. Guarino explained that this item was the merger of two bridge joint projects into one. P. Merlo added this action would help the city better manage these projects. Motion to approve merging PIN 5760.16 into PIN 5759.65 as TIP Administration Modification #38: Piccirillo/Merlo. Approved.
   f. PIN 5045.24 Rt. 104 Lewiston Rd – C. Renn explained the amount of CBI funds reported to PCC members at their 3/7/12 meeting to cover the project shortfall was determined to have been miscalculated. This has now been corrected to reflect the actual amount required. Motion to approve a matched total $4,364k of new CBI funds for PIN 5045.24 as TIP Amendment #24: O’Brien/Buffamonte. Approved.

3. 2011-2015 TIP
   a. NYS DOT Draft Comprehensive Program Status – R. Kahi reported the region had provided rewritten descriptions for those projects not clearly dealing system maintenance or preservation. Members were assured updated IPPs would be circulated to them.
   b. Draft 2012 Construction Season Listing – T. Trabold reminded members that a draft listing of projects anticipated to be under construction in 2012 construction season had been distributed at the last PCC meeting. Concerns were expressed over potential misinterpretations of geographic funding distributions which regularly vary year-to-year. Members suggested staff experiment with alternative project groupings, such as by county instead of individual agencies.
   c. 2013-2017 TIP Development – T. Trabold explained that staff was working with NYS DOT to produce a TIP-like listing of projects and their funding amounts reflective of the major program realignment that was just completed. The goal was to produce and distribute the listing before the next TPS meeting. It was also noted that the current TIP is still valid for one more year and would need to be updated by May 2013.

4. Old Business
   a. Local Pavement Management Program – T. Trabold reported staff was awaiting a response from NYS DOT’s Highway Data Services Bureau on a request for guidance. FHWA’s free pavement management program had also been installed and experimented with, but seemed overly complicated for the region’s needs. J. Buffamonte pointed out because all local roads are not federal-aid eligible it will likely mean additional data collection will be required to add them to any monitoring program.

5. New Business
   a. High Risk Rural Roads – J. Buffamonte announced candidate projects were being solicited for the High Risk Rural Roads program. He indicated a conversation had already taken place with Erie County and Niagara County was next. P. Gavin noted the type of projects being considered included low cost safety and intersection improvements.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday April 18, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Buffamonte. Approved.
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Wednesday, April 18, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5756.16 Lehigh Valley Trail – K. Felgemacher explained that the funding for this project had been deobligated and the project will likely be removed from the TIP at some point. It was decided to move the let date off the current TIP while the project’s future is discussed. If unwarranted, it could be removed during the TIP update.  Motion to approve schedule let as part of Administrative Modification #42: Sickler/Zakrzewski.  Approved.
   b. PIN 5822.12 Cars on Main Street (600 Block) – K. Felgemacher explained funding needed to be shifted within project phases to match projected needs.  Motion to approve transfer of funds from Design Phase to C&CI as part of Administrative Modification #42: Sickler/Bennett.  Approved.
   c. PIN 5757.45 Graycliff Public Access – C. Sickler explained that a minor ROW phase was needed totaling $5k. The funding for this phase would be transferred from the C&CI phase.  Motion to approve phase addition and transfer of funds from C&CI to ROW as part of Administrative Modification #42: Buffamonte/Zakrzewski.  Approved.
   d. PIN 5051.10 I-190/Buffalo Av – H. Langdon explained that DOT had intended to change the funding source from IM to CBI funds for all phases of this project but preliminary and detailed design were accidently omitted. The action would correct that funding switch and would be a net zero change.  Motion to approve funding changes as part of Administrative Modification #43: Skurka/Sickler.  Approved.
   e. New Railroad IPPs:  PIN 5933.23, PIN 5933.24, PIN 5933.26, PIN 5933.27 – H. Langdon explained that these four rail projects were on a previous TIP but became inactive when the Hamburg Quiet Zone project was introduced. These projects have been modified to be consistent with the Quiet Zone project and are being reintroduced as new projects.  Motion to recommend to PCC the addition of four (4) new railroad projects:  Buffamonte/Sickler.  Approved.
   f. PIN 5757.76 Fillmore Av, N Parade to E Ferry St – P. Merlo explained that Buffalo will be using local funds to make the project whole but the funding will be added to the current project PIN.  Motion to recommend cost increase for PCC approval: O’Brien/Sickler.  Approved.

3. 2011-2015 TIP
   a. NYSDOT Draft Comprehensive Program Status – J. Buffamonte reported there was no new information on this topic.
   b. Draft 2012 Construction Season Listing – T. Trabold discussed the handout for the 2012 construction season, noting the updated list now included NYSDOT’s projects.
   c. 2014-2017 TIP Development – T. Trabold stated that the current TIP was good through FFY 2013 so work needed to begin on a 2014 TIP. Members were asked to verify the projects on the handouts showing each project’s current status following the major program realignment.  J. Buffamonte distributed projected program balances through SFY 16/17 for each funding category.

4. Old Business
   a. Local Projects Meetings Schedule – K. Stilwell explained that all local project meetings had been scheduled except for Buffalo.  P. Merlo offered to facilitate a common meeting time and asked that another email be send to determine once again the availability of those involved.
   b. FTA JARC/New Freedom FFY 2010 – T. Trabold reminded members that the public comment period was in effect until April 27, 2012 for these new projects. A report on the public response and an action would be on the PCC agenda in May.  J. Buffamonte asked that future JARC and New Freedom proposals be scheduled for discussion at TPS and attempts be made to spend the funding in the same fiscal program year.

5. New Business
   a. New York Works Program – T. Trabold discussed the first handout listing all the projects statewide and the second handout listing just projects in Region 5.  Staff was intending to further analyze for a PCC agenda discussion item.
   b. PIN 5757.14: Niagara Street Gateway [Carolina to Elmwood Av] – P. Merlo requested approval of a transfer of funds from the construction and construction inspection phases to the design phase.  The fund shift would be neutral therefore no offset would be required.  Motion to approve transfer of funds from C&CI to Design Phase as part of Administrative Modification #43: Buffamonte/Sickler.  Approved.
   c. TCSP Funding Deletion – J. Buffamonte explained that TCSP funding for at least two projects was in danger of being deleted if the funds were not obligated by September 30, 2012.  Everyone was advised to review their TCSP projects.
   d. High Risk Rural Roads – In response to K. O’Brien’s question, J. Buffamonte stated NYSDOT was still in-taking project candidates for this program and asked that the topic be added to next month’s TPS agenda.
   e. Marchiselli Funds – D. Smith explained that the Marchiselli Funds from left over from the past three years will be pulled and redistributed elsewhere if the local agencies do not apply for their portion of funds for eligible projects.  Local agencies would need to reapply for funds if they were lost due to this redistribution.
   f. PIN 5757.17: 10th Street – J. Skurka noted a funding shortfall existed for construction inspection on the 10th St project. Since the construction and construction inspection funds were combined into one agreement, he was advised to internally redistribute funds between those two phases to cover the construction inspection need.  No TPS action was necessary at this point.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday May 16, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices.  Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Buffamonte.  Approved.
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Wednesday, May 16, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5T14.53 Safety Block SFY 12/13:  PIN 5812.14 Signal Pedestrian Updates & PIN 5806.58 Pavement Markings – H. Langdon explained the break-out of two new safety projects from funding reserved in the temporary Safety Block.  PIN 5812.14 would be used for upgrades to pedestrian crossings such as ped buttons and ped signal heads.  PIN 5806.58 will install audible centerline pavement markings in various locations.  Motion to recommend to PCC and initiate public review:  Zakrzewski/Merlo.  Approved.
   b. PIN 5512.53 Pedestrian Bridges over Rt. 33 – H. Langdon explained the action would move the construction let date for this project off the current TIP but would leave the preliminary design phase on the TIP.  J. Buffamonte added that the project may change to a bridge removal project and that it may eventually be done without federal funding.  If that were to happen then a public review of the changes would be needed.  Motion to approve schedule change as part of Administrative Modification #45:  Zakrzewski/Merlo.  Approved.
   c. PIN 5822.12 Cars on Main Street (600 Block) – P. Merlo explained there was a funding shortfall that needed to be filled before they could advertise.  H. Langdon explained how they would move money from the Ogden Street project into a NYSDOT project and then from there move that money into the Cars on Main Street project.  J. Buffamonte stated that while it was a complicated movement of funds the end result would be a net zero change.  Motion to approve transfer of funds as part of Administrative Modification #45:  Merlo/Buffamonte.  Approved.
   d. PIN 5086.22 Sheridan Dr Extension – H. Langdon explained the action would transfer funds from one phase of this project to another phase, therefore resulting in a net zero change in funding.  Motion to approve funding transfer as part of Administrative Modification #45:  Zakrzewski/Merlo.  Approved.

3. 2011-2015 TIP
   a. NYSDOT Draft Comprehensive Program Status – R. Kahi reported that New York State had sent a letter to all the regions and MPOs about their new initiative called Forward Four.  This initiative is stressing pavement preservation over reconstruction to maximize their return on investment.  It also asks that the local agencies get onboard with this strategy.  Some members expressed their concern with this initiative noting that some of the worst roads in the local systems could not be fixed by just using a preservation strategy and therefore reconstruction or rehabilitation were the only choice.
   b. 2014-2017 TIP Development – T. Trabold discussed a handout of a proposed timeline for completing the next TIP.  The timeline showed the milestones and work flow needed to complete the process by next May.  Also discussed was a funding balance sheet that showing current balances by funding category resulting from the last major TIP realignment.
   c. Distribution of $167M for Region – H. Morse explained a handout of new NY Works projects that may account for some of the $167M that Region 5 received to receive.  He noted the funding was for the entire four-county region and that several projects were already on the TIP and should not be considered new funding.

4. Old Business
   a. High Risk Rural Roads – H. Boggio explained his analyses of local road segments listed on his handout that met the criteria to be eligible for the High Risk Rural Roads program.  He noted his data was obtained from the main office of NYSDOT and that intersection information would follow.  J. Buffamonte stated this was an ongoing program and NYSDOT would be continually in taking IPPs for HRRR funding consideration.
   b. New York Works Program – This program was discussed under item 3c.

5. New Business
   a. Flexibilities in ROW – T. Trabold reviewed a handout from a recent FHWA webinar on expediting ROW acquisitions.  While the handout offered several suggestions, a review by the NYS Real Estate office noted they would have limited usefulness in New York State.
   b. Upcoming Workshops/Webinars – H. Langdon announced the upcoming workshop and webinar on May 23rd for the Safe Routes to School program.  It was asked that this topic be added to next month’s TPS agenda.
   c. New HRRR Project for Erie County – P. Gavin introduced a new HRRR project for the intersection of County Rd. and Strickler Rd. in Clarence.  There have been several high profile accidents at this intersection and Erie County is now intending to install a flashing red/yellow signal there.  Motion to recommend to PCC and initiate public review:  Merlo/Asklar.  Approved.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday June 20, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices.  Motion to adjourn:  Merlo/Asklar.  Approved.
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Wednesday, June 20, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room

Stakeholders: M. Leydecker.


2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5755.43 E. Robinson Rd (N French Rd) – C. Sickler explained that additional funds were needed for ROW. They proposed transferring funds from construction inspection and dealing with a shortfall in the future if one materialized. Net fiscal impact would be zero. Motion to approve funding switch as Administrative Modification #46: O’Brien/Zakrzewski. Approved.
   b. PIN 5756.89 Seneca Creek Pathway – C. Sickler explained that the project termini were changed in order to complete this project with available funds. The new termini would shorten the overall length of the project but would be at locations that would be better trail heads. The 10 Year Rule will soon be an issue so the project needs to be moving. Other members questioned the viability of this project and asked that the proposed scope change first go to the Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee for their input. Motion to send to the B/P subcommittee for further review: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved.
   c. FTA 5307 Program Realignment FFY 2012 – T. Trabold explained that this yearly program realignment of projects is done to conform to actual congressional appropriations. N. Peters explained that the funding in the handout is still a best-guess based on previous years funding since the new allocation is still unknown. The project additions and deletions will need to go out for public review before it can be approved by PCC as part of Amendment #28. Motion to initiate public review: O’Brien/Sickler. Approved.
   d. PIN 5T15.34 PMI-Pavement Maintenance SFY 13/14 – H. Langdon explained there were 15 PMI projects being proposed from a funding block reserved for this purpose. The proposed project list will need public review before it can be approved by PCC as part of Amendment #28. Motion to initiate public review: O’Brien/Sickler. Approved.
   e. PIN 5756.09 W Ferry St/Black Rock Canal – City of Buffalo representative was not present at meeting therefore other members asked that this item be tabled until Buffalo can be present to explain what changes need to be made and why. Motion to table item until next TPS meeting: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved.
   f. PIN 5757.53 Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor – C. Renn explained that there was not enough money for all five locks to be rehabilitated so only two locks would be done. The project also needs to move funds from one phase to another to get the project started. Motion to approve funding switch as Administrative Modification #47: Kahi/O’Brien. Approved.

3. 2011-2015 TIP
   a. NYSDOT Draft Comprehensive Program Status – R. Kahi reported that there were no new changes to the status of the program. He gave a brief description of what has happened with the program so far. The focus for the program still remains preservation first and that local agencies should try to follow this policy to the best of their ability.
   b. New York Works Program – R. Kahi stated that most of the region’s NY Works projects have been let on time with the exception of one that was not let due to the higher than expected bid prices.
   c. 2014-2017 TIP Development – R. Guarino and T. Trabold discussed a handout showing the breakdown of regional funding sources used in the previous TIP and LRP. It was also noted that ESB had alerted the staff to changes in air quality regulations that may affect eligibility for future CMAQ funds. This will need to be monitored. Several maps of the MPO region were also distributed showing local needs based on LOS, accidents and road scores. An asset management program for pavement is being looked at for the area.
   d. State Planning and Research Funds – H. Morse reported that discussions with NYSDOT had occurred on the possible availability of SPR funds. A list with previously funded SPR projects was distributed. The members agreed that a meeting should be set up to discuss this topic further.

4. Old Business – None.

5. New Business – None.

6. Local Bridge Program – J. Buffamonte stated that NYSDOT would be starting the bridge maintenance program for SFY 13/14 soon and that the locals should start putting their list of eligible bridges together for submittal.

7. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday July 18, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Buffamonte. Approved.
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Wednesday, July 18, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
a. PIN 5756.09 W Ferry St/Black Rock Canal – S. Ghasemi requested this item be tabled until they can meet with their consultant to discuss how best to proceed with the phasing of this City of Buffalo project. Motion to table item until next TPS meeting: Buffamonte/O’Brien. Approved to table.

b. PIN 5757.13 Lincoln Av – C. Renn explained that the let date needed to be delayed 6 months due to ongoing ROW acquisition. Motion to approve schedule change as part of Administrative Modification #48: Buffamonte/Zakrzewski. Approved.

c. FTA 5307 Resolution 2012-14 Amendment #28 – T. Trabold explained that the final FFY 2012 Section 5307 funding appropriations had just been published and they were slightly lower than the estimated amount in TIP Amendment #28. Although that amendment was currently being circulated for policy member approval, an administrative modification was prepared showing the final adjustments needed to bring the NFTA program in line with the actual funding. Motion to approve FFY 2012 §5307 program adjustments as Administrative Modification #49: Buffamonte/O’Brien. Approved.

3. 2011-2015 TIP
a. MAP-21 Impacts – H. Morse discussed the main concepts of the new MAP-21 reauthorization legislation. Some of the topics included an enhanced NHS network, off-system bridges, highway safety improvements, and projects of national or regional significance.

b. 2014-2017 TIP Development
1. Funding Forecast – T. Trabold reported that funding for the next two years appears to be relatively level. More information is needed before any specific plans can be implemented. J. Buffamonte suggested the group look at the new TIP guidance to help determine how much money will be available for the region.

2. Asset Management – R. Guarino and T. Trabold discussed a road score longevity analysis done of non-NHS federal-aid roads with surface scores of ‘6’ or ‘7’. This is an important score range since once below 6 these facilities are typically are no longer candidates for preventative maintenance. The goal is to develop a preventative maintenance program for non-state (local) federal aid roads to delay and reduce costly rehabilitations in accordance with NYSDOT safety and preventive maintenance strategies.

4. Old Business
a. Local Bridge Program – J. Buffamonte reminded members that NYSDOT is still looking for eligible candidates for the bridge maintenance program.

5. New Business
a. Portage Railroad Bridge – R. Guarino discussed the status of the Portage railroad bridge owned by Norfolk Southern RR that is located in Letchworth State Park. The bridge is currently in disrepair and has both speed and weight limits posted on it. NS has completed a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to help secure state assistance to rebuild this bridge. Although not in the MPO area, it nonetheless is a major route for the railroad to and from Buffalo and to close it permanently would have economic impacts for the region. NS has seen an increase in their rail business due to the Ports of NY and NJ. This in turn has increased rail traffic through the WNY MPO region.

b. PCC Meeting – H. Morse proposed cancelling the August 1, 2012 PCC meeting due to a lack of action items for the agenda. Motion to cancel the August 1, 2012 PCC meeting: Buffamonte/O’Brien. Approved.

c. TPS Meeting – T. Trabold proposed cancelling the August 15, 2012 TPS meeting and instead hold local projects meetings. Motion to cancel the August 15, 2012 TPS meeting: Zakrzewski/O’Brien. Approved.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday September 19, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: O’Brien/Zakrzewski. Approved.
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Wednesday, September 19, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5758.38 Rein Rd/Elliot Creek Bridge – R. Kahi explained that a new ROW phases were needed for this project and funds would be moved from construction to keep the project fiscally constraint. Motion to send to PCC for approval of new ROW phases as Amendment #31: Buffamonte/Merlo. Approved.
   b. PIN 5812.14 & PIN 5812.23 – H. Langdon explained that funding would be moved from PIN 5812.14 to create a new PIN 5812.23. The new project work is still within the original limits of the first project and state funds will be added to make the project whole and not change the federal-aid amount. Motion to send to PCC for approval of new PIN 5812.23 as Amendment #31: Buffamonte/Zakrzewski. Approved.
   c. PIN 5051.01 I-190/Buffalo Av – H. Langdon stated that $1.4M was awarded to this project from a Highway for Life Grant and the CBI allocation was increase by 0.750M. $0.150M of extra CBI funds will be transferred to PIN 5019.17 [Rt. 265 & I-190/Power Reservoir; Phase I]. Motion to send to PCC for approval as Amendment #31: Merlo/Buffamonte. Approved.
   d. Rail Program – J. Buffamonte explained that several railroad crossing projects had a low priority and their let dates needed to be moved back. PIN 5933.95 will eventually be removed from the TIP when it is updated, but all other PINs in this action will remain on the TIP. Motion to change schedule for the rail projects listed as Administrative Modification #52: Buffamonte/Merlo. Approved.
   e. PIN 5T14.35 PMI & PIN 5812.10 – H. Langdon explained that this action allocates maintenance block funds for a new project to repair or replace deficient bridge elements and extend the service life of the I-190 bridge and Virginia/Carolina ramps. As this is a new project it needs to go for public review before it can be approved for inclusion in the TIP. Motion to initiate public review of this proposed project: Buffamonte/O’Brien. Approved.
   f. ADA Compliance Projects – H. Langdon explained that 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. The only PIN to be deleted is PIN 5808.27 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. Motion to approve of project merger and reallocation of funds as Administration Modification #53: O’Brien/Merlo. Approved.
   g. PIN 5759.01 Braley Rd & Ransomville Rd – P. Gavin explained that this requested change would utilize High Risk Rural Road program funds to improve sight distance at the intersection at a total cost of $0.104M. Motion to initiate public review of this proposed project: Buffamonte/O’Brien. Approved.
   h. PIN 5758.98 SFY 13/14 & PIN 5758.99 SFY 14/15 Local Bridge Maintenance Block – J. Buffamonte and P Gavin discussed the local bridge maintenance program and an email regarding the eligibility of Marchiselli funds for certain bridge maintenance projects. P. Gavin discussed the handout with the list of project candidates. Final selections will be created from this list and that will be discussed at the next TPS meeting.

3. 2014-2017 TIP Discussions
   a. TIP Development/Funding Forecast – H. Morse reported guidance for the new TIP is still forthcoming and the release of MO funding allocations had been postponed. The group was told the TIP realignment approved last February to flat funding projections will likely mean no major changes will be available. T. Trabold discussed handouts showing where all current projects are scheduled through FFY 2017.
   b. MAP-21 Impacts – H. Morse discussed the possible effects this funding program will have on the region.
   c. NHS+ (NHPP) Changes and Endorsements – T. Trabold explained the proposed updates shown on the map handout for the NHS update. He thanked members for their quick response to and discussed a draft resolution endorsing the changes as submitted. The letter would be scheduled for approval at the next PCC meeting.
   d. Statewide Prioritization Program: Solicitation and Deadline – R. Kahi explained there would be an allocation of funds that all regions would compete for statewide. Region 5 needs to send a list of priority projects to the MO by Nov. 9. The local agencies were asked to send their lists of priority projects to GBNRTC staff by Friday September 28, 2012 so a master list could be compiled.
   e. Buffalo Niagara Partnership Regional Agenda – M. Leydecker discussed the BNP regional agenda for Policy and Project issues.

4. Old Business – None.

5. New Business – None.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday October 17, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Buffamonte. Approved.
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


1. Approval of September 19, 2012 TPS Meeting Summary – Motion for approval: Sickler/Merlo. Approved.

2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5759.01 Braley Rd & Ransomville Rd & I-190 at the Virginia St and Carolina St Ramps – T. Trabold reported the public outreach period for these project additions had ended with no comments received. He then discussed the resolution to be presented to PCC for approval recommendation to the Policy Committee. J. Buffamonte asked that the project description be changed to “@Virginia/Carolina Ramps”. Motion to send to PCC for Policy approval recommendation as modified as Amendment #30: Buffamonte/O’Brien. Approved.
   b. Local Bridge Maintenance Block – P Gavin discussed the latest listing of local bridge maintenance projects by agency, including Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties. The list will be finalized after comments are received from all member agencies and then sent out for public review. Consensus was to defer the start of the public review until all agency comments were received. Motion to add the item to the PCC agenda whereby approval to initiate a public review would be requested: Merlo/Buffamonte. Approved.
   c. PIN 5756.28 Niagara Falls Intermodal Center – C. Renn explained that 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. Motion to approve funding switch as Administrative Modification #51: Sickler/Merlo. Approved.

3. 2014-2017 TIP Discussions
   a. Funding Forecast – T. Trabold discussed the table for funding targets for the 2014-2017 STIP. With the MAP-21 changes to fund sources the table shows the reallocation of the funds. When compared to the 2011 state funding targets, he noted the federal amount was slightly higher but the state dedicated funds were lower.
   b. TIP Development – T. Trabold explained the table that showed planning targets versus current TIP programming. This table broke out the funding sources by federal fiscal year showing where certain funding sources were over programmed.
   c. MAP-21 Impacts – T. Trabold advised members to advance any current CMAQ funded projects as soon as possible due to the uncertainty of CMAQ beyond 2014. R. Kahi discussed the local pavement preservation program stating that roadways with a surface rating of 6 or greater should be considered for preservation work before rehabilitation.
   d. Transit Asset Management Development – T. Trabold reported that staff was working with the NFTA to develop a transit asset management program, as now mandated in MAP-21.
   e. Statewide Prioritization Program: Solicitation and Deadline – R. Kahi explained that more projects still need to be cut from the list, mainly the smaller projects that don’t need extra funding. Region 5 needs to send a list of priority projects to the MO by Nov. 9. The local agencies were asked to send their comments and recommendations to NYSDOT within the next two weeks to complete the list for PCC.

4. Old Business – None.

5. New Business
   a. Safe Routes to School Program Update – G. Szewczyk distributed handouts summarizing the 21 applications submitted for funding consideration in the latest round of SRTS funding. A review team would now be evaluating them over the next few weeks to determine a priority ranking. The current schedule called for that list to be submitted to the MO in Albany in early November and awards announced by the end of the year.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday November 21, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Merlo/Sickler. Approved.
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, November 21, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. Local Bridge Maintenance Block & Thruway North GI Bridge Redecking: DOT seeks to add Local Bridge Maintenance (SFY 13-4 and SFY 14-15) projects and Thruway Authority seeks to add NGIB Deck Replacement project. These new projects did not receive any comments during the public review and have been granted ICG exemptions (11/13/12). Motion to send to PCC for Policy approval recommendation as Amendment #32: Zakrzewski/DeSantis. Approved.
   b. PIN 5759.91 – Salt Road Bridges: Erie County seeks to add a Right-of-Way (ROW) phase to the existing project. Motion for recommend project to PCC for approval as Amendment #33: Sickler/Kahi. Approved.
   c. PIN 5760.26 – Ohio Street and Inner Harbor Infrastructure: Buffalo seeks to move funds between existing phases. ROW mapping being completed. Motion for recommend project for PCC approval as Administrative Modification #54: Merlo/Buffamonte. Approved.
   d. PIN 5933.22 & PIN 5933.43 Rail Projects – DOT requests funding switch. Motion to approve as Administrative Modification #55: Buffamonte/Sickler. Approved.
   e. PIN 5086.22 & PIN 5756.76 & PIN 58.12.21 Project Merger – Request by DOT to combine three projects into one letting. Motion to approve as Administrative Modification #56: O’Brien/Merlo. Approved.

3. 2014-2017 TIP Discussions
   a. Funding Forecast – Staff reported that they are awaiting final numbers from DOT. No handouts distributed at this time.
   b. Statewide Prioritization Program Update – Project listings submitted on November 9. Waiting on Main Office decision.
   c. Regional Beyond Preservation Program – GBNRTC staff distributed a listing of exiting “preservation” and “beyond preservation” (BP) projects sorted by jurisdiction. Members were asked to review the list and submit comments. R. Kahi noted that BP projects are currently over programmed based on the $17M/yr combined state/local funds allotted. Final BP list will need to be submitted by January 7. There was confusion over what determines if a project is “preservation” or “BP”. R. Kahi noted that there are 2011 preservation guidelines that define Preservation and BP treatments.
   d. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Update – Staff reported that the region will get the regular regional allotment and that there will also be a statewide competition for additional HSIP funds. R. Kahi stated that the safety division of DOT must verify a reduction of accidents on any submitted project and that DOT has published a document entitled, “Nine proven ways to reduce accidents” to use as reference. Staff noted that there is a draft HSIP project submission form now available.
   e. TIP Development Timeline – The timeline was discussed and it was noted that the TIP development is on schedule.

4. Old Business – none

5. New Business
   a. Daley Blvd – There was an inquiry by T. DeSantis about the public hearing for this project. R. Kahi noted that DOT cancelled the scheduled hearing because all of the needed signatures had not been received and that he will ask C. Renn for an updated project status.
   b. JARC/New Freedom – K. Dixon reported that the review team had met and analyzed applications. A handout of the selected projects was distributed. K. Dixon noted that there were more funds requested that were available this year. Motion to initiate public review: Sickler/Buffamonte. Approved.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday December 19, 2012 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Zakrzewski/Merlo. Approved.
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, December 19, 2012
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


2. 2011-2015 TIP – TPS Action Requests
   a. PIN 5757.90 Eastern Hills Corridor – T. Trabold explained this project contained unspent funds from a 2006 federal earmark and had been one of many targeted by U.S. DOT in August 2012 as a stalled project. He further explained that according to U.S. DOT, unless that funding was obligated by 12/31/12 it would be transferred for NYSDOT use. C. Sickler introduced several individuals representing the Town of Clarence who attended to voice their concerns. J. Callahan presented a town plan for an access road extension behind Eastern Hills Mall intended to spur more development along that corridor. Given there was little chance of obligating this funding by the U.S. DOT deadline, C. Sickler asked for an official document on what would happen to the earmark funding after that date. Staff agreed to follow up on that request as it would need to be removed from the TIP at some point as well.
   Motion to table: DeSantis/Buffamonte. Approved.
   b. PIN 5757.14 Niagara Street Gateway – P. Merlo explained the City would like to extend the northern limits of this project to 500’ north of Virginia Street and the rationale behind it. J. Buffamonte suggested looking at the accident rates to see if it warranted the use of safety funds. More information was requested so it was decided to table the item one month.
   Motion to table: DeSantis/Buffamonte. Approved.
   c. PIN 5757.95 BNMC Ph 3 – P. Merlo explained the revised IPP now included improved BNMC pedestrian access between Washington and Ellicott as well as and streetscaping improvements on Allen St. from Main to Wadsworth. It was noted that the earmark wording had been checked to ensure the project fit the legislative language.
   Motion to approve revised IPP: Merlo/Buffamonte. Approved.
   d. PIN 5812.10 Bearing Replacements, City of Buffalo – H. Langdon explained the bearing replacement project was short funds so NYSDOT was proposing to move surplus funds from a southern tier project to offset the cost increase.
   Motion to transfer funds and approve as Administrative Modification #57: Sickler/Merlo. Approved.
   e. PIN 5811.49 Large Culvert Replacements – H. Langdon explained this project was also short funds for detailed design. A funding offset was being proposed using surplus STP Flex construction phase funds from two other projects.
   Motion to transfer funds and approve as the second part of Administrative Modification #57: Buffamonte/Zakrzewski. Approved.

3. 2014-2017 TIP Discussions
   a. Funding Forecast – T. Trabold explained the handout showing updated funding targets for the upcoming fiscal years. He noted the loss of CMAQ funds every year after FFY 2014.
   b. Statewide Prioritization Program Update – R. Kahi advised all agencies to start thinking about what projects they wanted to see on the upcoming TIP. Once this was done the BP/P status of each project needed to be determined.
   c. Regional Beyond Preservation Program – Member agencies had many questions regarding what constituted a Beyond Preservation project versus a Preservation project. New forms only needed to be completed for BP projects after 2014 since the 2013-2014 forms had been completed last year. Members asked for copies of those forms and R. Kahi indicated he would follow up on that request.
   d. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Update – R. Kahi noted the cost/benefit ratio needed to be calculated for any safety project candidate. J. Buffamonte stated roadways with high accident rates would be good candidates for this funding.
   e. TIP Development Timeline – The timeline was discussed and it was noted the TIP development needs to adhere closely to the schedule.

4. Old Business - T. Frank was given an opportunity to speak.

5. New Business
   a. Local Projects Meeting Schedule – K. Stilwell asked that everyone involved in the meetings be sure to email her their availability so a meeting schedule can be compiled during January 2013.

6. Next Meeting – The subcommittee confirmed the next TPS meeting for Wednesday January 16, 2013 9 a.m. at the GBNRTC offices.
   Motion to adjourn: DeSantis/Sickler. Approved.