

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

**Friday, June 12, 2015 10 AM – 12 PM
438 Main Street – 12th Floor Conference Room
Buffalo, New York, USA, 14202**

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 2015-7: NFTA Program of Projects Realignment
 - B) Resolution 2015-6: Harsh Winter Road Rehabilitation Projects Addition
 - C) Resolution 2015-5: Integrated Corridor Management Studies Addition
 - D) Resolution 2015-8: Old Route 219 over Cattaraugus Creek Bridge Replacement
7. Discussion Items

Plans:

 - A) Metro Transportation Plan – Scenarios on Development of the Region
 - B) Transportation Projects – Opportunities for Projects and a New TIP
 - C) Integrated Corridor Management – Progressive Solutions in the BiNational Transportation Corridor

Projects:

 - A) Construction Projects in the 2015 Season
 - B) Amherst-Buffalo Public Transportation Options – Some Evaluation Results and Alternatives Being Considered Further
 - C) NFTA Access Enhancement Study for Canalside & Cobblestone Districts
 - D) Regional Agencies Initiatives Report
 - Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
 - New York State Thruway Authority
 - New York State Department of Transportation
 - Local Jurisdictions and Partners
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting/Adjournment of Policy Meeting

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2015 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) Policy
Committee was held on June 12, 2015 in the GBNRTC offices

The following GBNRTC Policy representatives were present:

Darrell Kaminski	NYS DOT
Matthew Latko	NYS Thruway Authority
Michael Finn	City of Buffalo
James Morrell	NFTA
Kevin O'Brien	Niagara County
Charles Sickler	Erie County

Others present were:

Hal Morse	GBNRTC
Amy Weymouth	GBNRTC
Rich Guarino	GBNRTC
Kelly Dixon	GBNRTC
JohnMichael Muldrig	GBNRTC
Ramsey Kahi	NYS DOT
Jodi Clark	SNI
Jeffrey Amplement	NFTA
Doug Funke	Citizens for Regional Transit
Lynn Magdol	Citizens for Regional Transit
Sheila Ransbottom	Core Environmental
Jennifer Michniewicz	Clark Patterson Lee
Kim Schueler	Town of Amherst
Jeffrey Lebsack	Hatch Mott MacDonald

POLICY BOARD MEETING

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

2. Public Comment on Action Items

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

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda (6/12/2015)

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

4. Approval of GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (12/15/2014)

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2014, seconded by Mr. Latko, 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) The following proposed resolutions and actions have been recommended by the Planning and Coordinating Committee and have completed any required review process.

- Approval of Resolution 2015-7: NFTA Program Realignment: *Mr. Latko made the motion seconded by Mr. Sickler all were in favor.*
- Approval Resolution 2015-6: Harsh Winter Road Rehabilitation Projects Addition: *Mr. O'Brien made the motion seconded by Mr. Finn all were in favor.*
- Approval Resolution 2015-5: Integrated Corridor Management Studies Addition; *Mr. Sickler made a motion seconded by Mr. Latko all were in favor.*
- Approval Resolution 2015-8: Old Route 219 over Cattaraugus Creek Bridge Replacement; *Mr. Sickler made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Brien*

7. Discussion Items:

Plans:

A) Metro Transportation Plan: Staff presented emerging development scenarios and how they impact the Metro Transportation Plan. Substantial work is underway to deliver the new plan for 2050, the development scenarios are direct input to new demographic forecasts.

B) Transportation Projects: Preparation of the new Transportation Improvement Program continues, staff discussed outlook and potential for new projects to be added. Lack of federal longer term legislation is being accommodated with flat funding assumptions and a bandwidth of projects that can be adjusted.

C) Integrated Corridor Management: Two major federal grants were recently awarded, scope of the initiative, planned outcomes and tools to be used were discussed.

Projects:

A) Construction Projects in 2015 Season: Outlook for construction and project implementation was reviewed. A significant 2015 construction season is now underway.

B) Amherst-Buffalo Transit Options Study: Some evaluation results were provided. Schedule indicates study completion this year.

C) NFTA Access Enhancement Study for Canalside & Cobblestone Districts: This study is also progressing, alternatives were presented.

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. Adjournment of Policy Meeting

Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sickler, and all were in favor.



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

Friday, December 11, 2015 10 AM – 12 PM
The Conference and Event Center Niagara Falls
101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

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 TIP Changes and Project Additions
 - B) Approval of Human Services Transportation Plan 2015
 - C) Approval of UPWP Budget Change
 - D) Approval of Annual Memorandum of Understanding
 - E) Election of Policy Committee Officers 2016
7. Discussion Items

Plans:

 - A) Transportation Improvement Program – Focusing Transportation Investment
 - B) Managing Traffic in the BiNational Corridor
 - C) GBNRTC Planning Work Program – Studies Completed and New Initiatives
 - D) Public Transportation Studies and Emerging Projects
 - E) Next Generation Transportation-Integrated Options
 - F) National Freight Plan – Concepts and Discussion

Projects:

 - A) Construction Projects - 2015 Season Summary
 - B) Legislation, Funding and Finance
 - C) Regional Agencies Initiatives Report
 - Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
 - New York State Thruway Authority
 - New York State Department of Transportation
 - Local Jurisdictions and Partners
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