

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2016 MEETING OF THE  
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PCC)**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on March 2, 2016 at Erie County DPW

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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| 1. Michael Finn      | City of Buffalo       |
| 2. Jeffery Amplement | NFTA                  |
| 3. Ramsey Kahi       | NYS DOT               |
| 4. Osmano Carosa     | NYSTA                 |
| 5. Kevin O'Brien     | Niagara County        |
| 6. Charlie Sickler   | Erie County           |
| 7. Tom DeSantis      | City of Niagara Falls |

Others present were:

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| 1. Rich Guarino          | GBNRTC             |
| 2. Hal Morse             | GBNRTC             |
| 3. Kim Smith             | GBNRTC             |
| 4. Volney Powell         | GBNRTC             |
| 5. John Michael Mulderig | GBNRTC             |
| 6. Joe Buffamonte        | NYS DOT            |
| 7. Athena Hutchins       | NITTEC             |
| 8. Jay Bray              | SNI                |
| 9. Christine Chiriboga   |                    |
| 10. Sheila Ransbottom    | Core Environmental |
| 11. Gary Witulski        | BURA               |
| 12. Doug Funke           | CRT                |

**I. PROCEEDINGS**

**A) Pledge of Allegiance**

**B) Roll Call**

Mr. DeSantis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**C)Public Participation**

There were no comments from the public at this time

**D)Approval of Meeting Agenda (3/23/2016)**

*All were in favor on a motion (O'Brien/Sickler) to approve the agenda.*

**E)Approval of GBNRTC-PCC Meeting Minutes (2/3/2016)**

*All were in favor on a motion (Sickler/Finn) to approve the meeting minutes as presented.*

**II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A) PIN 5810.04** Reconstruction of Rt. 952T (Sweet Home Rd) from Maple Rd to UB Entrance in the Town of Amherst, Erie County – Funding, Cost and Date Change: All were in favor of a motion (Kahi/Finn) to recommend to Policy Committee
- B) PIN 5812.87** Drainage Improvements on NY 240 from Potters Road to Cazenovia Creek in the Town of West Seneca, Erie County – New Project: All were in favor of a motion (Kahi/Sickler) to recommend to Policy Committee
- C) PIN 5757.09** Resurfacing Lockport Street - Main to Seneca – Minor Scope Change: All were in favor of a motion (DeSantis/O'Brien) to recommend to Policy Committee
- D) PIN 5761.30** Bridge Painting and Repairs-Erie County Cost and schedule change: All were in favor of a motion (Sickler/Finn) to recommend to Policy Committee
- E) PIN 5760.93** Clarence Sidewalks NY Rt. 5: Transit to Sheridan – Cost Increase: All were in favor of a motion (Kahi/Sickler) to recommend to Policy Committee
- F) Resolution 2016-6 2016 – 2018 UPWP** All were in favor of a motion (O'Brien/Finn) to recommend to Policy Committee for approval
- G) Actions completed at February Transportation Projects Subcommittee meeting:** Guarino reviewed four previously TIP actions from the recent TPS meeting.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A) February Transportation Projects Subcommittee Report:** Actions and discussions at the January TPS meeting were reviewed, primarily focused on TIP development.
- B) Transportation Improvement Program:** Guarino reviewed TIP development progress; members were actively reviewing priorities in preparation for the next TPS meeting. The schedule is still viable to meet the need date for TIP approval.
- C) Demographics Forecasting Methodology** Kim Smith reviewed the methodologies for demographics in the region. The parcel based approach appears particularly sensitive to conditions in the region, a the test of three major communities yielded model results very close to census numbers, indicating very good model performance.

- D) 2016 Traffic Count Program** Volney Powell reviewed the traffic counting program. Any traffic counts recorded by members in 2016 should be forwarded to Volney as soon as possible.
- E) Transportation Management Area Buildout** Staff discussed the NYSERDA sponsored initiative for activities in the region. A NYSERDA grant will assist buildout of a TMA in the region with startup of the planning process within a few months.
- F) Work Program** The new approved work program was discussed, assignments and schedules are being developed to start the new fiscal year in a crisp fashion.
- G) Fast Act Freight/TIGER Program:** Available funding programs for freight and TIGER were reviewed.

#### **IV STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

##### **A) Member Agency Reports**

Members discussed status of a number of projects currently working and lined up for Spring startup.

##### **B) Director's Report**

Morse provided additional notes on several key issues

***The next meeting was confirmed for April 6, 2016, at NYSDOT. All were in favor on motion (O'Brien/Finn) to adjourn.***