The Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Erie and Niagara Counties, is proposing to amend the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding two (2) new projects.

1. PIN 5763.57 City of Tonawanda Pedestrian Bridge Rehab Project

This historic Iron Trestle Bridge in the City is in need of repair. The bridge is used for pedestrian and bike traffic only and serves as a vital link for travelers to use the Erie Canalway Trail, Tonawanda Rails to Trails and the Shoreline/Riverwalk Trail. The City will rehabilitate the historic iron trestle walk bridge spanning Ellicott Creek from Youngs St., and the Shoreline Trail to East Niagara Street and the Erie Canalway Trail through construction of a floor framing system including stringers and floor beams to make it safe for pedestrians and bike users.

Total cost for this project is $2.09M ($1.67M federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds (CMAQ) + 20% local match) and the project is scheduled to begin construction 10/2020.

2. PIN 5763.58 Niagara River Greenway Connecting Trails (CNF)

A significant gap currently exists in the proposed Niagara River Greenway Trail along the Niagara River in the City of Niagara Falls. There are no pedestrian facilities, sidewalks or formal trails along the proposed route between Gratwick Park or between Cayuga Drive/Buffalo Ave and 67th Street. Connecting these trails will encourage recreational use of the waterfront from N. Tonawanda, Wheatfield into Niagara Falls. The project will Construct 8 ft.-wide multi-use trail that will linking existing trail segments of the Niagara River Greenway and Shoreline Trail to the City of Niagara Falls. Project includes wayfinding signage and interpretive signage. Locations include the Town of Wheatfield from the N. side of River Rd. to Gratwick Park.

Total cost of the project is $4.73M ($3.1M federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-Flex) funds + local match ($0.763M from Ralph C. Wilson Foundation and $867K from Scenic Byways) and the project is scheduled to begin construction 11/2021.

Fiscal constraint for both projects is maintained as TAP/CMAQ funding is new to the region.

Public comments will be received until June 4, 2019. If you have any additional questions or comments please email us at staff@gbnrtc.org, or contact us at the address and telephone number above.

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INITIAL PROJECT PROPOSAL (IPP) FORM

PIN: 576357

Name:
City of Tonawanda Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation Project

County:
Erie

Member Agency:
Erie

IPP Preparation Date:

GBNRTC
Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
PROJECT APPROVAL SHEET

IPP PREPARE: ___________________________ DATE: ______

PROJECT MANAGER: ___________________________ DATE: ______

RPPM RECOMMENDATION: ___________________________ DATE: ______

LOCAL SPONSOR CONCURRENCE: ___________________________ DATE: ______
PIN: 576357

PROJECT NAME: City of Tonawanda Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation Project

MUNICIPALITY: City of Tonawanda

COUNTY: Erie County

ROUTE: BIN(s): 2260600

LIMITS: Ellicott Creek from Youngs St., and the Shoreline Trail to East Niagara Street and the Erie Canalway Trail

Milepoints (2014 LRS): PROJECT LENGTH: .05M CENTERLINE MILES LANE MILES

FEDERAL AID SYSTEM: Non-NHS FUNCTIONAL CLASS: N/A

Districts: Congressional: 26TH Senatorial: 60TH Assembly: 140TH

EXISTING AADT: N/A PERCENT TRUCKS: N/A

ELEMENT
BIN
Surface Rating
Accidents
Bridge/Highway Deficiencies
Signal Deficiencies
Other Pertinent Measure

MEASURE/INDICATOR
Condition Rating = Sufficiency Rating =
Surface Rating =
X ACC/MVM, Statewide Average= 1.74 ACC/MVM

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION: An historic Iron Trestle Bridge in the City is in need of repair. The bridge is used for pedestrian and bike traffic only and serves as a vital link for travelers to use the Erie Canalway Trail, Tonawanda Rails to Trails and the Shoreline/Riverwalk Trail.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S) The City will rehabilitate the historic iron trestle walk bridge spanning Ellicott Creek from Youngs St., and the Shoreline Trail to East Niagara Street and the Erie Canalway Trail through construction of a floor framing system including stringers and floor beams to make it safe for pedestrians and bike users.

PROJECT ELEMENT(S) TO BE INVESTIGATED: (For bridge projects, check all that apply)

☐ Deck/minor Br. Rehab. ☐ Bridge Replace. New Location
- Major Bridge Rehab.
- Highway Resurface
- Appurtenance
- Traffic Control
- Bridge Replace. Existing Loc.
- Highway Reconstruction
- Large Culvert RH/RP
- Other: Multi-use Trail

PIN: 576357

**ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATION:**

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**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:** ☐ Exempt ☒ Non-Exempt ☐ N/A

**WORK TYPE:** Rehabilitation

**SUB WORK TYPE:** Bridge Deck Replacement

**PROJECT PURPOSE:** Rehabilitation for bike/pedestrian use

**TIP AMENDMENT REQUIRED:** ☐ No ☒ Yes Needed by:

**STIP STATUS:** ☐ On STIP ☒ Not on STIP

**NOTES ON SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** Construction work will be conducted per NYSDOT Standards

**SPECIAL TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRED:** n/a

**PLANNED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** Sponsor will hold public information meeting

**SCHEDULED QUALIFIERS:** ☐ Public Hearing ☐ 4(f)/106
☐ Major Permits ☐ Other: Identify
☒ Consultant(s) for: 1-6
☐ No Consultant Needed

**PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD:** D-B-B, Design, Bid, Build
DESIGN APPROVAL AUTHORITY: City of Tonawanda

PROJECT CATEGORY (COMPLEXITY): moderate

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BASIS OF COST ESTIMATE: CMAQ Application cost estimate

PROGRAM DISPOSITION: CMAQ Application cost estimate

PROGRAM DISPOSITION: CMAQ Federal Funds capped at $1,671,000. Project must proceed to construction within 24 months of an executed State/Local agreement. Agreement execution scheduled for 9/2019.

FUND MATCH: 80% Federal % State 20% Local (specify)

STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE: □ No ☑ Yes

PLEASE COMPLETE MPO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE
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MPO SPECIFIC INFORMATION

(Please refer to guidance document for examples and maps)

HOW DOES THE PROJECT SATISFY 2040 LONG RANGE PLANNING GOALS?

DESCRIBE PROJECT RELATIONSHIP TO DEFINED PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

IS THE PROJECT ON A TRANSIT ROUTE? □ No □ Yes
- IF YES, PLEASE IDENTIFY ROUTES:

ARE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES INCLUDED IN PROJECT? □ No □ Yes
- IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

DOES THE PROJECT ADDRESS ANY SAFETY CONCERNS? □ No □ Yes
- IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

WILL THE PROJECT RETAIN/ATTRACT BUSINESSES? □ No □ Yes
- IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

IS PROJECT LOCATED IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) AREA of Concern?
(See EJ Map in Guidance section) □ No □ Yes

MPO Required Attachments:
- Location map showing geographic area(s) of project
- Cover letter briefly summarizing proposal
INITIAL PROJECT PROPOSAL (IPP) FORM

PIN: 576358

Name: Niagara River Greenway Connecting Trails-City of Niagara Falls

County: Niagara

Member Agency: Niagara

IPP Preparation Date:

GBNRTC
Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
PIN: 576358

PROJECT NAME: Niagara River Greenway Connecting Trails

MUNICIPALITY: Niagara Falls

COUNTY: Niagara

ROUTE: BIN(s):

LIMITS: Milepoints (2014 LRS):

PROJECT LENGTH: 2.5m CENTERLINE MILES LANE MILES

FEDERAL AID SYSTEM: FUNCTIONAL CLASS: Urban Principal Arterial Other

Districts: Congressional: 26 Senatorial: 62 Assembly: 145

EXISTING AADT: Total 28,199 over four roads in project; River Road-13,564, AADT, Cayuga Drive-7,748 AADT, Buffalo Ave., 5412-AADT and Stephenson Ave., - 1475 AADT

PERCENT TRUCKS: 5%

ELEMENT MEASURE/INDICATOR
BIN Condition Rating = Sufficiency Rating =

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PROJECT ELEMENT(S) TO BE INVESTIGATED: (For bridge projects, check all that apply)

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AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: ☐ Exempt ☒ Non-Exempt ☐ N/A

WORK TYPE: New Construction and Reconstruction

SUB WORK TYPE: New Improved Pedestrian Facility

PROJECT PURPOSE: Bike Pedestrian-Mobility

TIP AMENDMENT REQUIRED: ☐ No ☒ Yes Needed by:

STIP STATUS: ☐ On STIP ☒ Not on STIP

NOTES ON SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES Construction work will be constructed per NYSDOT standards

SPECIAL TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRED: n/a

PLANNED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Sponsor will hold a public information meeting
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BASIS OF COST ESTIMATE: CMAQ Application

TAP/CMAQ Application cost estimate. Federal Funds capped at $3,100,100 with a local match of $763,000, from Ralph C. Wilson Foundation, and $867,000 from Scenic Byways Region funding PIN #5760.75 =4,730,000

PROGRAM DISPOSITION:

FUND MATCH: 80% Federal % State 20% Local (specify)

STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE: □ No ☒ Yes
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