TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


1. Approval of December 18, 2019 TPS Meeting Summary – Motion for approval: DeSantis/Buffamonte. Approved.

2. 2020-2024 TIP Discussion
   a. PIN 5813.10 Large Culvert Replacements on US 20A & US 62 – This NYSDOT request is to lower C&CI funding for this project to match the current estimate. $617K in federal funding will be transferred to PIN 5813.11 (Large Culvert Repairs & Replacements, Erie & Niagara Cos) to maintain fiscal constraint. The let date is also being advanced from 6/2020 to 4/2020 to meet the current schedule. Motion to recommend this project to PCC for approval as Administrative Modification #18: Kahi/Allen. Approved.
   b. PIN 5813.63 PMI – NY 5; Big Tree Rd to Kane St – This NYSDOT request is to increase C&CI funding to match the current estimate. $41K in federal funding will be transferred from PIN 5B20.06 (HSIP/NHPP State Safety Program Block). In addition, the local share is increased by $1.852M to play for water line betterment. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Let date remains unchanged at 4/2020. Motion to recommend this project to PCC for approval as Administrative Modification #19: Buffamonte/Helser. Approved.
   c. Updated TIP Forms & Guidance Document – R. Guarino discussed the changes made to the TIP forms and guidance document. No comments have been received on the draft changes discussed at last month’s meetings. The new forms and document will be emailed to all member agencies and placed on the GBNRTC website. These forms are to be used for all future TIP modifications and project additions.

3. Old Business
   a. Freight Study Update – R. Guarino discussed notable practices in four metropolitan areas that are comparable to WNY. Discussion revolved around how these ideas could be put to use in the WNY area.
   b. Public Review – Two projects have been out for public review and are both due to close on January 28, 2020. The first one is PIN 5813.61 NY 78 French Rd to Ellicott Creek which has significant scope changes that affect the AQ conformity determination of the project from “exempt” to “non-exempt” due to the new travel lane and increased capacity. The project title has changed to “NY 78 (Transit Rd); French Rd to Wehrlie Drive” to reflect the new project limits. Approval of this project is on hold while the Amended 1997 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment Area Transportation /Air Quality Conformity Determination Update is undergoing public review. No comments have been received yet. The amended document will need Policy approval and an electronic ballot will be distributed to members on January 29, 2020. The second project is PIN TWSW.20 NYSTA Pavement Striping FFY 2020-2022. This is a new project funded by statewide NHPP funds. One comment has been received and forwarded to NYSDOT. The project will be voted on for approval at the February 5, 2020 PCC meeting.

4. New Business
   a. NYSDOT announced that the local agencies should submit their new/updated lists for the local bridge maintenance program. It was also suggested the local agencies submit their strategies for implementing their individual bridge maintenance programs.
   b. TIP Standard Operating Procedures is in need of an update. The process is underway and will be discussed in future meetings. An updated TIP SOP is necessary for AQ and the upcoming GBNRTC MPO recertification.
   c. NF requested that the Riverway Walk Phase 2 project be added to the TIP. The study for it has been completed so NF would like to get started on the project. It was suggested that a Planning Environmental Linkage (PEL) be used to help keep the 10-Year Rule from advancing. NYSDOT asked for more details on the project before a consultant is hired.
   d. NF asked NYSDOT how work is progressing on Niagara St. NYSDOT responded that work is ongoing and the project is progressing. NF also asked about the recreational trail from Niagara Falls to Wheatfield. The work on that project is also ongoing currently.
   e. H. Morse announced that INFRA Grants are available again. He reminded all the agencies to submit any eligible projects they have for review.

5. Adjourn
   a. The next TPS meeting will be held Wednesday February 19, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: DeSantis/Allen. Approved.

Stakeholders: M. Leydecker


2. 2020-2024 TIP Discussion
   a. PIN 5762.39 Niagara Street Sustainable Corridor Phase 4A – This request is to transfer $347K ($292K NHPP + $55K State) from PIN 5762.40 Niagara Street Sustainable Corridor Phase 5 & $936K ($788K NHPP + $148K State) from PIN 5762.90 Niagara Street Sustainable Corridor Phase 4B to meet current C/CI estimates of PIN 5762.39. $677K of Local funds from PIN 5762.39 will be transferred to PIN 5762.90 Niagara Street Sustainable Corridor Phase 4B and will be available in 2021 when that project is let. The project is currently under construction (Let 6/1/2019). Fiscal constraint is maintained. The C/CI phases of PIN 5762.40 Niagara Street Sustainable Corridor Phase 5 & 5762.90 Niagara Street Sustainable Corridor Phase 4B will no longer contain any federal funding. Motion to recommend this project to PCC for approval as Administrative Modification #23: Skipper/Allen. Approved
   b. PIN 5814.43 PMI – NY 18F (Town of Lewiston) – NYSDOT would like to advance this project. The let date is currently 12/15/2021 and they would like to advance it to 6/15/2021. The project will change federal fiscal years from FFY21 to FFY20. Motion to approve the let date change as Administrative Modification #22: Buffamonte/Svilokos. Approved.

3. Old Business
   a. Freight Study Update – R. Guarino discussed the status of the Freight Study. A review of the 2010 plan project recommendations is being done which looks at various issues in the WNY area. A stakeholders survey is currently underway. Several responses have already been received.
   b. GBNRTC received notice that the Air Quality Conformity Plan was approved by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.
   c. Updated TIP Change Form – R. Guarino states that the TIP Change form has one correction to be made before it is sent to member agencies for their use. This form is to be used for all future TIP modifications and project additions. A copy of the form was distributed via email and posted on the GBNRTC web site.

4. New Business
   a. RPPM Action Report – Three projects that had minor changes to them last month and were reported on.
   b. NYSDOT is accepting bridge project lists for the Local Bridge Program. The lists can include previous bridges as well as new bridges. Local agencies should prioritize their bridge lists. NYSDOT would like the new lists as soon as the locals can send them but there is no deadline. The bridges that are chosen would be on the list for construction in 2021 and 2022.
   c. NYSMPO is sponsoring a TIP Working Group to discuss the eSTIP software currently in use. They are looking for input from all users.

5. Adjourn
   a. The next TPS meeting will be held Wednesday March 18, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: DeSantis/Allen. Approved.