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 Wehrle 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.
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Amplement, J. Gerlach, D. Castle, and R. Guarino.

Stakeholders: M. Leydeeker


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. GBNRRTC 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.
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Wednesday, March 18, 2020
9:00 A.M. in the GBNRTC Conference Room


Stakeholders:  M. Leydecker and A. Hutchins.

1. Approval of February 19, 2020 TPS Meeting Summary – Motion for approval: DeSantis/Amplement. Approved.

2. 2020-2024 TIP Discussion
   a. PIN 5762.71 Hillcroft Dr Over 18 Mile Creek Bridge Replacement – $104K STP Off System Bridge funds transferred from the design phase to construction. Local share for construction will also be reduced by $104K. Overall project cost reduced by $104K. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Let Date remains 3/19/2020. Motion to approve these cost changes as Administrative Modification #24. Svilokos/Amplement. Approved.
   b. PIN 5762.71 North Tonawanda PSAP – Project was previously slipped to FFY21 (2/2021) but now is being advanced back to FFY 2020 (5/2020). No cost change. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Motion to approve these cost changes as Administrative Modification #27. Svilokos/DeSantis. Approved.
   c. PIN 5019.24 NY 265 Military Rd; Kenmore Av to Tonawanda South City Line – This is a new NYSDOT project to conduct ADA Compliance work and Pedestrian Signal Upgrades in the Town Of Tonawanda & Village Of Kenmore. Total project cost is $1.48M using matched Federal NHPF and HSIP funds. Offset will be provided by PINs 5813.67 ADA Compliance Project ($1.36M) and 5B20.11 HSIP CARDS/Ped Signal Program ($125K). Let is scheduled for 6/2022. Motion to initiate a 20-day Public Review period. Buffamonte/Amplement. Approved.
   d. PIN 5111.88 Rt 5 & Old Lake Shore Rd Intersection Improvements – NYSDOT request to delete this project from the TIP & STIP. Funds $1.08M will be transferred to PINs 5813.43 ($0.933M) and 5B20.03 ($0.148M). Unused funds will be moved to PINs 5813.43 Resurfacing of Rt 417 & Rt 219 in the City of Salamanca & the SNI Allegany Territory and 5B20.03 State Infrastructure Program Block Funding. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Motion to initiate a 20-day Public Review period. Buffamonte/Svilokos. Approved.
   e. PIN 5762.68 Amherst PSAP – Let date is being moved from FFY21 to FFY20. New let is 7/2020. $99K of 100% local funds is being added to the construction phase. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Motion to approve these cost changes as Administrative Modification #28. Svilokos/Amplement. Approved.
   f. NITTTEC SFY 20-21 Traffic Operations Center – Supplemental agreement. Informational only. No action needed.
   g. PIN 5761.81 Buffalo Av Rehab; JBD to RR Tracks & PIN 5555.75 JBD Extension – CNF requests to move $470K of matched Federal STP Large Urban funds from PIN 5755.57 JBD Daly Blvd Extension to PIN 5761.81 Buffalo Av Rehab; JB Daly to RR Tracks. The construction and inspection phase estimates are above the programmed amount. PIN 5755.57 JB Daly Blvd Extension contains a construction estimate for the preferred alternative that is below the programmed amount. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Let date for PIN 5761.81 Buffalo Av Rehabilitation is delayed from 3/2020 to 10/2020. Let date for PIN 5755.57 JB Daly Blvd Extension is delayed from 12/2020 to 12/2021. Motion to approve these cost changes as Administrative Modification #29. DeSantis/Svilokos. Approved.
   h. PIN 5761.57 Buffalo Av Rehab; Cayuga Dr to 102 St & PIN 5763.28 College Av; Lewiston Rd to Highland Av – CNF request to move $396K of matched Federal STP Large Urban funds from PIN 5763.28 College Av; Lewiston Rd to Highland Av required due to overruns for differing site conditions (radiological and under-cutting) encountered while construction was well underway. CNF undertook a partial resurfacing of College Av from Lewiston Rd to Deveaux St reducing the overall cost of that project by 66%. The new limit is from Deveaux St to Highland Av. A preliminary cost estimate indicates the current total will be sufficient to mill & overlay the remaining road pavement. Let date of College Av project slips from 1/2021 to 1/2023. Motion to recommend the fund transfer and minor scope change to PCC for approval at the April 1 meeting as Administrative Modification #30. DeSantis/Svilokos. Approved.

3. Old Business
   a. Freight Study Update – R. Guarino discussed the status of the Freight Study. The consultant has finished updating the memo. They are waiting for full access to NYSDOT data. There have been 27 responses to the online survey which will be summarized for the next PCC meeting. Study is about 60% finished at this point.

4. New Business
   a. RPPM Action Report – Two projects that had minor changes to them last month and were reported on.
   b. H. Morse asked member agencies if they wanted to cancel the April PCC meeting due to the COVID-19 restrictions. All member agencies agreed to cancel the April PCC meeting. Any items that need approval will be done so by electronic ballot.
   c. Local project meetings are on hold due to the COVID-19 restrictions. They will be scheduled as soon as allowed.

5. Adjourn
   a. The next TPS meeting will be held Wednesday April 15, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the GBNRTC offices. Motion to adjourn: Buffamonte/DeSantis. Approved.
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE
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Wednesday, May 20, 2020
9:00 A.M. Zoom Meeting


Stakeholders: None

1. Approval of March 18, 2020 TPS Meeting Summary – Motion for approval: Buffamonte/Svilokos. Approved.

2. 2020-2024 TIP Discussion
   a. PIN 5763.21 Jefferson Avenue Complete Streets Ph 1, E Ferry St to E Utica St; PIN 5763.22 Jefferson Avenue Complete Streets Ph 2, E Delavan Av to E Ferry St; PIN 5763.23 Jefferson Avenue Complete Streets Ph 3, Main St to E Delavan Av – This Buffalo request is to move all of the design funding for the 3 projects into PIN 5763.21. There will be one design approval document for all 3 projects. During final design, there will be separate PS&E's for each project but they will all be reimbursed under PIN 5763.21. The 3 projects will be let separately. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Motion to approve these cost changes as Administrative Modification #35. Svilokos/Buffamonte. Approved.
   b. PIN 5761.67 Warren Spahn Way over Cazenovia Creek (BIN 2260710), Bridge Rehabilitation and Resurfacing & Streetscape Improvements on Abbott Rd from Southside Pkwy to Potters Rd – This Buffalo significant scope change request looks to modify the existing project by eliminating the bridge rehabilitation of Warren Spahn/Cazenovia Creek and changing the project limits on Abbott Rd. The existing limits are from Southside Pkwy to Potters Rd. The new limits will be Southside Pkwy to Meriden St. This shortens the project length by 0.25mi. The total funding amount remains unchanged at $5.07M but the existing STP OFF SYS BR will be changed to STP URBAN. The new project title is: “Resurfacing/Streetscape Improvements of Abbott Road from Southside Pkwy to Meriden St”. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Let date remains 12/16/2020. Motion to initiate a 20-day public review. Svilokos/Skipper. Approved.
   c. PIN 5813.60 PMI Rt 952A Genesee Rd, Buffalo City Line to I-90 – This NYSDOT request is to increase Construct Cost from $1.777M to $2.833M to match the PS&E. CI cost will also increase from $0.214M to $0.340M. The cost increase is primarily due to the significantly higher estimate of work involving traffic signals, signage, and pavement striping. Offset by transferring funds from PIN 5B10.01 Bike/Ped Program Block, PIN 5B20.03 State Infrastructure Block, and PIN 5B20.06 HSIP/NHPP State Safety Program Block. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Motion to recommend the cost increase to PCC for approval as Administrative Modification #37. Buffamonte/Svilokos. Approved.
   d. PIN 5308.34 US 62 @ NY 429 Intersection Improvements & PIN 5308.37 US 62 @ Witmer Rd Safety Improvements – Project Merger (NYSDOT) – This NYSDOT request is to merge these two projects under one PIN 5308.37 with the new title – US 62 @ NY 429 & US 62 @ Witmer Rd Safety Improvements, Town of Wheatfield, Niagara County. These two projects are being merged due to their proximity on US 62. The let date of the merged project will be 6/2022. No overall cost change. Fiscal constraint is maintained. Motion to approve this fund transfer as Administrative Modification #38. Buffamonte/Svilokos. Approved.

3. Old Business - None

4. New Business
   a. Possible Revenue Implications of COVID-19 – H. Morse noted that recent congressional proposals may result in increased federal funding. There is also the possibility that funding may be reduced. Members were advised to review their projects using the provided Excel Workbook to identify projects that can be advanced and/or delayed.
   b. Local Project Meetings – R. Guarino stated that due to COVID-19, the spring Local Projects Meetings could not take place. Local members are asked to use the distributed Excel Workbook to note project status and return to GBNRTC. These notes will be shared with the Local Project liaisons and entered into the GBNRTC project database.
   c. State Funding – J. Buffamonte stated that NYSDOT has not been made aware of any pending/indicated reductions in CHIPS funding. They have also not been told to slow or stop any projects due to COVID-19. Locals were told to contact NYSDOT if they have any project that can be advanced.
   d. Federal Recertification – H. Morse noted that the GBNRTC will be going through the federal recertification process June 6-8, 2020. The meetings will take place via remote connection. This process takes place every four years.

5. Adjourn
   a. The next TPS meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday June 17, 2020 – location TBA. Motion to adjourn: Svilokos/Buffamonte. Approved.
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, July 15, 2020
9:00 A.M. Zoom Meeting


Stakeholders: M. Leydecker.

1. Approval of May 20, 2020 TPS Meeting Summary – Motion for approval: Allen/Amplement. Approved.

2. 2020-2024 TIP Discussion
   a. PIN 5763.46 Busti Avenue Traffic Calming & Bicycle Improvements – NYSDOT request to delay the let date from April 2012 (FFY21) to December 2021 (FFY22). Change in let FFY (construction phase) requires TPS approval. Fiscal constraint is maintained as there is no change in project costs. Motion to approve as Administrative Modification #44. Buffamonte/Skipper. Approved.
   b. PIN 5762.38 Intersection Safety Improvements – Buffalo request to remove ROW funding/phase from project. $10K of ROW-I funds will be transferred into Construction phase. $90K of ROW-A funds will be transferred into Construction phase. ROW Incidentsal and ROW Acquisition phases will be deleted. Removal of phase requires TPS action. Overall projects costs remain unchanged maintaining fiscal constraint. Let is unchanged at 1/1/21. Motion to approve as Administrative Modification #45. Skipper/Buffamonte. Approved.
   c. PIN 5308.39 US 62 (Walnut Av & Ferry Av) Lane Reconfiguration – This is a NYSDOT request for a new project. This project will make safety improvements to decrease identified collisions and improve safety and operation using cost effective collision reduction measures. Investigate re-striping the corridor to include one travel lane in one direction on both Walnut Av and Ferry Av. Rehabilitate the corridor with a Microsurfacement treatment. ADA Ramps are required to be upgraded to current standards. Total project cost is $3.06M (unmatched federal funds). Fiscal constraint will be maintained by transferring $3.06M (unmatched federal funds) from the following existing funding blocks: PIN 5813.67 ADA Compliance Project ($0.822M), PIN 5B15.55 PMI-PAVT LET & VPP Program Block ($1.922M), PIN 5B20.06 HSIP/NHPP State Safety Program Block ($0.312M). The project is scheduled to be let 6/22. Motion to initiate a 20-day public review. Allen/Skipper. Approved.
   d. PIN 5761.68 Buffalo Av from Rainbow Blvd to 450ft West of 24th St – City of Niagara Falls requests to delay the let date from July 1, 2020 (FFY20) to February 1, 2021 (FFY21). The letting is being delayed due to various reasons related to COVID-19, including limited workforce and financial issues. Change in let FFY (construction phase) requires TPS approval. Fiscal constraint is maintained as there is no change in project costs. Motion to approve as Administrative Modification #47. Buffamonte/Allen. Approved.
   e. PIN 5758.24 South Park Loop Bridge Replacement at South Park Bridge, PIN 5762.58 Curb/Joint Repairs, & PIN 5762.59 Michigan Av Lift Bridge Substructure – City of Buffalo is requesting to delay the let of three projects: PIN 5758.24 South Park Loop Bridge Replacement at South Park Bridge. Let will be delayed from 12/20 (FFY21) to 12/21 (FFY22) due to having to hire a new consultant to restart the design process; PIN 5762.58 Curb/Join Repairs. Let will be delayed from 6/20 (FFY20) to 12/20 (FFY21) due to delay in design; and PIN 5762.59 Michigan Avenue Lift Bridge Substructure. Let will be delayed from 6/20 (FFY20) to 12/20 (FFY21) due to delay in design. Change in let FFY (construction phase) requires TPS approval. Fiscal constraint is maintained as costs remain unchanged. Motion to approve as Administrative Modification #48. Buffamonte/Skipper. Approved.

3. Old Business – None

4. New Business
   a. Granting of Design Approval (and PS&E) for Local Highways – J. Buffamonte discussed the information on the handout concerning changes to the design approval process. The Region 5 RD will review projects that are submitted. FHWA will also review certain projects. Local projects that cross over a NYSDOT-owned road will now have to be reviewed/approved by NYSDOT. Projects that end at a NYSDOT-owned road will not have to be reviewed/approved by NYSDOT.

5. Adjourn: The next TPS meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday August 19, 2020 – Format TBD. Motion to adjourn: Svilokos/Allen. Approved.