

**GENESEE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Ebenezer Watts House  
47 Fitzhugh Street South, Rochester  
and via PublicInput.com**

**June 16, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Leathersich, Monroe County – At-Large (Chairperson)  
Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning Board  
Devin Blue, Wyoming County  
Angela Ellis, Livingston County  
Tom Frys, Monroe County Executive  
John Papponetti, Orleans County  
Richard Perrin, City of Rochester – Mayor  
Chris Reeve, NYS Department of Transportation  
Kevin Rooney, Wayne County  
Richard Sutherland, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Eric Farr, Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, representing Bill Carpenter

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND UNREPRESENTED

Uzoma Anukwe, Federal Transit Administration  
Dominic Fekete, City of Rochester – At-Large  
Stephen Golding, Empire State Development Corporation  
Maria Hayford, Federal Highway Administration  
Tim Hens, Genesee County  
George Hebert, Monroe County Legislature  
Kevin Kelley, City of Rochester – Planning Commission  
David Lindsay, Monroe County – At-Large  
Evelyn Martinez, Federal Aviation Administration  
Douglas Rapalee, Yates County  
C. Mitchell Rowe, Seneca County  
James Smith, Rochester City Council  
William Wright, Ontario County  
Vacant, Monroe County Supervisors' Association  
Vacant, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Vacant, NYS Thruway Authority

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jody Binnix, GTC staff	Samantha Pierce, Village of Perry
James Bragg, Wyoming County	Terry Rice, Barton & Loguidice
Rick Hauser, Village of Perry	Chris Sichak, Erdman Anthony
Mike Croce, Bergmann	James Stack, GTC staff
Larry Kilburn, Village of Arcade	Chris Tortora, GTC staff
Seth Kaeuper, C&S Engineers	Kelsey Wessel, C&S Engineers
Alex Kone, GTC staff	Robert Williams, GTC staff
Lori Maher, GTC staff	Jason Wolfanger, Livingston County

## **1. Call to Order & Introductions**

Scott Leathersich, Planning Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Alex Kone conducted a roll call of Committee members and alternates. The names of other attendees were captured from meeting login information.

## **2. Public Forum**

Nobody from the public spoke during the Public Forum.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

**Tom Fry moved to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022 Planning Committee meeting; Rochelle Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

## **4. Announcements and Old Business**

James Stack announced the following updated designations to the Planning Committee:

- Douglas Rapalee, Yates County has been designated as a member of the Planning Committee; and
- Richard Sutherland has been appointed as the permanent Executive Director the Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council.

## **5. Action Items**

### **a) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

1. Action concerning consideration of **UPWP Project Scopes of Work**  
Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 5.a.1.a and 5.a.1.b into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.
  - a. Task 6550 – Arcade Multi-Use Trail Study  
Larry Kilburn, Superintendent of Public Works, Village of Arcade presented the Scope of Work for this project. He reported that, as a desire for walking and biking as an activity is increasing, the Village requires a way to connect to many nearby trail systems per a previous strategic initiative. The village has obtained easements for a local trail and the Village notes GTC's Regional Trails Initiative and its citation of a rail with trail project from Arcade to Java. The study will provide the direction the Village needs to coordinate efforts and develop a cohesive plan for improving and expanding bicycle and pedestrian facilities in and around the village.
  - a. Task 8752 – Village of Warsaw Active Transportation  
James Bragg, Wyoming County Planning, presented the Scope of Work for this project. He reported that the objective of this study is to create a forward-thinking and achievable plan that reflects the community's need to increase pedestrian and bicyclist mobility through a safe, comfortable,

interconnected multi-modal network for people of all ages and abilities. The Village wants to emphasize connecting pedestrians to preferred destinations while protecting them from roadways featuring high volume and speed. The design challenges for the project are enabling accessible crossings of Routes 19 and 20A. The benefits of the plan would be to increase healthy and active lifestyles, improve safety for all modes of travel, and mitigate the likelihood and severity of traffic conflicts.

**Tom Frys moved to approve the UPWP Scopes of Work for Tasks 6550 and 8752; Chris Reeve seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **accepting reports as evidence of UPWP Tasks**

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 5.a.2.a and 5.a.2.b into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

a. **Genesee-Finger Lakes Scenario Tool** (UPWP Task (5205) / Proposed Council Resolution 22-19 (GTC))

Alex Kone, GTC staff, reported that the objective to this project was to deploy a scenario planning tool that would both help GTC activities as well as other planning initiatives throughout the region. There was a synergy with having an overall regional framework that would analyze the interrelated impacts of land use and transportation. He noted this project was progressed in two phases. The first phase was exploratory, focusing on the selection of a preferred tool, something that balanced both capabilities and accessibility for a wide range of users.

The second phase centered on the deployment of the tool. The first task was to develop an overall palette of regional place types that mirrored the towns, villages, and cities across nine counties. The second task involved the calibration analysis modules by including regional baselines and model assumptions. The place types were then used to build two 2050 growth scenarios, a trend scenario and an alternative growth scenario.

He provided excerpts of two pilot studies that were conducted as part of the project. The first was for Genesee County as part of their comprehensive plan update. They assessed the impacts of maintaining the existing Smart Growth Zones through 2050. The fiscal impacts model highlighted that four-times more tax revenue would be generated on a per acre basis than allowing sprawl growth patterns and would reduce the amount of needed infrastructure investment. The second study focused on the West Main Street corridor and Bulls Head redevelopment in the City of Rochester. It utilized the Public Health Assessment Model to calculate the impacts of built environment changes on chronic diseases. The study area lacks the extent of street trees and greenspace relative to the average of City and Monroe County, respectively. Increasing those two dimensions is expected to result in

significant reductions in projected chronic diseases such as obesity, coronary heart disease, blood pressure, and type two diabetes.

Alex encouraged partner agencies and jurisdictions to reach out with any questions and to discuss potential applications in planning studies.

b. **Village of Perry Transportation Safety and Access Study** (UPWP Task 6817) / Proposed Council Resolution 22-20 (Village of Perry)

Mayor Rick Hauser presented the Executive Summary of the report. He first highlighted two previous UPWP studies that have directly led to implementation funding for Main Street and the Silver Lake Trail. Center Street is the next corridor for multi-modal improvements and reinvestment. He noted that Center Street, for the purposes of the study, was divided into three context zones, the southern and middle sections being primarily residential and the northern end being commercial.

Mayor Hauser highlighted issues with the northern commercial section including poor access management, lack of sidewalks and a need for improved drainage. The proposed improvements would add curbing, defined shoulders, sidewalks, plantings, and lighting. This would provide access management and include drainage improvements. An additional gateway feature would add a welcoming entrance to the Village. Together, these elements would tie together a growing employment base, medical services, the school campus, and retail services.

The middle and southern sections include sidewalk rehabilitation and removal of complicated gaps that would ensure ADA continuity through the entire corridor. Two separate retaining walls and a former train trestle that has potentially historical elements. These projects would require additional engineering to determine preferred alternatives.

Scott Leathersich asked if cost estimates for each of the three sets of recommendations were produced for the study. Kelsey Wessel, C&S Engineering, responded that itemized cost estimates were produced for each with construction costs inflated to 2024.

James Stack noted that UPWP studies can be used to support positioning for non-transportation funding opportunities like the Downtown Revitalization Initiative or various economic development programs.

**Rich Perrin moved to recommend approval of Resolutions 22-19 through 22-20; Kevin Rooney seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

3. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning **amending the FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program to reflect the contribution of actual FY 2021-2022 rollover** / Proposed Council Resolution 22-21

James Stack reported that the adopted FY 2022-2023 UPWP includes estimated rollover amounts for several projects that were not expected to be completed by March 31, 2022. These estimated rollover amounts were based on actual expenses through the second quarter. Now that the accounting for FY 2021-2022 has been closed out, the budgets for these projects can be adjusted to reflect actual rollover amounts.

Individual projects for which adjustments between estimated and actual rollover amounts are required were presented in Exhibit 1 of the Resolution. Column B shows the expenditures and Column C shows the new project balance. He added that several projects have been completed. Column B shows a few tasks with increases. He noted that the increase to RGRTA is a function of additional FTA revenue made available after the Federal budget was adopted and subsequent appropriations were made. The increase to GTC is a function of budget savings that frees up funding for other projects.

James noted the Healthcare Contingency that was added to the GTC staff budget in the previous fiscal year. The purpose of this contingency is to provide budget relief should a covered person experience extraordinary medical expenses, such as the need for ICU care, that creates a significant but unexpected cost to GTC. This contingency was not needed in the recently completed fiscal year; therefore, \$100,000 was being returned to the budget.

GTC staff proposed, and the UPWP Development Committee concurred, that a new Pedestrian Facilities Inventory subtask within the Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Task be created. James stated that staff anticipates this would be an on-going effort funded at \$25,000 per year. The first year would involve developing data collection approaches and the acquisition of any necessary field equipment. Staff plans to start our effort in partnership with the City of Rochester, which will allow us to refine a process before moving on to other communities.

**Tom Frys moved to recommend approval of Resolution 22-21; Rochelle Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

#### **b) Transportation Improvement Program**

1. Action concerning modifying the *FFYs 2020-2024 TIP*

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 5.b.1.a and 5.b.1.b into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

He noted that modifications included in Planning Committee Resolutions 22-10 through 22-10 were reviewed by the TIP Development Committee.

- a. Deferring a phase of the Genesee St Reconstruction project / Planning Committee Resolution 22-10 (City of Rochester)

- b. Increasing the Federal Share of the I-490 over Genesee River Bridge Rehabilitation project / Planning Committee Resolution 22-11 (NYSDOT)

**Chris Reeve moved to approve Planning Committee Resolutions 22-10 and 22-11; Rochelle Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

- 2. Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning amending the *FFYs 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program*

Scott Leathersich suggested grouping Items 5.b.2.a through 5.b.2.q into a single action. No Member or Alternate objected.

- a. Increasing the Total Cost of the CR 4 at CR 20 Intersection Improvements project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-22 (Ontario County)
- b. Increasing the Federal Share of the City of Batavia Highway Preventive Maintenance project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-23 (City of Batavia)
- c. Increasing the Total Cost of the I-590 Bridges over Rt. 31 and Allens Creek Rd project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-24 (NYSDOT)
- d. Increasing the Total Cost of the Rt 31, from Monroe CL to Hamlet of Macedon project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-25 (NYSDOT)
- e. Increasing the Total Cost of the I-390 over Erie Canal Barrier and Fascia Replacement project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-26 (NYSDOT)
- f. Deferring phases of the Rt 15A (E Henrietta Rd), from I-90 (Thruway) to I-390 project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-27 (NYSDOT)
- g. Deferring phases of the Rt 204 (Brooks Ave), Rt 33A to Rochester City Line project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-28 (NYSDOT)
- h. Deferring phases of the I-490 Preventive Maintenance (Garnsey Rd to I-90) project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-29 (NYSDOT)
- i. Increasing the Total Cost of the Preventive Maintenance – RTS & RTS Access for FFY 2022 project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-30 (RGRTA)
- j. Increasing the Total Cost of the Associated Transit Improvements (FFY 2022) project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-31 (RGRTA)
- k. Decreasing the number of vehicles in the Replace 40-ft Buses (FY 21) and Replace 40-ft Buses (FY 21/22) projects / Proposed Council Resolution 22-32 (RGRTA)
- l. Increasing the Total Cost of the increasing the Total Cost of the Replace 60-ft Buses (FY 22/23) project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-33 (RGRTA)
- m. Increasing the Total Cost of the increasing the Total Cost of the RTS Access Paratransit Facility project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-34 (RGRTA)
- n. Increasing the Total Cost of the increasing the Total Cost of the Replace Paratransit Buses (FY 22/23) project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-35 (RGRTA)

- o. Adding the On-Demand Vehicles project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-36 (RGRTA)
- p. Adding the Garage D Design & Environmental Review project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-37 (RGRTA)
- q. Adding the Connection Hubs – Phase II project / Proposed Council Resolution 22-38 (RGRTA)

**Rochelle Bell moved to recommend approval of Resolutions 22-22 through 22-38; Tom Frys seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.**

**c) Long Range Transportation Plan**

(No Action Items)

**d) Related Activities**

**6. Reports**

**a) Status of UPWP Projects**

*GTC* - Jim Stack reported:

- GTC Strategic Planning: NYSDOT Main Office has distributed new TIP funding Planning Targets based on IIJA/BIL apportionments for programming the next TIP. Staff is staying informed of the forthcoming rulemaking related to new and existing programs.
- Long Range Transportation Plan Update/Implementation: No activity to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Scenario Tool: Project was presented for closeout under Item 5.a.2.
- Staff Technical Assistance: The Village of Sodus Point has agreed to a scope of work for parking study. An initial meeting with a walking tour was held June 15. A site inventory is underway.
- Household Travel Data Collection: No activity to report.
- Complete Streets Program: Staff is waiting on guidance from FHWA before advancing this task.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Resiliency Plan: Staff is waiting on guidance from FHWA before advancing this task.
- Travel Time Data Collection Program: No activity to report.
- Rt. 96 over Rt. 14 Strategic Divestment Analysis: No activity to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Performance Measurement Monitoring & Evaluation System: The database and dashboard have been delivered for initial review and testing. A review session is scheduled for June 28.

- Cross Asset Highway and Bridge Evaluation and Prioritization Tool: No activity to report.
- Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Freight Plan Update: No activity to report.

*G/FLRPC* – Richard Sutherland reported:

- Regional Land Use Monitoring (2021): Staff are still waiting on responses from a number of municipalities before finalizing the year's report.
- Implementing Complete Streets in the G-FL Region; A Guidebook: Staff are still working with the Village of Perry and will conduct a second round of outreach. The final report is near completion.
- The Last Mile (or less): Site Plan Review for Multimodal Transportation: G/FL and GTC staff are discussing a revised scope of work.
- Regional Fleet Electrification Study: The project was presented and recommended for approval at the May meeting.

*Livingston County* – Angela Ellis reported:

- Lakeville Corridor Strategic Plan: The Scope of Work was approved at the May meeting and the draft RFP is being reviewed by the project stakeholders.

*Monroe County* – Rochelle Bell and Tom Frys reported:

- Land Use Monitoring: Two Villages still have yet to submit their permit data. Staff expect to submit the annual summary in July for the August Planning Committee meeting.
- Monroe County High Accident Location Program: 19 of 36 locations are complete for the 2021 list. Five locations are currently being analyzed.
- Monroe County Comprehensive Active Transportation Plan: The first public meeting will be held on June 29 at the Olmsted Lodge at Highland Park.

*NYSDOT* – Chris Reeve reported:

- Regional Traffic Operations Center (RTOC) Strategic Plan: The consultant team is collecting data for the needs assessment and the next Steering Committee will be held in July.
- City of Rochester Downtown Sign Assessment: The Scope of Work was approved at the May meeting and a draft RFP is being reviewed by the project stakeholders.
- Ramp Reconfiguration Study: The project was presented and recommended for approval at the May meeting.

*Ontario County* – Jody Binnix report:

- Ontario County Freight Rail Corridor Development Plan - Area 2: Ontario County continues to develop the Scope of Work for Planning Committee consideration.

*City of Rochester* – Rich Perrin reported:

- City of Rochester Active Transportation Master Plan: The first Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting was held on May 25. The website, ROCATP.com, has launched and the first of ten initial outreach events in June and July have been held.

*RGRTA* – Eric Farr reported:

- RTS System Performance Monitoring and Refinement: Staff are continually analyzing fixed route performance and timing for RTS Connect service.
- Rural Village and City Local Route Study: A kickoff meeting was held with the project team in May.
- Rural On Demand Transit Study: Staff are finalizing the RFP for release.
- On Route Charging Feasibility Study: Staff reviewing ridership data for finalized priority locations for improvements.

*Wyoming County* – Devin Blue reported:

- Wyoming County High Accident Locations Program: The Scope of Work will be presented at a later date. The project is awaiting the full release of NYSDOT's CLEAR system.

*Other Agencies – GTC staff reported:*

- Arcade Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study: The Scope of Work was presented under Item 5.a.1.
- Canal Ponds Business Park Connectivity Study: The Scope of Work was approved at the May meeting and a draft RFP is being developed with the Town.
- Village of Perry Transportation Safety and Access Study: Project was presented for closeout under Item 5.a.2.
- Victor Street Connectivity and Access Plan: An alternatives memo was revised based on Steering Committee comments. A final public meeting is scheduled for July 13.
- Beh Industrial Park Traffic Optimization Study: The project was presented and recommended for approval at the May meeting.
- West Webster Hamlet Revitalization Plan: The first Citizen's Committee meeting was held on May 18. The second Steering Committee meeting was held on May 31. The first round of public engagement is being organized.
- Village of Warsaw Active Transportation Plan: The Scope of Work was presented under Item 5.a.1.

## **b) TIP Staff Modifications**

Alex Kone reported that since the last Planning Committee meeting that there were no projects modified.

**c) Federal Legislative and Funding Update**

James Stack reported that with the federal budget finally being adopted in March, USDOT has been able to progress the rollout of new initiatives under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Since the last meeting, USDOT released the Notice of Funding Opportunity, or NOFO, for the Safe Streets and Roads for All program on May 16. Staff is reviewing the NOFO and participating in webinars to better understand the initiative. Staff is looking at potentially applying for a Planning Grant for a multi-County safety assessment. More recently, USDOT released the NOFO for the new Bridge Improvement Program on June 10. Staff is reviewing materials for the BIP and will be posting information under our Funding Opportunities information page soon. Jim added that staff also have started to screen bridge projects that were submitted for the TIP to determine if there are any suitable candidates that respond well to the selection criteria. Staff will work through the TIP Development Committee and bridge owners on potential applications.

He encouraged the committee to sign up for email notifications for when GTC staff post new information to its Funding Opportunities page.

**d) Other GTC matters**

There were no additional GTC matters.

**e) Public Engagement Highlights**

Lori Maher highlighted four new and ongoing public involvement opportunities in the region in the months of June and July. She encouraged member agencies to let her know about public outreach activities so GTC can cross-promote them.

**f) Member Agency and Partner Updates**

There were no member agency and partner updates.

**7. New Business**

There was no new business.

**8. Public Forum**

Lori Maher reported that there were no public comments received from observers online.

**9. Next Meeting**

Scott Leathersich noted that the next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.