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RESCHEDULED PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 24, 2017

10:00 a.m.

*126 North Salina Street, 100 Clinton Square
Lower Level Conference Room*

Mary Robison, Chairperson, Presiding

AGENDA

- 1. Additions and Changes to the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - November 30, 2016
- 3. Communications and Reports**
 - A. 2016-2017 UPWP Status Report
 - B. Update on I-81 Opportunities from the NYSDOT
- 4. Old Business**

None
- 5. New Business**
 - A. TIP Amendments
 - B. Bridge and Pavement Condition Management – Draft Final Report
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Adjourn**

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SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MARCH 24, 2017 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

Mary Robison, Chair
David Bottar
Megan Costa
Mark Frechette
Michael Jauck
Ed Mueller
Pete O'Connor
Nick Paro
Chris Rauber
Ben Sio

Organization

City of Syracuse
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Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency
NYS Department of Transportation
NYS Thruway Authority
CNY Regional Transportation Authority
City of Syracuse DPW
Onondaga County Legislature
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
CenterState CEO

Also Attending

Allison Bodine, SOCPA; Jay Holbrook, NYS Thruway Authority; Diana Miller, NYSDOT; Kathleen O'Leary, NYSDOT

SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Kevan Busa, Mario Colone, Andrew Frasier, Elizabeth Hassett, Kevin Kosakowski, and Patricia Wortley

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Robison called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council. Following introductions, the meeting proceeded.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairperson inquired if there were any changes to the November 30, 2016 minutes. Hearing none, the Chairperson called for a motion.

Mr. Rauber moved and Mr. O'Connor seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

A. UPWP STATUS REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino highlighted the following items: Under Public Participation, the Winter edition of the newsletter was sent out and staff has been taking part in a free training on web site design. For Federal Legislation, FAST Act policies are on hold with the new administration. Under GIS, staff was asked by the NYSDOT to present our Functional Classification process at the Highway Data Workshop. We have completed stormwater GIS mapping for the CNY RPDB. Under Bike/Ped Planning, staff is assisting with Cycle in the City. The Bridge and Pavement report is on today's agenda. Under Bike Safety Outreach, we have created PSA's. Spectrum (formerly TWC) will be helping broadcast the messages. The Executive Committee approved the cost (under \$5,000) at

their last meeting. A Work Link SAC meeting was held and the study is coming along well. SMART 1 stakeholder meetings were held in February. We are anticipating a public meeting in the fall.

Relative to Federal funding, FTA is scheduled to be taking a significant cut in the new draft budget - would eliminate small starts and TIGER funding. Mr. Frechette stated that FAA also had a big hit which would impact the Hancock Airport and Amtrak. Relative to the Centro Surveys, we are doing multiple surveys for Centro. Staff will be riding buses to survey riders. We sent a 10,000 piece mailing to non-riders. We held an Erie Blvd public meeting. The turnout was small, but we had a good meeting. The project will develop short-term recommendations for the corridor. The DeWitt and Camillus projects are coming along well. The Fayetteville study has been on a temporary hold in order to work on other projects. We are working on a Traffic Count project for the City and County. The City process is developed and counts will begin once the weather improves. Staff will be meeting with the County. The Jamesville study will be presented at the next meeting. The Skaneateles project is progressing fine. The TIP is being maintained and several amendments are on today's agenda.

B. UPDATE ON I-81 OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE NYSDOT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that at every meeting we have the NYSDOT provide an update on their I-81 efforts. Mr. Frechette stated at the last Planning Committee meeting, at that point in time the NYSDOT was completing their neighborhood engagement. They were attempting to move forward with the most viable alternative. He cited the alternatives: No Build; Viaduct Replacement; and the Community Grid. They were also trying to discard 3 new tunnel solutions. The tunnel was going to be part of the DEIS process. He reviewed the locations of the suburban neighborhood meetings. They were beneficial to educate the public as to where they were in the process. There was a lot of misconception relating to real estate. The meetings were educational for the DOT. They took the information back. They got a lot of push back on the missing links. The Department agreed to review the links. A lot of discussion about freight movement. They are working on it. A lot of discussion about travel times and pinch points.

Soon after the neighborhood meetings, the CNY-elected officials went to the Governor and asked for the tunnel option to be examined. WSP was hired by the Department to look at the tunnel option. They anticipate the information to come out this summer. The project is being managed out of Main Office DOT, not managed locally. It's a parallel track. They are looking at the viable alternatives. Northside committees were set up. Other leaders in the community became involved. They are trying to take a look at the Northside and understand what people are saying. There is a Southside engagement meeting on April 6. Holding one-on-one meetings. They have already met with Emergency Service Providers. They have talked to Centro and the SMTC about park and rides. They have met regarding parking impacts under the viaduct. They have had very good engagement with the county, city, and DEC on stormwater management. Think they have mechanisms as part of the construction to help with stormwater. The DEIS will not be released until the independent study is completed - anticipating summer time release.

Mr. Bottar inquired if this revised schedule impacts the 690 Teall/Beech project. Mr. Frechette stated that it does not. The consultant has been retained for the design build project. That project will start in the spring time. Mr. D'Agostino inquired when the final design will be identified. Mr. Frechette reviewed the process. The Chairperson inquired what spring meant. Mr. Frechette thought the work would start in April. Mr. Bottar stated that ultimately if the State decides on a tunnel for the I-81 project would that not impact the 690 project. Mr. Frechette stated the tunnel concept would occur west of the Teall/Beech. Anywhere two interstates cross you have to have

connectivity. Discussion occurred about the two projects. Mr. Kerney inquired about the tunnel study being led out of Albany and if the Region is involved at all or it is all going on in Albany. Mr. Frechette stated that it's the latter. He stated that the request that came in was independent. It is a fresh look at depressed highways - no preconceived notions. He stated that community matters. He encouraged those present to provide their thoughts and comments.

Mr. D'Agostino stated he did not realize that the Region's work was so limited in the new project, and inquired if the work the SMTC did was already included. Mr. Frechette stated that the SMTC should send it in. The independent study is a study. If it is determined that one of these alternatives is viable that would have to go through the process that the Region is in right now. Mr. D'Agostino requested that all of the work that the SMTC did with public involvement be turned over to the new study. Mr. Frechette stated that the consultant's job is focused on coming up with a new concept that has the underground options as a solution. Public engagement is a part of that. The DOT does not want them reviewing eight years of previous work. They are just starting.

The Chairperson inquired about a public release for the 690 project. Mr. Frechette stated the contractor is making a presentation at an upcoming TNT meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS
A. TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. D'Agostino stated that following amendments are needed to the 2017-2021 TIP and Statewide TIP:

Deletion of project

PIN 393276 (Grade Crossing Improvement Program, FGLK, Auburn SEC Solvay, Onondaga County). Total cost \$292,000. Sponsor: New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Sponsor requests removal of project as work will be funded with non-federal funds and completed under an Onondaga County project.

Addition of projects

As part of Gov. Cuomo's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan announced in June 2016, the following 2 projects will be added to the TIP and STIP.

PIN 30PS01 (Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, Phase 1, Contract 1). Total cost \$1,876,000. Sponsor: NYSDOT. Project utilizing 100% HSIP funds in FFY 16/17 for improvements to pedestrian facilities at uncontrolled crosswalks and signalized intersections at several locations in the SMTC area. Mr. D'Agostino stated that an additional handout was provided today relative to this.

PIN 30PS02 (Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, Phase 1, Contract 2). Total cost \$1,154,000. Sponsor: NYSDOT. Project utilizing 100% HSIP funds in FFY 18/19.

As part of Gov. Cuomo's Bridge NY program administered by NYSDOT, the State is making funds available to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts statewide. The following bridge projects were selected by NYSDOT in January 2017 and will be added to the TIP and STIP.

PIN 3BNY02 (NYSDOT Bridge NY Rehabilitation and Replacement). Total Cost \$4,141,000.

Tallman St Bridge over Onondaga Creek, Deck Replacement. Total cost \$800,000;

West Onondaga St Bridge over Onondaga Creek, Bridge Rehabilitation. Total cost \$1,841,500;

Rt. 174 Bridge over Nine Mile Creek, Bridge Rehabilitation. Total cost \$1,500,000.

PIN 360342 (VPP Rt. 91, Rt. 20 to N of Coleman Hill Rd). Total cost \$1,100,000. Sponsor: NYSDOT. Offset from outside the SMTC area.

PIN 360373 (VPP Rt. 370, Raina Dr to Liverpool north Village Line). Total cost \$700,000. Sponsor: NYSDOT. Offset from outside the SMTC area.

Mr. Frechette spoke to improved pedestrian crossings. Most of the safety work is striping, signage, and making more safe crossings. They would like the projects in construction by summer time. He believes there is still HSIP funding on the TIP. Mr. D'Agostino stated there was. The State is doing an evaluation of every one of the intersections. A lot of field work this spring. Need to engage the city and county. Mr. Bottar inquired about safety, i.e. the Rt. 5/481 onramp, and how it was permissible to have a crosswalk going across the ramp. He stated you are encouraging walkers and bicyclists to cross a very dangerous area. Mr. Frechette state he believes the purpose of the project is to take a look at the areas. New signage could be added. It's trying to recognize there is a pedestrian crossing. Pedestrians always have the right-of-way. Mr. Kerney inquired why three areas were highlighted in blue. Ms. Miller stated those areas could be eligible for beacons. Ms. Costa inquired if municipalities had input into this list. Mr. D'Agostino stated the list was developed by DOT. Mr. Frechette stated there is talk about doing more. Mr. D'Agostino stated this is a good use of HSIP funds that would otherwise be lost.

Mr. Frechette moved and Mr. O'Connor seconded a motion that the Policy Committee approve the TIP Amendments with the modifications discussed at today's meeting. Motion carried.

B. BRIDGE AND PAVEMENT CONDITION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this is an annual work product for the last seventeen years. Ms. Hassett gave an overview of the report.

Mr. Frechette stated that last year they changed their bridge inspection process. Mr. D'Agostino stated that data is not used in this report. We need to determine how to handle bridge data for the next report. Discussion occurred over the SMTC obtaining the data and the new inspection process.

Mr. Kerney moved and Mr. Rauber seconded a motion that the Policy Committee acknowledge the completion of the Bridge and Pavement Condition Management System report. Motion carried.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**
With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.