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### **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

*June 19, 2019*

*2:00 p.m.*

*Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council  
Lower Level Conference Room  
Syracuse*

Brian M. Schultz, Chairperson, Presiding

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Additions and Changes to the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
  - December 11, 2018
- 3. Communications and Reports**
  - A. 2018-2019 UPWP Status Report
  - B. Update on the I-81 Viaduct Project from the NYSDOT
- 4. Old Business**

None
- 5. New Business**
  - A. 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
  - B. Self Certification
  - C. TIP Amendments
  - D. Armory Square Mobility Plan – Draft Final Report
  - E. Bridge and Pavement Condition Management System – Draft Final Report
  - F. SMTC Website Redesign
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Adjourn**

## **The Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Office of the Mayor • Syracuse Common Council • Syracuse Planning Commission • CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity • New York State Department of Transportation • New York State Department of Environmental Conservation • New York State Department of Economic Development • New York State Thruway Authority • Office of the County Executive • Onondaga County Legislature • Onondaga County Planning Board • Central New York Regional Transportation Authority • Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board • Federal Transit Administration • Federal Highway Administration

# SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the JUNE 19, 2019 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

### Voting Members

Brian Schultz, Chair  
David Bottar  
Timothy Coley  
Corey Driscoll Dunham  
Jerrin George  
Helen Hudson  
Dan Kwasnowski  
David Knapp  
Rob Simpson  
David Smith

### Organization

CNY Regional Transportation Authority  
CNY Regional Planning & Development Board  
Onondaga County  
City of Syracuse  
NYS Thruway Authority  
City of Syracuse Common Council  
Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency  
Onondaga County Legislature  
CenterState CEO  
NYS Department of Transportation

### Also Attending

Mark Frechette  
E.J. Moses  
Jared Shepard

NYS Department of Transportation  
CNY Regional Transportation Authority  
CenterState CEO

### SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Thomas Bardenett, Kevan Busa, Mario Colone, Andrew Frasier, Kevin Kosakowski, Danielle Krol, Aaron McKeon, James Squier, Meghan Vitale, and Patricia Wortley

### BUSINESS MEETING

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Schultz called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m., in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council, Syracuse, NY.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairperson inquired if there were any changes to the December 11, 2018 minutes. Hearing none, the Chairperson called for a motion.

Ms. Hudson moved and Mr. Smith seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

##### A. UPWP STATUS REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino highlighted the following: We launched our new website this month. There is no real progress on a new infrastructure bill. There is still a large pending Fast Act rescission at this time. The new projects for this program year are scoped out and underway. We are hosting the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Conference in Syracuse, July 16-17. He encouraged people to attend the conference, as it is free of charge. Traffic Count data collection is in a lull right now. We are updating our Bicycle Suitability Map and data collection efforts are underway. We are also collecting this year's Bridge and Pavement data. The Bridge and Pavement report is being presented today. We are undertaking a GIS project for the County

collecting speed limits for their roads. The Geddes/Fayette Streets Complete Street project is scheduled for a summer completion. The Long Range Transportation Plan staff is in the middle of the process. We have a September 2020 deadline for adoption. The Cicero Route 11 project is progressing. The Erie Blvd study for the Town of DeWitt will be completed by fall. Mr. D'Agostino stated that Mr. Gordon will be leaving the Town, but the Town wishes to proceed with the project. Mr. Kwasnowski stated that Mr. Gordon has reached out to him to help carry on the project. The new TIP is on the agenda for today.

#### **B. UPDATE ON THE I-81 VIADUCT PROJECT FROM THE NYS DOT**

Mr. Frechette stated that last night (June 18, 2019) they held a pretty successful open house. Over 900 people attended. They got a lot of feedback from the community. Mainly people will get information from the outreach efforts. The actual DEIS document is very large to absorb. They have scheduled 10 neighborhood meetings. They look forward to those engagements. The goal is to get out and help the public understand what they are proposing under the alternatives. He stated that no final decision has been made. The Department is recommending the Grid Alternative. There is a briefing scheduled on June 26 for the Planning and Policy Committees. Anyone who has questions are able to ask at that time. Mr. Frechette noted that it is through the public open process that they are able to make the alternatives better.

Mr. D'Agostino stated that eventually the State would need to come to this Committee to vote on the approval of the funding of the 81 project.

Mr. Knapp inquired about the suburban meetings. Mr. Frechette stated that there is a flyer on the website.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. D'Agostino stated that we are adopting the new multi-year TIP. Mr. Colone gave an overview of the process and the projects. We are maintaining fiscal constraint as required. Additionally, we also must adopt a resolution for our Self Certification. Mr. D'Agostino thanked the members who spent a lot of time getting to this point. The new TIP goes into effect October 1.

Mr. Simpson inquired as to how this relates to previous cycles. Mr. D'Agostino stated that the raw dollars are actually less. Mr. Simpson was inquiring about consistency. Mr. Colone stated that it is pretty consistent.

Mr. Coley moved and Mr. Smith seconded a motion to adopt the 2020-2024 TIP. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. D'Agostino stated that when the I-81 project gets started there would not be money available for other projects in the area/region based on the budget for the project. Mr. Smith stated that there would be many conversations as to how the project is funded.

#### **B. SELF CERTIFICATION**

Mr. D'Agostino stated that in addition to adopting the new multi-year TIP, we also must adopt a resolution for our Self Certification. He gave an overview of the federal certification. Our last

on-site certification was in 2017.

Mr. Simpson moved and Ms. Driscoll Dunham seconded a motion to adopt the Self Certification Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. TIP AMENDMENTS**

Mr. D'Agostino stated that the City of Syracuse and Centro are in need of amendments to the 2017-2021 TIP.

Addition of project:

Bridge NY awards

PIN 375651 (E Brighton Ave over NYSW Superstructure Replacement, BIN 2208610, City of Syracuse, Onon Co). Total cost \$3,605,000. Sponsor City of Syracuse. Project sponsor requests addition of project to program to replace bridge. Project awarded funding via statewide Bridge NY solicitation.

PIN 375657 (W Colvin St over Onondaga Creek Bridge Rehabilitation, BIN 2208360, City of Syracuse, Onon Co). Total cost \$895,000. Sponsor City of Syracuse. Project sponsor requests addition of project to program to rehabilitate bridge. Project awarded funding via statewide Bridge NY solicitation.

TAP/CMAQ awards

PIN 395072 (Lodi St Connector, City of Syracuse, Onon Co). Total cost \$351,000. Sponsor City of Syracuse. Project sponsor requests addition of project to program to install on-road bicycle facilities. Project awarded funding via statewide TAP/CMAQ solicitation.

PIN 395073 (CNYRTA Expanded Transit Service, Onon Co). Total cost \$6,250,000. Sponsor Central New York Regional Transportation Authority. Project sponsor requests addition of expand mid-day, second, and third shift transit service. Project awarded funding via statewide TAP/CMAQ solicitation.

PIN 395074 (Creekwalk Improvements, Bridge and Walk Maintenance, City of Syracuse, Onon Co). Total cost \$1,535,000. Sponsor City of Syracuse. Project sponsor requests addition of project to program to rehabilitate a multi-use trail bridge over Onondaga Creek to address structural deficiencies and reconstruct existing sections of the trail to the north to meet current standards for multi-use trails. Project awarded funding via statewide TAP/CMAQ solicitation.

Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Smith seconded a motion to approve the Resolutions for the above projects. Motion carried.

**D. ARMORY SQUARE MOBILITY PLAN – DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this study was done at the request of the City of Syracuse. Mr. McKeon gave an overview of the project.

Ms. Hudson inquired about the bicycle lanes on Onondaga Street. She stated the lanes are used by wheelchairs, not bicycles. She also stated that when you talk about all of the things you are doing downtown it brings more people into the area, then the people that live there cannot get out of their parking lots. Ms. Driscoll Dunham stated this is a great study, noting the one-way circle around The MOST. Mr. D'Agostino stated that the width around The Most is really not conducive to two lanes of traffic plus parking.

Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Knapp seconded a motion to acknowledge the completion of the report. Motion carried.

**E. BRIDGE AND PAVEMENT CONDITION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

Mr. D’Agostino stated that this is a recurring report. Mr. Frasier gave an overview of the work product.

Mr. Frasier noted that the SMTC staff is now be rating all City streets, not just the Federal Aid Eligible (FAE) roads. Mr. D’Agostino stated the SMTC is buying iPads and GPS units to photograph the roads. Mr. Frechette inquired when the collection work would be done. Mr. D’Agostino stated that it would be done by September. Mr. Frechette stated that the State is mandated to have the collection done by the end of July. For a true comparison, it has to be done in that timeframe. Discussion occurred over the condition of City roads. Mr. Frechette stated that the NYSDOT likes to use GIS to show the priorities. Ms. Driscoll Dunham stated they are all for it. She hopes that the SMTC will help the City prioritize the roads. Mr. Coley inquired if the State will be rating roads every two years and would this become a two-year report. Mr. D’Agostino stated we need to see how the State roles out the data. Mr. Coley inquired if the document shows the FAE percentages of what the County owns. Mr. Coley stated that these ratings are very good for the County, but it is only the FAE system. Mr. Frechette stated that most of their roads are on the FAE. Discussion occurred.

Ms. Driscoll Dunham moved and Ms. Hudson seconded a motion to acknowledge the completion of the report. Motion carried.

**F. SMTC WEBSITE REDESIGN**

Mr. D’Agostino stated that the SMTC contracted with Syracuse Design Group to undertake an upgrade of our website. Mr. D’Agostino gave an overview of the new features on the site.

No action is required of this Committee.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.