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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 4, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council
Lower-Level Conference Room
126 N. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13202**

Megan Costa, Chairperson, Presiding

AGENDA

- 1. Additions and Changes to the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - May 23, 2023
- 3. Communications and Reports**
 - A. UPWP Status Report
- 4. Old Business**
 - I-81 Project Update
- 5. New Business**
 - A. TIP Amendments
 - B. Bridge & Pavement Condition Management System
 - C. Syracuse Sidewalk Planning Study
 - D. Urban Area Boundary Adjustment
 - E. Safety Targets
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Adjourn**

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SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the October 4, 2023 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

Megan Costa, Chair
Tara Spraker
Julie Baldwin
Jonathan Link Logan
Mary Robison, Vice Chair
Odean Dyer
Cody Kelly
Owen Kerney
Sara Sherlock
Aaron McKeon
Neil Burke
Dereth Glance
Ryan Smith

Organization

Onondaga County Department of Planning
CNY Regional Transportation Authority
NYS Department of Transportation
CenterState CEO
City of Syracuse, Administration
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
Onondaga County Legislature
City of Syracuse, Division of Planning
NYS Thruway Authority
CNY Regional Planning & Development Board
City of Syracuse, DPW
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Empire State Development

Also Attending

Heather Snow
Oswego County

SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Mario Colone, Alexander McRoberts, Meghan Vitale, Andrew Frasier, Jason Deshaies, Kevin Kosakowski, and Lori Irvine.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairperson Costa called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the SMTC Lower-Level Conference Room then asked for introductions of each person in attendance.

1. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Costa inquired if there were any changes to the May 23, 2023, minutes.

Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.

Ms. Spraker moved, and Ms. Sherlock seconded the Approval of the Minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

A. **UPWP Status Report**

Mr. D'Agostino highlighted the following from the September 2023 UPWP Status Report:

Two new scopes of work were approved, and the projects have begun. The SMTC has been coordinating with NYSDOT (Region and Main Office) to refine the urbanized area. Staff reviewed and finalized all GIS work completed by the interns. Staff compiled data for the City Sidewalk Study and the update will be presented later in the agenda. The Bike/Ped map distribution is complete for this calendar year and will resume distribution in the spring. An invitation was sent out to committee members for the kick-off SAC meeting for the LRTP update on October 23rd. Mr. D'Agostino encouraged all agencies to attend and indicated the primary agenda item will be to review the MPA boundary and possible modifications. Staff met with the County, City, and CenterState CEO to discuss modeling modifications of sociodemographic information as it relates to Micron and the expansion of housing and employment. The modeling conflation with I-81 should be complete soon. Mr. D'Agostino also mentioned that the SMTC Directions Newsletter was sent out.

The draft final 2022-2023 Bridge & Pavement report is complete and will be presented later in the agenda with a push to complete the final pavement conditions prior to snowfall. SMTC staff drafted a scope of work for a Complete Streets Design/Vision Zero Action Plan for the City of Syracuse. The next SAC meeting for the Dome Traffic Management & Events Strategic Plan is scheduled for the end of October. The consultant is working on finalizing the Operations Plan and the project is on target for completion by the end of the calendar year. An update for the Syracuse Sidewalk Planning Study will be provided later in the agenda. Staff has mapped out focus routes and is in the process of scheduling a walk audit with a couple SAC members, students, and parents from Grant Middle School for the Syracuse Safe Routes to School project.

SMTC Staff has finalized the ETT survey results report for the CNYRTA Public Outreach project. Five community discussion meetings were held in September to review survey results and collect additional feedback from the public. A video was made available on the SMTC website. Staff held a third SAC meeting on September 7th for the Westvale Plaza Revitalization project. Draft concepts were presented, and a second public engagement meeting is planned for November. The Westside Trail project is on target and staff is working on illustrating concepts via InDesign. Staff has been working with the City of Syracuse & Adapt CNY on ideas for temporary street modifications which will be presented soon to the City Common Council.

The next public meeting for the Nedrow Route 11 Corridor Study is scheduled for later this month with a third SAC meeting held on September 25th. The scope of work was approved and the kick-off meeting for Engagement & Outreach – Financing Local Mobility was held with the Onondaga County Planning Department. The Travel Demand Modeling update is basically complete and ready for any needed requests. An RFP went out and two proposals were received for the Rt. 31 Transit Corridor visioning effort. The initial proposal review meeting with several members of the agency staff took place on September 29th with interviews scheduled for October 12th. The contract is in place, a kick-off meeting was held, and the SAC meeting is being scheduled for the Greater Fayetteville Area Bicycle & Pedestrian Connection study. The scope was approved, and the first SAC meeting was held for the Brewerton Trail Network – Cicero project.

The TIP is being maintained as appropriate with all funding being obligated. The TAP & CMAQ announcement letter was recently sent out to local governments and community agencies for solicitation of projects.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.
There were none.

4. OLD BUSINESS

I-81 Project Update

Ms. Baldwin indicated there will not be an update.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.
There were none.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. TIP Amendments

Mr. D'Agostino indicated there were eight TIP amendments proposed for modification to the 2023-2027 TIP and statewide TIP:

Change in cost

o PIN 382911 (PROCURE, (64) 40FT CNG FUELED CENTRO BUSES, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (Centro). Centro is proposing to increase the federal Section 5307 funds programmed to the project by approximately \$11,050,000 and decrease the State Dedicated Funds by approximately \$5,998,000 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 23/24. Compensating offset provided by the authority's Section 5307 carryover balance.

Addition of project

o PIN 382981 (PURCHASE/INSTALLATION, GREYHAWK MOBILE HARDWARE & CELRADO VOICE OVER IP). □ Sponsor Centro. Centro is proposing to add the project in FFY 23/24 with \$1,620,000 State Dedicated Funds to improve overall communication with vehicle operators.

o PIN 304369 (SAFEY IMPROVEMENTS, RT 481, CICERO & VIL OF N SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). NYSDOT is proposing to add the project in FFY 23/24 with a total of \$9,320,000 (\$6,728,000 Federal) to widen the Rt 481 northbound off ramp at Circle Drive to accommodate an additional turn lane and, install concrete barrier on northbound Rt 481 between South Bay Rd and Route 11. Compensating offsets provided by outside Metropolitan Planning Area funds.

o PIN 328722 (RECON, RT 370, VILLAGE LINE TO CYPRESS, VIL OF LIVERPOOL, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor NYSDOT. NYSDOT is proposing to add the \$13,500,000 project (\$5,300,000 Federal) to restore pavement to good condition while also addressing ADA deficient curb ramps. Compensating offsets provided by outside Metropolitan Planning Area funds.

o Bridge NY awards. Four projects were selected for funding through the latest Bridge NY solicitation. □ PIN 375576 (TUTTLE RD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, TN OF CICERO, ONONDAGA CO). • Sponsor Onondaga County: \$1,210,000 Total (\$1,149,000 Federal).

Project is currently programmed on the TIP/STIP with local funds only.

□ PIN 375721 (CO RT 272 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER DEAD CREEK, TN OF VAN BUREN, ONONDAGA CO). • Sponsor Onondaga County: \$1,437,000 Total (\$1,365,000 Federal).

□ PIN 375719 (RT 175 BRIDGE REHAB OVER ONONDAGA CREEK, SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA CO). • Sponsor City of Syracuse: \$1,578,000 Total (\$1,499,000 Federal).

□ PIN 375727 (CLARK HOLLOW RD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER CASCADE CREEK, TN OF LAFAYETTE, ONONDAGA CO). • Sponsor Town of LaFayette: \$1,810,000 Total (\$1,719,000 Federal).

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred.

Chairperson Costa called for a motion for the Planning Committee to recommend the Policy Committee approve the TIP amendments.

Ms. Robison moved, and Mr. Dyer seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Bridge & Pavement Condition Management System

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the goal of this reoccurring work item is to report, map, and analyze roadway bridge and federal-aid eligible pavement conditions in our Metropolitan Planning Area.

Mr. Frasier, Senior Transportation Analyst at the SMTC provided a brief presentation.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred, including Ms. Glance offering several suggestions including habitat as it relates to transportation in future reports.

Chairperson Costa called for a motion for the Planning Committee to recommend the Policy Committee acknowledge the completion of the BPCMS report.

Mr. Kerney moved, and Ms. Baldwin seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Syracuse Sidewalk Planning Study

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the goal of this project was a comprehensive inventory of all sidewalks in the City of Syracuse. This included:

- Existence
- Condition factors
- Ratings Score
- Accessibility

And other factors on a parcel level for all parcels in the City.

This update detailed the multi-year effort to date as well as the remaining effort to

complete the project and the next steps after completion for data maintenance and asset management by the City.

Mr. Frasier, Senior Transportation Analyst at the SMTC provided a brief presentation.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred.

Chairperson Costa indicated that this is an informational only item.

D. Urban Area Boundary Adjustment

Mr. D'Agostino explained that occurring after each decennial Census, the Census Bureau releases a list of qualifying urban areas and related boundary files. Once the Census defined urban areas are available, MPOs and the State Department of Transportation have the opportunity to review the boundary and make adjustments for transportation planning purposes.

SMTC staff, in close collaboration with NYSDOT Main Office and Region personnel developed an adjusted Urban Area following suggested federal and state guidance. Boundary adjustments.

Mr. Jason Deshaies, Senior Transportation Analyst at the SMTC provided a brief presentation.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred.

Chairperson Costa called for a motion for the Planning Committee and Policy Committee to concur with the boundary adjustment process & outcome.

Mr. McKeon moved, and Mr. Link Logan seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Annual Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that as required by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the SMTC has the option to either adopt the performance measure targets established by the State or develop our own. The State recently adopted annual safety targets in August 2023.

Safety specific performance measures include:

- Number of fatalities,
- Rates of fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
- Number of serious injuries,
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 Million VMT, and
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.

Mr. D'Agostino mentioned that Onondaga County would like to add wording to this resolution and the revision will be presented to the Policy Committee on October 19th.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred.

Chairperson Costa called for a motion for the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the Safety Performance Measure Targets.
Mr. Link Logan moved, and Mr. Kerney seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. by Chairperson Costa.