

SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the June 6, 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

Mary Robison, Chair
David Bottar, Vice Chair
David Roth
Marty Voss
Tara Spraker
Megan Costa

Organization

City of Syracuse
CNY Regional Planning & Development Board
NYS Department of Transportation
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
CNY Regional Transportation Authority
Onondaga County Department of Planning

Also Attending

Katrina Bergan
Rich Sawczyk

NYS Department of Transportation
NYS Department of Transportation

SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Mario Colone, and Lori Irvine

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairperson Robison called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. in the SMTC Lower-Level Conference Room.

1. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that there were three additional TIP Amendment from Centro added to the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Robison asked if there were any changes to the May 2, 2024, minutes.

Hearing none, Chairperson Robison called for a motion.

Mr. Voss moved, and Mr. Roth seconded the Approval of the Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the financial statements presented were through April 30th, which was the first month of the budget year. Mr. D'Agostino mentioned that the budget is currently on target but anticipates that this program year will be very tight due to the large program.

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

This was an information item only and no action was required by the Committee.

B. UPWP STATUS REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino highlighted the following from the May 2024 UPWP Status Report:

Planning and Policy meetings were organized and held in May to approve the completion of 6 SMTC Planning Studies and approve TIP amendments. Another Planning and Policy meeting is also scheduled for June. Various public outreach related to the MTP/LRTP occurred at the Regional Market, area high schools and senior centers. Future venues include the Downtown Farmer's Market.

The Westside Trail Study, Dome Traffic Management & Events Strategic Plan, Syracuse Safe Routes to School Procedural Manual, Nedrow Rt. 11 Corridor Study, Westvale Plaza Revitalization, and Financial Local Mobility studies were all acknowledged complete by the SMTC Policy Committee on May 22nd.

A new traffic count consultant is in place. The kick-off meeting has been scheduled. Numerous pedestrian counts have already been completed for the Downtown Committee. Staff continue to learn about Geotab to better understand truck movements in our community. NYSDOT has requested predictions for truck and freight movements for possible future Onondaga Parkway modifications. Staff worked with the City of Syracuse on a response to the City Auditor on pavement conditions. SMTC is waiting for NYSDOT Main Office to release their pavement data. A SAC meeting was held on May 14th where a few initial draft layouts were shared with SAC members for the Transportation Atlas update. Staff will begin future conditions analysis for the next SAC meeting scheduled for July 17th.

Staff continued document updates for the Freight Profile and participated in the latest NYS Freight Plan advisory group meeting. At the State's request, SMTC has been working with the Great Northern Mall redevelopment team on models considering the future Micron development needs. Comments on the draft Existing Conditions memo were provided to the consultant for the Rt. 31 Transit Study. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for June 18th. Staff are attempting to confirm Focus Group meeting interest and participation.

Staff has completed the City's Complete Streets Design Guide and Vision Zero Action Plan. SMTC interns have begun the final year of the Syracuse Sidewalk Study. They are using cellular based iPads this year instead of GPS as it is more efficient and reliable.

Two project sponsors presented their designs at their respective TNT sector meetings as required regarding the Community Streets Program. SMTC staff have developed temporary traffic control plans for the projects and will schedule meetings to go over them in detail with project sponsors. Adapt CNY has coordinated with County Health on the purchase of some program-wide materials.

The Brewerton Trail Network Technical Analysis is marked for completion in the next six months. The Greater Fayetteville Area Bicycle & Pedestrian Connections Study will hold a SAC meeting in early June with a public meeting anticipated for late July/early August. This project is also marked for completion in the next six months. The Congestion Management Process 2024 Update is underway. Staff met with the Downtown Committee representatives for a short scoping meeting for the Downtown Parking Signage and Wayfinding project. This project has turned into a technical analysis. The

final scope of work will be presented to the Planning Committee in June. A scope is underway for the Village of Liverpool Modeling Update and Analysis and is scheduled to go before the Planning Committee in June. The scopes of work are still being written for the North Syracuse Van Mara and Grove Street Traffic Calming and Safety Analysis and the Greater Liverpool Traffic Study. The SMTC Planning Committee approved the SMTC staff assistance scope for Onondaga County Safe Streets for All Action Plan. A draft scope of services for inclusion in the County's RFP was also created and provided to the County Planning Department for their review and comment. Similarly with the Reconnections Communities Grant, SMTC staff met with City staff to discuss Task 1, which is the consultant scope of services for the RFP. SMTC staff have started outlining the potential consultant tasks. SMTC staff has been coordinating with the Onondaga County Department of Planning to find out their vision for the Safe Routes to School – Onondaga County Suburban School Districts support project. SMTC staff is still scoping the West Monroe Route 49 Corridor Study. SMTC staff has scheduled a project kick-off meeting with the consultant, Barton & Loguidice for the Route 57 Complete Streets Planning Study.

A special CPC meeting was held on May 28th to discuss various requests and to make sure all funds for the TIP are being obligated. There are TIP amendments on today's agenda as well as the upcoming Planning and Policy Committee agendas.

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

This was an information item only and no action was required by the Committee.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **TIP Amendments**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that there is two NYSDOT TIP Amendments, and three additional TIP Amendment from Centro for consideration:

Change in cost and/or schedule:

PIN 380553 (REHAB/REPLACE, LARGE CULVERTS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS, ONONDAGA & OSWEGO CO).

Sponsor New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). NYSDOT is proposing to program an additional \$320,000 NHPP federal funds to a Preliminary Design phase in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 23/24. Compensating offset provided by available planning targets.

PIN 350653 (MBC, RT 695 AND RT 5, TNS OF CAMILLUS & GEDDES, ONONDAGA CO).

Sponsor NYSDOT. Per the latest estimate, NYSDOT is proposing to increase the Construction and Inspection phases in FFY 23/24 by \$1,600,000 NHPP and \$447,000 NHPP federal funds, respectively. Compensating offset provided by available planning targets.

PIN 382911 (PROCURE, (64) 40FT CNG FUELED CENTRO BUSES, ONONDAGA CO).

Sponsor Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (Centro). In FFY 23/24, Centro is proposing to decrease the Section 5307 federal funds \$2,106,254 (\$2,635,818 Total), decrease the Section 5339 federal funds \$17,883 (\$22,354 Total) and, increase the separate State Dedicated Funding by \$1,620,000. Compensating offset provided by State Dedicated Funding.

PIN 382947 (CONSTRUCT & IMPLEMENT, BUS RAPID TRANSIT LINES, 2025-2026).

Sponsor Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (Centro). Centro is proposing to delay the construction and implementation from FFY 24/25 to FFY 25/26. Compensating offset provided by Centro's 5307 carryover.

PIN 382959 (PURCHASE 11 REPLACEMENT PARATRANSIT VEHICLES, 2025-2026).

Sponsor Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (Centro). Centro is proposing to increase Section 5307 federal funds in FFY 24/25 by \$352,000. Compensating offset provided by Centro's 5307 carryover.

Discussion occurred.

Chairperson Robison called for a motion.

Mr. Roth moved, and Ms. Costa seconded the Approval of the TIP Amendments.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. D'Agostino reminded Committee Members that there will be a Planning and Policy Committee meeting on June 14th to discuss two essential I-81 related TIP amendments.

With no further business to be addressed, Chairperson Robison adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.