

SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the June 14, 2024 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

Megan Costa, Chair
Chris Tuff
David Roth
Jonathan Link Logan
Joe Driscoll
Odean Dyer
Mark Olson
Owen Kerney
Sara Sherlock
Aaron McKeon
Stephanie Webb

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
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Also Attending

David Smith
Betsy Parmley
Bren Daiss
Tara Spraker

NYS Department of Transportation
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CNY Regional Transportation Authority
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SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Andrew Frasier, Kevin Kosakowski, and Lori Irvine.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairperson Costa called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in the SMTC Lower-Level Conference Room.

1. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Costa inquired if there were any changes to the May 9, 2024, minutes.

Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.

Mr. Olson moved, and Mr. Kerney 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 May 2024 UPWP Status Report:

SMTC Planning and Policy Committee Meetings were held in May. Various public outreach events were held related to the MTP/LRTP at venues such as the Regional Market, high schools, senior centers and the Downtown Farmer's Market. Public notices were issued for the TIP amendments on today's agenda.

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

A new traffic count consultant is in place for a July start and numerous evening pedestrian counts for the Downtown Committee project along with SMTC in-house interns completing daytime pedestrian counts were gathered.

SMTC staff continue to learn about the Geotab Altitude tool. The truck and freight telematics data will be useful for the Freight Profile Update and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The New York State Department of Transportation is also looking for SMTC to provide them with truck and freight analysis.

SMTC is waiting to receive pavement data collected from The New York State Department of Transportation. Staff responded to a request from the City Auditor on pavement conditions which included a media interview.

A SAC meeting for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan was held on May 14th where the introduction and context setting was shared with SAC members, along with a few initial draft layouts. The next SAC meeting will be held in July.

Efforts are underway with Travel Demand Modeling for the proposed Great Northern Mall redevelopment. Staff will deliver a summary to the New York State Department of Transportation and their development team. SMTC staff participated in the City's Complete Streets Design Guide and Vision Zero Action Plan meetings.

The next SAC meeting for the Micron Development Area Transportation System Assessment (Rt. 31 Transit Corridor Assessment) is scheduled for June 18th. Staff are attempting to confirm Focus Group meeting interest and participation.

SMTC interns began work this month on the Syracuse Sidewalk Planning Study and the 2024 inventory is underway. For the Community Streets Program, two sponsors presented their designs at their respective TNT sector meetings. SMTC staff have developed temporary traffic control plans for the projects with the first one on track to be installed at the end of June. SMTC staff will take pictures at the different phases of the project.

The Brewerton Trail Network Technical Analysis and the Greater Fayetteville Area Bicycle & Pedestrian Connections projects are both on target to be completed in the next six months; The Congestion Management Process 2024 Update is on schedule; The Downtown Parking Signage and Wayfinding scope has been written and sent to the

Downtown Committee for their review, with their notes due back in early June; The final scope of work will be presented to the Planning Committee next week along with the draft scope of work for the Village of Liverpool Modeling Update and Analysis; The North Syracuse Van Mara and Grove Street Traffic Calming and Safety Analysis scoping is underway; The draft scope of work for the Greater Liverpool Traffic Study – Technical Analysis is currently being reviewed by the County; The internal scope of work for the Onondaga County Safe Streets for All Action Plan has been approved by the SMTC Planning Committee and the draft scope was given to the County for inclusion in the County’s RFP. SMTC is waiting to hear back from the County on next steps; SMTC staff have been working with the City of Syracuse on their Reconnecting Communities Grant Coordination & Management Assistance. The internal scope has been approved and the draft scope has been given to the City for their review; SMTC staff has been working with the Onondaga County Department of Planning regarding their Safe Routes to School – Onondaga County Suburban School Districts Support project. A scoping meeting was held on May 30th to begin scoping this project; A scoping meeting is planned for late June for the West Monroe Route 49 Corridor Study, and a SAC meeting is planned later this month for the Complete Streets Planning project.

The Capital Projects Committee met in April to discuss project schedules, costs, and amendment needs and a special CPC meeting was held in May. Two New York State Department of Transportation TIP amendments identified at the May CPC meeting will be moved through the appropriate SMTC committees in June.

Mr. D’Agostino asked if there were any questions. There were none.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

I-81 Project Update

Ms. Parmley gave the following update since the May 9th SMTC Planning Committee Meeting:

Contract 3, which is the Inner Harbor, has been awarded for \$218 million dollars. The contractor is now mobilized, and work is underway with the initial work to be seen at Bear Street.

Contract 4 bid results came in with the lowest bid at \$316 million dollars. The contract should be awarded at the end of June.

Contract 5, which is the last contract for Phase 1, is currently in advertisement, and the letting will be on June 27th.

Ms. Parmley indicated that an Open House has been scheduled for June 27th.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred.

This is an informational only item.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **TIP Amendments**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that two TIP amendments (1 new, 1 change in cost) are proposed for modification to the 2023-2027 TIP and statewide TIP.

Addition of project:

o PIN 380797 (I-81 PARDEE RD INTERCHANGE TO US 11, TN OF CICERO, ONONDAGA CO). □ Based on preliminary activity, NYSDOT is proposing to add the new project to the TIP to create a new interchange onto I81 off of Pardee Rd at Sneller Rd and provide a new connection to US Rt 11. Compensating offsets provided by Federal and State Dedicated Funds from outside the Metropolitan Planning Area.

Mr. Smith gave a brief explanation and discussion occurred.

Change in cost:

o PIN 350193 (BRIDGE, NEW & REPLACE, I-690 OVER CROUSE & LODI, ONON CO). □ Sponsor NYSDOT. The NYSDOT is proposing to increase the Construction phase by \$88,702,000 total funds and the Inspection phase by \$15,629,000 total funds in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 23/24. Compensating offsets provided by funds from outside the area.

Ms. Parmley gave a brief explanation and discussion occurred.

Chairperson Costa called for a motion to have the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee approve the TIP Amendments.

Mr. Kerney moved, and Mr. McKeon seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m. by Chairperson Costa.