

SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the June 14, 2024 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

Corey Dunham, Chair
Christopher Tuff
David Smith
David Bottar
Marty Voss
Owen Kerney
Sara Sherlock
Jonathan Link Logan
Stephanie Webb
Hon. Timothy Burtis
Megan Costa

Organization

City of Syracuse, Mayor
CNY Regional Transportation Authority
NYS Department of Transportation
CNY Regional Planning & Development Board
Onondaga County Executive
City of Syracuse – Planning Commission
NYS Thruway Authority
CenterState CEO
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Onondaga County Legislature
Onondaga County Planning Board

Also Attending

David Roth
Betsy Parmley
Kelly Gibson
Bren Daiss
Tara Spraker

NYS Department of Transportation
NYS Department of Transportation
Onondaga Nation
CNY Regional Transportation Authority
CNY Regional Transportation Authority

SMTC Staff

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairperson Dunham called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. in the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council’s Lower-Level Conference Room.

1. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. D’Agostino indicated there were no additions or changes to the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Dunham inquired if there were any changes to the May 22, 2024, minutes.

Hearing none, Chairperson Dunham called for a motion.

Mr. Tuff 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 asked to table the May 2024 UPWP Status Report as most of the Policy Committee members were present and heard them at the Planning Committee meeting that was held just prior to the Policy Committee meeting.

Chairperson Dunham asked the committee. Everyone present was in approval.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

I-81 Project Update

Ms. Parmley gave the following update since the May 22nd SMTC Policy Committee Meeting:

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

Ms. Parmley mentioned that the New York State Department of Transportation will host an open house on Thursday, June 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. at OneGroup and encourages committee members to spread the word.

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

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

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

This is an informational only item.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **TIP Amendments**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated there are two TIP amendments (1 new, 1 change in cost) 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 as to why it is beneficial to have this item on the program now.

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 as to why the increase is necessary.

Discussion occurred.

Chairperson Dunham asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, Chairperson Dunham called for a motion.

Mr. Kerney moved, and Mr. Smith seconded the motion that the Policy Committee approve the TIP Amendments.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Dunham called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Tuff moved, and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

The motion passed unanimously.