

SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the October 3, 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

David Bottar, Vice Chair
David Roth
Marty Voss
Bren Daiss
Troy Waffner
John Kivlehan

Organization

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

Also Attending

Katrina Bergan
E.J. Moses

NYS Department of Transportation
CNY Regional Transportation Authority

SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Mario Colone, and Lori Irvine

BUSINESS MEETING

Vice Chairperson Bottar called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. in the SMTC Lower-Level Conference Room.

1. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Bottar asked if there were any changes to the September 5th, 2024, minutes.

Hearing none, Vice Chairperson Bottar called for a motion.

Mr. Roth moved, and Mr. Voss 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 for the month of August. The SMTC is currently approximately 2% in the black but needs to be closer to 4.5% - 5.5% in the black to compensate for a miscalculation by the NYSDOT Main Office for carryover funding on the FHWA PL which is why there is a UPWP Amendment on the agenda later today. Otherwise, there were standard expenses with nothing remarkable to report.

Vice Chairperson Bottar asked if there were any other 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 UPWP Status Report:

SMTC Planning, Policy and Executive Committee meetings are planned for this month.

The draft Bridge & Pavement Condition Management System report is complete and was presented at the Planning Committee and will be presented at the Policy Committee later this month. The Syracuse Sidewalk Study completed a draft technical memorandum which provides an overview of the sidewalk data collection effort and suggested next steps were presented to the Planning Committee and will also be presented to the Policy Committee. The Community Streets Program was presented to the Planning Committee and will be presented to the Policy Committee later this month. Mr. D'Agostino mentioned that this program was very successful, and the expectation is that the City of Syracuse would like to see the program continue next year as well. Staff prepared a draft technical memo for the Brewerton Trail Network Technical Analysis that was presented to the Planning Committee and will also be presented to the Policy Committee.

Staff presented at the FOCUS Citizens Academy along with City and County Planning, which was educational and informative for all parties involved. Staff continue the processing and analysis of pedestrian movement counts to the Downtown Committee as well as traffic count inquiries on other SMTC studies. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan's public survey closed on September 16th and a SAC meeting was held on October 2nd. The Transportation Atlas is on target for completion.

Update to the draft Freight Profile is underway. The data analysis is also being provided to the Freight section of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Updated documentation is complete for the Travel Demand Modeling and the updates to the regional model will be used to inform the Metropolitan Transportation Plan along with various other projects including Liverpool modeling. SMTC staff participated in the City's Vision Zero Action Plan and the Thriving Communities Program, both which will require substantial SMTC local in-kind services for the City of Syracuse On-Call Planning Support.

The next SAC meeting for the Rt. 31 Micron related transit study is scheduled for October 9th at the Town of Clay office. Draft visualizations are under development by the consultant team. On September 10, staff presented the Greater Fayetteville Area Bicycle & Pedestrian Connection planning study at the Manlius Informed Speaker Series event. This project is wrapping up and should be presented at the next Planning and Policy Committee meetings. The Congestion Management Process 2024 Update is well underway. A kick-off SAC meeting for the Downtown Parking Signage and Wayfinding project was held in August. SMTC staff reviewed federal, state, and local signage regulations and is planning next steps for this project.

A Study Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for the Village of Liverpool Modeling Update and Analysis project is being planned. The draft preliminary model runs are complete and will be discussed at the SAC meeting. Mr. D'Agostino mentioned he would like to have a kick-off coordination meeting with the County Transportation Department to discuss the Synchro model data for the Greater Liverpool Traffic Study – Technical

Analysis.

The City of Syracuse's RFP for the Reconnecting Communities Grant Coordination & Management Assistance was published on September 5th with proposals due on October 16th. SMTC will be included in the selection process. Initial outreach to potential case study schools have been conducted for the Safe Routes to School – Onondaga County Suburban School Districts Support and SMTC staff has conducted initial crash research involving youth and active transportation. The consultant team for the Onondaga County (Route 57) Complete Streets Planning Study is working on the existing conditions component of the project and has provided a website mock-up for staff review. A public meeting is being planned. The SMTC staff is experiencing engagement issues with community representatives regarding the West Monroe (Route 49) Corridor Study.

Due to a change in the available planning funds, there will be a UPWP Amendment later in the agenda. Mr. D'Agostino indicated there are various TIP amendments on the agenda that are looking for committee approval.

Vice Chairperson Bottar asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred.

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 are 6 TIP Amendments for consideration.

Change in cost and/or schedule:

o PIN 375686 (PAVING, MILTON AVE PH 1, DARROW AVE TO COGSWELL AVE, VIL OF SOLVAY, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor Village of Solvay. The village is proposing to increase the Construction phase by \$2,322,000 Flex Federal funds and the Inspection phase by \$600,000 Flex Federal funds in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 24/25. Compensating offsets provided by funds from outside the area. Additionally, the project name changes back to Paving, Milton Ave, Cogswell Ave to Camillus Town Line.

o PIN 380773 (FREEWAY INCIDENT MANGEMENT SYSTEM, PHASES V & VI, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). The NYSDOT is proposing to increase the Construction phase by \$2,500,000 NHFP Federal funds and the Inspection phase by \$500,000 NHFP Federal funds in FFY 26/27. Compensating offsets provided by funds from outside the area.

o PIN 350192 (BUSINESS LOOP 81, NORTHERN SECTION, PH 1, SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor NYSDOT. In FFY 24/25, the NYSDOT is proposing to program \$56,371,000 from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods program and, \$52,411,000 State funds in FFY 23/24 to the previously obligated

Construction phase. Compensating offsets provided by PIN 350197 and State funds from outside the area.

o PIN 350197 (BUSINESS LOOP 81, SOUTHERN SECTION, PH 2, SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor NYSDOT. NYSDOT is proposing to remove the \$150,000,000 Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods program funds from the Construction phase in FFY 25/26 and program \$115,000,000 State funds. Compensating offset provided by State funds from outside the area.

o PIN 350194 (BUSINESS LOOP 81, SOUTHERN SECTION, PH. 1, SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor NYSDOT. In FFY 24/25, the NYSDOT is proposing to program \$71,480,000 from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods program to the Construction phase and reduce a separate State funding by \$35,236,000 that moves into in FFY 24/25. Compensating offsets provided by PIN 350197 and State funds from outside the area.

o PIN 350193 (BRIDGE, NEW & REPLACE, I-690 OVER CROUSE & LODI, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor NYSDOT. In FFY 24/25, the NYSDOT is proposing to program \$22,159,000 from the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods program to the Construction phase and reduce the separate State funding by the same amount that moves into FFY 24/25. Compensating offsets provided by PIN 350197 and State funds from outside the area.

Vice Chairperson Bottar asked if there were any questions.

Discussion occurred.

Vice Chairperson Bottar called for a motion.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

B. UPWP Amendment

Mr. D'Agostino explained that it has been found necessary to adjust the previously adopted 2024-2025 UPWP budget to account for a decrease in FHWA dollars not known when the 2024-2025 UPWP was originally adopted; and the specific modification includes a decrease of \$61,154 to the FHWA budget.

Vice Chairperson Bottar asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Vice Chairperson Bottar called for a motion.

Mr. Voss moved, and Mr. Roth seconded the Approval of the UPWP Amendment.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed, Vice Chairperson Bottar adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.