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### **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 15, 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**
  - December 2, 2022
- 3. Communications and Reports**
  - A. UPWP Status Report
- 4. Old Business**
  - I-81 Project Update
- 5. New Business**
  - A. 2023 -2024 UPWP Adoption & 2022 – 2023 UPWP Year End
  - B. TIP Amendments
  - C. I-81 TIP Amendment Process / Matrix Revisions
  - D. City of Syracuse Pavement Prioritization
  - E. Performance Measure Adoption
  - F. Manlius “Village Center” Pedestrian Safety & Mobility Study
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Adjourn**

## **The Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Office of the Mayor • Syracuse Common Council • Syracuse Planning Commission • CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity • New York State Department of Transportation • New York State Department of Environmental Conservation • New York State Department of Economic Development • New York State Thruway Authority • Office of the County Executive • Onondaga County Legislature • Onondaga County Planning Board • Central New York Regional Transportation Authority • Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board • Federal Transit Administration • Federal Highway Administration

# SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the February 15, 2023 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

### Voting Members

Megan Costa, Chair  
Ed Mueller  
David Roth  
Jonathan Link Logan  
Mary Robison, Vice Chair  
Odean Dyer  
Cody Kelly  
Allison Bodine  
Sara Sherlock  
Aaron McKeon  
Dan Kolinski

### Organization

Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency  
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  
Empire State Development

### Also Attending

Rich Sawczak  
Katrina Bergan

NYS Department of Transportation  
NYS Department of Transportation

### SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Mario Colone, Andrew Frasier, Tom Bardenett, Alexander McRoberts, Meghan Vitale, Michael Alexander, Jason Deshaies, and Lori Irvine.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Chairperson Costa called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. at the SMTC Lower-Level Conference Room.

#### 1. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that item 5C has been removed from the agenda.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Costa inquired if there were any changes to the December 2, 2022, minutes. Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion. Ms. Robison moved, and Mr. Kelly seconded the Approval of the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

A. **UPWP Status Report**

Mr. D'Agostino advised the committee members that he would not be conducting a recap as the UPWP will be discussed later in the agenda.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

**I-81 Project Update**

Mr. Roth indicated that there will be no updates as no one was present from the I-81 team.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **2023-2024 UPWP Adoption & 2022-2023 UPWP Year End**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the SMTC staff has developed the 2023-2024 UPWP. A letter was sent to member agencies on November 15, 2022, acting as a call letter for UPWP Project Proposals.

A draft of the 2023-2024 UPWP was created programming 100% of our allocation plus unspent carryover monies.

Mr. D'Agostino outlined its approach to funding and programming for the 2023-2024 UPWP in light of funding needs and allocation limitations. To fully accomplish the program as envisioned, the NYSDOT is continuing in assisting with additional SPR funding for the City of Syracuse's University Hill Special Events/Dome Traffic Management Plan and the SMTC's Travel Model Conflation Project.

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the draft report is available for review on the SMTC website and provided committee members an overview/year-end summary of the existing 2022-2023 program year as well as further details on the proposed 2023-2024 UPWP.

Mr. D'Agostino recommends that the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the 2023-2024 UPWP.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion. Mr. Dyer moved, and Mr. Kolinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. **TIP Amendments**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that four TIP amendments (2 additions, 2 deletions) are proposed for modification to the 2023-2027 TIP and statewide TIP.

Addition of project

o PIN 382976 (PURCHASE GFI FAST-FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (Centro). Centro is proposing to add a new project to the TIP to purchase and replace their existing/current fleet wide fare collection system. Project is 100% State funded.

o PIN TBD (RTC/MARKET AREA BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS, SYRACUSE, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor City of Syracuse (City). The City is proposing to add a new project to the TIP/STIP to install bicycle and pedestrian

treatments in and around the Regional Transportation Center (RTC)/Regional Market area to improve safety and reduce emissions.

Removal of project

o PIN 375704 (IMPROVEMENT, TEALL AVE, FORDHAM RD TO COURT ST, SYRACUSE & SALINA, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor Onondaga County Department of Transportation (County). The County is proposing to remove the project as all funds were used as offsets for County projects and, the same project under a different PIN was awarded TAP/CMAQ funds in 2022.

o PIN 380717 (REPLACE I-481 GROUND MOUNTED SIGNS, ONONDAGA CO). □ Sponsor New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). NYSDOT is proposing to remove the project as all funds were used as offsets for other projects.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion that the Planning Committee recommend the Policy Committee approve the TIP Amendments.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**C. I-81 TIP Amendment process/Matrix Revisions**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that this item has been tabled.

**D. City of Syracuse Pavement Prioritization**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that in recent years, on behalf of the City of Syracuse, the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council has conducted an analysis of the City's road network to provide insight into prioritizing certain roads for pavement maintenance. This process leads to the development of a Priority Score, which can help guide City staff on pavement decisions.

The Priority Score has traditionally included several infrastructure-related variables, such as pavement rating (collected in 2022), traffic volumes, functional classification, and others. This year, at the request of the City, the SMTC also included demographic information from the Census Bureau to include an equity component in the development of the Priority Score.

Mr. Frasier provided an overview presentation.

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

This was an informational item, and no action was required by the committee.

**E. Performance Measure Adoption**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated 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 SMTC has recommended working with the State. The State recently adopted 1) 2-year and 4-year targets for several performance measures on the National Highway System in December 2022 and, 2) annual safety targets in August 2022.

NHS relevant performance measures include:

- NHS bridges (percent Good, percent Poor),
- Interstate pavement (percent Good, percent Poor),
- Non-interstate NHS pavement (percent Good, percent Poor),
- Percent of Person-Miles traveled that are reliable, and
- Truck Travel Time Reliability.

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 recommends that the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the Performance Measure Targets.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.

Mr. Mueller moved, and Mr. Roth seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Manlius "Village Center" Pedestrian Safety & Mobility Study**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that The Study was completed on behalf of SOCPA. The Village wants to safely mesh through traffic with bicycle and pedestrian activity in its village center, which includes two 'main' streets (Route 173 & Route 92).

SMTC analyzed road design alternatives. A capacity analysis of each alternative informed the final design of a multi-million-dollar pavement project (NYSDOT) for Route 92 and Route 173. The final design included SMTC's recommendations for a road closure (Liberty Lane), an on-street parking lane (Route 173), and various access management improvements.

Routes 92 and 173 lack space to accommodate bicycle facilities. So, staff identified a bicycle network using existing paths and village-owned streets. Staff also developed concept plans: close West Pleasant (at 173) and extend a shared use path to F-M High School; a four-way intersection (Willowbrook Drive / Pleasant Street) with bike and pedestrian amenities that extend from the Village Centre to Route 173; a municipal parking plan; bicycle & parking sign plans; and a roundabout screening.

Mr. Alexander provided the committee with an overview presentation.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions. Discussion occurred.

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

Mr. Kolinski moved, and Ms. Bodine seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. by Chairperson Costa.