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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 24, 2018

11:00 a.m.

*Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council
Lower Level Conference Room
Syracuse*

Mary Robison, Chairperson, Presiding

AGENDA

- 1. Additions and Changes to the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - January 19, 2018
- 3. Communications and Reports**
 - A. 2018-2019 UPWP Status Report
 - B. Update on I-81 Opportunities from the NYSDOT
- 4. Old Business**

None
- 5. New Business**
 - A. TIP Amendments
 - B. TIP Anticipated Effects Narrative
 - C. Performance Management Agreement
 - D. Centro Surveys – Draft Final Reports
 - E. BPCMS - Pavement – Draft Final Report
 - F. Skaneateles Multiuse Corridor Study – Draft Final Report
 - G. Fayetteville Route 5 Transportation & Land Use Analysis – Draft Final Report
 - H. Election of Officers
 - I. Federal Certification
- 6.. Public Comment**
- 7. Adjourn**

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SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MAY 24, 2018 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

Mary Robison, Chair
Neil Burke
Megan Costa
Rob Dressing
Mark Frechette
Casey Jordan
Ed Mueller
Chris Rauber
Ben Sio

Organization

City of Syracuse
City of Syracuse DPW
Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency
NYS Thruway Authority
NYS Department of Transportation
Onondaga County Legislature
CNY Regional Transportation Authority
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
CenterState CEO

Also Attending

John Reichert, NYSDOT

SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Mike Alexander, Kevan Busa, Matthew Byrne, Mario Colone, Jason Deshaies, Andrew Frasier, Kevin Kosakowski, Danielle Krol, Aaron McKeon, Jacob Scott, Mary Storholm, Meghan Vitale, and Patricia Wortley

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Robison called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m., in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council, Syracuse, NY. The Chairperson stated there were two additional TIP Amendments on the table as well as a copy of SMTC's Work Products which Mr. D'Agostino will address.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairperson inquired if there were any changes to the January 19, 2018 minutes. Hearing none, the Chairperson called for a motion.

Mr. Frechette moved and Mr. Mueller seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

A. UPWP STATUS REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino highlighted the following items: For Public Participation, the summer newsletter is being prepared. Under Federal Legislation, the TIGER program has been replaced by a program called BUILD. There are two other federal requirements on today's agenda. Our new program is under way. Several project scopes are written and are underway. The Data Collection RFP was re-advertised. We will present the consultant recommendation to the Executive Committee in June. Staff has been conducting traffic counts. Mr. D'Agostino reviewed the studies on the agenda today. The Church Street project is on hold until we hear from the Village of North Syracuse regarding their land use planning efforts. The Armory Square project scope of work is being

created. The City of Syracuse has some short-term issues on Geddes Street and that analysis will be accelerated. We are printing Centro maps as well as large maps for the Hub. We are updating the financial plan in the LRTP. Staff will be reaching out to member agencies. Relative to the Travel Demand Model, staff are fine tuning the model network. Please feel free to ask for modeling efforts.

Mr. Frechette inquired as to Geddes Street project and if it will include traffic analysis. Mr. D'Agostino stated that traffic counts are being done this coming week for the section between Erie and Fayette. We are looking at signal optimization, as well as a lane drop without impacting the bike lane that was added. Mr. Frechette stated that part of the 81 project includes some of the intersections along the Geddes Street corridor.

B. UPDATE ON I-81 OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE NYSDOT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that at every meeting we have the NYSDOT provide an update on their I-81 efforts. Mr. Frechette stated they have been working on a tunnel solution as a possible alternative. They have discussed tunnel options with the public. He reviewed the work that had been conducted to date. He reviewed the orange alternative. Parsons is taking the tunnel option to the next level, including the operations of the different facilities and a safety component. They are looking at ventilation structures for the tunnels. They just completed soil borings. The scope that has been developed includes a lot of environmental studies. They will be looking at air quality and noise studies. The public involvement will certainly be a part of the tunnel development. The meetings will be scheduled when they get to a point to share information.

Mr. Frechette stated that subsurface utility exploration was completed this spring. That information will be used for all alternatives. They continue to work with the City and others on jobs development. They will continue to work with the community on that effort.

Mr. Jordan inquired as to where the ultimate decision lies. Mr. Frechette stated it is a combination of state and federal decisions. The alternatives offer a lot of benefits over maintaining what we have, but each option has different impacts. He cited the example of the viaduct alternative versus the grid option in regard to the number of buildings lost. Discussion occurred over the alternatives moving forward. Mr. Frechette stated that the state and federal agencies will have final say. Mr. Jordan inquired what happens if there is a difference of opinion on what the final option is. Mr. Frechette stated that the federal government puts up the majority of the funds for the project. You cannot get to that point without an agreement with the state and federal governments. Mr. Frechette discussed funding percentages.

Mr. Jordan inquired as to the community grid option which removes part of 81 and who is responsible for the infrastructure. Mr. Frechette reviewed the process for a high-speed functioning highway which may not be called 81. The state would own that road.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS
A. TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. D'Agostino stated that following amendments are needed to the 2017-2021 TIP and Statewide TIP to remove projects:

PIN 304360 (Rt. 11 & Rt. 20 Intersection Pavement Rehabilitation). Sponsor New York State

Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Project sponsor requests removal of project from SMTC's program as all prior funds were utilized as offset for other PINs.

PIN 328717 (Onondaga Lake Parkway Corridor Pavement Resurfacing, Rt. 370). Sponsor NYSDOT. Project sponsor requests removal of project from SMTC's program as the project will progress under another PIN in order to address safety concerns within the corridor.

PIN 360383 (VPP/Mill Rt. 91, North of Coleman Hill Road to Rt. 173). Total cost \$650,000. Sponsor NYSDOT. Project sponsor requests removal of project from SMTC's program as no federal dollars will be utilized.

PIN 375563 (City of Syracuse SRTS Neighborhood Greenway, Various Streets). Sponsor City of Syracuse. Project sponsor requests removal of project from SMTC's program.

PIN 395064 (Sidewalk Extension project, Village of Baldwinsville). Sponsor Village of Baldwinsville. Project sponsor requests removal of project from SMTC's program.

Mr. Burke moved and Mr. Rauber seconded a motion that the Policy Committee approve the TIP Amendments at their June meeting. Motion carried.

B. TIP ANTICIPATED EFFECTS NARRATIVE

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this is a new federal requirement. He stated that we have always done this. The narrative will be added to our TIP as an Appendix.

Ms. Costa moved and Mr. Frechette seconded a motion that the Policy Committee approve the narrative on June 12. Motion carried.

C. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this is also a new requirement. This is also nothing new to the SMTC. We work and coordinate with the transit agency, state, and MPO.

Mr. Frechette moved and Mr. Mueller seconded a motion that the Policy Committee approve and execute the agreement. Motion carried.

D. CENTRO SURVEYS – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that we completed three reports for Centro: Rider, Non-Rider, and Employer. Ms. Vitale gave an overview of the reports.

Mr. Mueller inquired about the Downtown number. Mr. McKeon stated that Destiny is the number 1 destination and Downtown is the number 2. Mr. Jordan inquired about the desired locations noted. Mr. Mueller stated that Centro will look at the destinations and determine if they need service to the areas. Discussion followed.

Mr. Mueller moved and Ms. Costa seconded a motion that the Policy Committee acknowledge the completion of the reports. Motion carried.

E. BPCMS – PAVEMENT – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that we have separated the Pavement portion of the report from the Bridge section due to a change in rating of bridges. Mr. Frasier gave an overview of the report.

Mr. Jordan inquired if money was not an object, is there a process that we can be utilizing for a better bang for our buck and that will last longer. He cited concrete on the Thruway and inquired as to a better methodology here locally. Mr. Frechette stated that the Thruway's concrete repair was expensive and it is a treatment for heavy truck traffic. The State has chosen to due treatments to buy time. The County and City strategy has been similar. It comes back to the almighty dollar. The reason we get potholes and cracking is because of what is going on underneath it. We need to keep the whole system operating. This year was a tough year for freeze-thaw cycles. Trying to meet the needs of the transportation system by maintaining the system. It will take quite a bit of money to raise the score.

Mr. Jordan inquired as to looking long term -- digging the road up and fixing the drainage problems. Mr. D'Agostino stated that we are investing less money now than we did. No one has the quantity of money in their budgets to do what is necessary. Making less of an investment, not more. Mr. Frechette gave an overview stating that the roads that are getting the traffic are getting the money. Local system roads are in high need of work. Tough decisions are being made because there is not enough money to go around. The Governor has recognized that the local system is in high need of funding and the budget includes funding for Pave New York.

Mr. Rauber stated from the county perspective they are trying to keep their good roads good. The last 20 years the dollars have been flat and the paving costs have doubled.

Mr. Frechette moved and Mr. Rauber seconded a motion that the Policy Committee acknowledge the completion of the report. Motion carried.

F. SKANEATELES MULTIUSE CORRIDOR STUDY CENTRO SURVEYS – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino stated this study was completed at the request of the Town of Skaneateles. Mr. Alexander gave an overview of the study.

Ms. Costa moved and Mr. Frechette seconded a motion that the Policy Committee acknowledge the completion of the report. Motion carried.

G. FAYETTEVILLE ROUTE 5 TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE ANALYSIS – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this study was completed at the request of the Village of Fayetteville. Ms. Vitale gave an overview of the project.

Mr. Frechette inquired as to the Village's reaction to access management. Ms. Vitale stated that their Comprehensive Plan has access management concepts. They have good ideas but the Planning Board has difficulty implementing it as they approve development.

Ms. Costa moved and Mr. Rauber seconded a motion that the Policy Committee acknowledge the completion of the report. Motion carried.

H. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. D'Agostino stated that it is time to elect officers. Ms. Robison has agreed to stay on as Chairperson and Ms. Costa will continue as Vice Chairperson. No nominations were received from the floor.

Mr. Frechette moved and Mr. Rauber seconded a motion to approve the slate of officers. Motion carried.

I. FEDERAL CERTIFICATION

Mr. D'Agostino stated that copies of our Certification, conducted in November 2017, had been provided. There were two corrective actions noted: End of Year Accounting Practices (corrected) and the LRTP was not fiscally constrained. The SMTC disagrees with the second action. Staff will be reaching out to member agencies. We have to have this done by the end of the calendar year. Staff is pulling together new data with the hopes of meeting this summer.

Mr. D'Agostino stated that there are some recommendations. There are also some commendations. FHWA and FTA will be presenting at the June Policy Committee meeting.

No action is required of the committee.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that a work products portfolio has been provided to highlight the work we do. This is a living document. All items noted in the document are available online.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.