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### PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 5, 2022

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**
  - April 19, 2022
3. **Communications and Reports**
  - A. UPWP Status Report
4. **Old Business**

None
5. **New Business**
  - A. TIP Amendments
    - I-81
    - FTA 5310
  - B. New 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - C. City of Syracuse Pavement Prioritization
  - D. EST Local Economic Opportunities Plan
  - E. Joint TMC Co-Location Evaluation – White Paper
  - F. US 11 Mattydale Mobility Study
  - G. Village of Skaneateles Pedestrian Safety & Access
  - H. Syracuse Residential Parking Permits Study
  - I. Scope of work approval – Coldbrook Creek Trail Study
6. **Public Comment\***
7. **Adjourn**

*\*Please note, consistent with all SMTC Planning Committee meetings, the agenda includes time for general public comments after the conclusion of New Business. Comments made at the meeting will be recorded in the meeting minutes. Members of the public wishing to comment during this portion of the agenda will be asked to add their name to a list at the beginning of the meeting and will have 3 minutes to speak.*

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# SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the August 5, 2022 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

### Voting Members

Megan Costa, Chair  
Brian Schultz  
David Roth  
Jonathan Link-Logan  
Mary Robison, Vice Chair  
Marty Voss  
Cody Kelly  
Owen Kerney  
Corey Dunham  
Jerrin George

### 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  
City of Syracuse, DPW  
NYS Thruway Authority

### Also Attending

Katie Bergan  
Rich Sawczak  
Mark Frechette

NYS Department of Transportation  
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### SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Mario Colone, Andrew Frasier, Tom Bardenett, Alexander McRoberts, Joseph DiStefano, Kevin Kosakowski, and Lori Irvine.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Chairperson Costa called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the SMTC Lower-Level Conference Room.

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

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Costa inquired if there were any changes to the April 19, 2022, minutes. Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion. Mr. Voss moved, and Mr. Schultz seconded the Approval of the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

A. **UPWP Status Report**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the UPWP Status Report had been included in the packet sent to committee members for their review. Mr. D'Agostino mentioned that due to the interest of time and length of the agenda, he would not review the report but asked if committee members had any questions to contact him any time after the meeting to discuss.

This was an information item only and no action is required by the Committee.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

**I-81 Project Update**

Mr. Frechette gave a brief update of the I-81 project indicating that the vote today is for the future funding of the final design, construction and construction inspection of Phase 2 which will begin in 2026. Mr. Frechette discussed the three contracts (6, 7 and 8) being voted on today in detail and next steps.

Mr. Schultz asked if the traffic and timeline has been taken into consideration for the newly approved aquarium? Mr. Frechette indicated he has not seen the traffic numbers or access plans yet but indicated that the DOT will facilitate whatever access is needed. Mr. Schultz asked to be kept informed due to the significant amount of service Centro has in the area.

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

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **TIP Amendments**

- I-81
- FTA 5310

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the New York State Department of Transportation is in need of a) 2 TIP amendments totaling \$94 million related to 2 I-81 Viaduct Project community grid projects on the current TIP and b) 1 amendment to program FTA Section 5310 funds to 3 different applicants recommended for receipt of funding.

Change in cost:

- PIN 350190 (I-481 Conversion to I-81, I-81 North of I-690). Project cost is reduced \$94 million as 4 bridges intended to be included in the project are moved to PIN 350191.
- PIN 350191 (I-481 Conversion to I-81, I-81 South of I-690). Project cost increases by \$94 million to account for work on 4 additional bridges.

Mr. Frechette gave a brief discussion regarding these 2 TIP amendments.

Addition of program:

- Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services – operational assistance for several non-profit agencies (\$647,952 total, \$394,378 federal)
- Catholic Charities – purchase 2 accessible vehicles (\$140,637 total, \$112,510 federal)
- Liberty Resource, Inc. – purchase 6 accessible vehicles (\$434,562 total, \$347,650 federal)

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.  
Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.  
Mr. Kerney moved, and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion that the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee approve the TIP amendments.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**B. New 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the 2023-2027 TIP is a multi-year program of transportation capital projects together with a five-year estimate of transit capital and operations requirements. A multi-year TIP is developed generally every 3 to 4 years and is maintained on a continual basis to account for necessary cost and/or schedule adjustments.

Mr. Colone provided the Committee with a brief presentation.

Mr. Frechette asked if FHWA has seen the TIP and Mr. D'Agostino replied that they had.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any more questions.  
Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.  
Mr. Voss moved, and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion that the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the 2023-2027 TIP.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**C. City of Syracuse Pavement Prioritization**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that on behalf of the City of Syracuse, the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council conducted an analysis of the City's road network to provide insight into prioritizing certain roads for pavement maintenance. Using available data, the SMTC developed a Priority Score on each applicable road segment. This score considered several variables, including pavement rating (collected in 2021), traffic volumes, and functional classification, among others.

Mr. Frasier provided the Committee with a brief presentation.

Ms. Dunham mentioned that the City is also working on adding equity as a factor to include demographics and folks with mobility issues.

This is an informational item. No action is required of this committee.

**D. EST Local Economic Opportunities Plan**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that the SMTC agreed to assist SOCPA and the CNY RPDB in the development of the Onondaga County Empire State Trail Local Economic Opportunities Plan. This Plan identifies key corridors across the County where improved bike and pedestrian amenities can connect the new statewide trail users to our downtowns and Main Streets. Improvements such as bike lanes, trail segments, bike racks, and wayfinding signage will help users connect to lodging, restrooms, shops, and restaurants.

Mr. Frasier provided the Committee with a brief presentation.

Chairperson Costa thanked many SMTC staff for their help with completing this project.

This is an informational item. No action is required of this committee.

**E. Joint TMC Co-Location Evaluation – White Paper**

Mr. D’Agostino indicated that as part of the 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program, the SMTC agreed to assist NYSDOT with an examination into the feasibility of establishing a new single, co-located Transportation Management Center (TMC) for NYSDOT and other agencies to potentially manage traffic operations more efficiently throughout the SMTC’s planning area. The planning effort included research, Case Studies of other TMCs in Upstate NY, and development & summary of an agency questionnaire.

Mr. Colone provided the Committee with a brief presentation.

Discussion occurred regarding funding, space (existing or build), parking, staffing, total operating costs, and next steps.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any more questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.

Mr. Schultz moved, and Ms. Robison seconded the motion that the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee acknowledge completion of the Joint TMC Co-Location White Paper Evaluation.

The motion passed unanimously.

**F. US 11 Mattydale Mobility Study**

Mr. D’Agostino indicated that at the request of SOCPA and the Town of Salina, SMTC included this mobility study in the 2020-2021 UPWP.

SOCPA and Salina seek to spur new public and private investment along US 11 in Mattydale consistent with their vision for town center-themed development patterns.

SMTC calculated a full-build out of four areas within the corridor and used its Regional Travel Demand Model to confirm excess capacity for the future (2050) for two road design alternatives. Alternative 1 keeps the road the same. Alternative 2 considers reducing travel lanes and repurposing space for other mobility and development enhancements. SMTC developed a conceptual example for each of the four areas to illustrate what it could look like in the future. Examples illustrates the site at full build conditions under lane reduction scenario. Best access management and site planning practices are shown to help guide future development patterns.

A pre-recorded presentation was given by Mr. Alexander.

Chairperson Costa indicated that the Town of Salina is very interested in this study.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.

Hon. Kelly moved, and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion that the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee acknowledge completion of the US 11 Mattydale Mobility Study.

The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Village of Skaneateles Pedestrian Safety & Access**

Mr. D’Agostino indicated that at the request of the Village of Skaneateles and SOCPA, SMTC included the Skaneateles Pedestrian Safety and Mobility Study in the 2020-2021 UPWP.

The study’s goal was to review existing traffic and facility conditions and identify possible design options that will improve the interaction of pedestrians and vehicles in the village, with an emphasis on getting pedestrians across U.S. 20 safely. The study focused on five locations along U.S. 20 in the village between Kane Avenue (Route 41A) and East Lake Street (Route 41), plus one additional intersection off of U.S. 20 (Jordan St/Fennell St). Since the NYSDOT expects to complete a paving project through the study area within the next five years (approx.), the concept development process focused on items that could be incorporated into the paving project relatively easily. Design concepts evolved based on feedback from Study Advisory Committee members and the public.

A pre-recorded presentation was given by Ms. Vitale.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.

Mr. Kearney moved, and Hon. Kelly seconded the motion that the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee acknowledge completion of the Village of Skaneateles Pedestrian Safety and Mobility Study.

The motion passed unanimously.

**H. Syracuse Residential Parking Permits Study**

Mr. D’Agostino indicated that at The City of Syracuse Residential Parking Permit Study – Phase 1 was completed in the first quarter of the 2022-2023 UPWP planning year on behalf of the City of Syracuse. The study explores the potential for development of a residential parking permit program (RPPP), primarily focused on the overnight hours in six city neighborhoods with limited/constrained on-street parking: Downtown, Park Ave, Tipperary Hill, University Hill, University Neighborhood, and Westcott.

A review of best practices for implementing a parking permit program was conducted, along with an examination of specific legal requirements for creating a RPPP in New York State. Existing parking regulations and a sampling of current occupancy levels were collected. Public outreach through existing neighborhood associations and an online survey helped to clarify concerns from residents within the study area, including the enforcement of existing regulations and the level of interest in a RPPP.

This study does not recommend nor discourage the future development of a RPPP within the City of Syracuse, but instead provides vital information to the city as it considers pursuing a program.

Mr. Bardenett provided the Committee with a brief presentation.

Ms. Dunham mentioned that she agreed with the individual neighborhood concept as each neighborhood has different concerns. Ms. Dunham also mentioned that she appreciated the work on this project by SMTC staff.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.

Mr. Kearney moved, and Mr. Roth seconded the motion that the Planning Committee recommend that the Policy Committee acknowledge completion of the City of Syracuse Residential Parking Permit Study – Phase 1.

The motion passed unanimously.

**I. Scope of Work Approval – Coldbrook Creek Trail Study**

Mr. D’Agostino indicated that at the SMTC Staff is completing the Coldbrook Creek Trail Study on behalf of the City of Syracuse.

The study aims to explore ideas that will:

- Increase pedestrian and bicycle trips to local amenities,
- Reduce vehicle miles traveled / personal vehicle trips,
- Provide more trails to connect the neighborhood to nearby amenities, and
- Expand and connect the existing / planned regional trail network.

Mr. Bardenett provided the Committee with a brief presentation.

Chairperson Costa asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Costa called for a motion.

Ms. Robison moved, and Mr. Kerney seconded the motion that the Planning Committee approve the Scope of Work for the Coldbrook Creek Trail Study.

The motion passed unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. D’Agostino reminded the Committee that there is a Policy Committee meeting on August 12th, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m. by Chairperson Costa.