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**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 20, 2021  
10:00 a.m.**

**Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council  
Virtual ZOOM Meeting**

Brian Schultz, Chairperson, Presiding

**AGENDA**

- 1. Additions and Changes to the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
  - September 23, 2020
- 3. Communications and Reports**
  - A. 2020-2021 UPWP Status Report
  - B. Update on the I-81 Viaduct Project from the NYSDOT
- 4. Old Business**

None
- 5. New Business**
  - A. 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (plus annual recap)
  - B. Safety Performance Measure Targets
  - C. TIP Amendment(s)
- 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 January 20, 2021 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

### Voting Members

Brian Schultz - Chair  
Corey Driscoll-Dunham – Vice Chair  
Joe Driscoll  
Robert Simpson  
David Smith  
Jerrin George  
Odean Dyer  
David Knapp  
Dan Kwasnowski

### Organization

CNY Regional Transportation Authority  
City of Syracuse, Administration  
City of Syracuse Common Council  
CenterState CEO  
NYSDOT  
NYSTA  
Onondaga County DOT  
Onondaga County Legislature  
Onondaga County Planning Board

### Also Attending

Christopher Tuff	CNY Regional Transportation Authority
E.J. Moses	CNY Regional Transportation Authority
Neil Burke	City of Syracuse, Administration
Jared Shepard	CenterState CEO
Mark Frechette	NYSDOT
Jennifer Terry	FTA

### SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Mario Colone, Andrew Frasier, Meghan Vitale, and Lori Irvine

### BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. D'Agostino completed a roll call by Agency and announced that the meeting is being recorded and broadcast live on YouTube.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Chairperson Schultz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

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

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Schultz inquired if there were any changes to the September 23, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, Chairperson Schultz called for a motion.

Mr. Knapp moved and Mr. Driscoll seconded the Approval of Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

##### A. 2020-2021UPWP STATUS REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino explained that the full program summary from this past year as well as the program projected for next year will be addressed later in the agenda.

**B. UPDATE ON THE I-81 VIADUCT PROJECT FROM THE NYSDOT**

Mr. Frechette and Mr. Smith of the NYSDOT provided a brief update to the members on the latest efforts regarding the I-81 Viaduct project.

No action is required as this is presented as an informational item.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2021-2022 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (PLUS ANNUAL RECAP)**

Mr. D’Agostino gave a brief presentation of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which is the annual work items undertaken by the agency in support of the area’s Long Range Transportation Plan. It provides a mechanism for the coordination of planning efforts by local, state and regional agencies in the SMTC area and details the annual use of FHWA and FTA planning funds in the Syracuse Metropolitan Area. Mr. D’Agostino presented a list of completed tasks which includes the LRTP 2020 Update, Syracuse Pavement Prioritization, Geddes & Fayette St. Complete Streets Review, Syracuse Sidewalk Prioritization, RTC/Market Area Access Study, Bridge & Pavement Condition Management System, US 11 Corridor Study and the County Safety Assessment & Analysis. Mr. D’Agostino discussed other accomplishments (recurring & mandated tasks) such as the Public Participation & Website Update, Geographic Information System (GIS), Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning, Citywide Pavement Condition Rating, City Sidewalk Condition Ratings, MPO Area Regional Planning Initiatives, City & County Traffic Count Program, Local Comprehensive Plan Assistance, Travel Demand Modeling, and the Transportation Improvement Program (used 99% of funds obligated for the 2019/2020 Federal Fiscal Year (\$73.815M Federal)). Mr. D’Agostino also discussed the 2021-2022 UPWP (proposed) items, 2021-2022 UPWP review and projects continuing into the 2021-2022 program which include: Corridor Studies (U.S. Rt. 11 – Mattydale & Tuscarora Rd.), Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused (CNY Recreational Heritage Trail Plan, V/Skaneateles Pedestrian Safety & Access, Syracuse Sidewalk Planning, V/Manlius Center Pedestrian Safety & Mobility), Safety Directed (Safety Assessment & Analysis, Syracuse School Loading Zone Study and Syracuse Safe Routes to School Manual), Transportation Management & Operations Related (Dome Traffic Management & Events Strategic Plan, Syracuse Residential Parking Permits, Joint TMC Co-Location Project), Community Engagement and Operating Budget.

Chairperson Schultz called for a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 UPWP.

Mr. Knapp moved and Mr. Kwasnowski seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**B. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS**

Mr. D’Agostino discussed the following:

As required by the FAST Act, the SMTC has the option to either adopt the performance measure targets established by the State or develop our own. The State adopted 2021 safety targets in August 2020 for the following performance measures:

- Number of fatalities
- Rates of fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

- Number of serious injuries
- Rates of serious injuries per 100 Million VMT
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.

Mr. D'Agostino recommends that the Policy Committee adopt the 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets.

Chairperson Schultz called for a motion. Mr. Driscoll moved and Mr. Smith seconded the approval to adopt the 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. TIP AMENDMENTS**

Mr. D'Agostino indicated that The Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA) and the Onondaga County Department of Transportation (County) are in need of 11 amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. Two (2) amendments for the County remove bridge projects (PINs 375690, 375691) where no federal dollars are currently programmed, while 9 amendments for the CNYRTA were developed to maximize the use of traditional federal transit funds and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds allocated to the transit authority that support capital and operating expenses responding to COVID-19.

Addition of project:

PINs 382930 (Maintenance Facility Rehabilitation and Renovation Projects) and 382931 (Contactless Fare Collection System).

Change in cost or fund source:

PINs 382852 (Replacement of 1 Commuter Coach), 382908 (Preventative Maintenance 2023), 382909 (Preventative Maintenance 2024), 382910 (Procure 18 40' CNG Fueled Buses), and 382911 (Procure 54 40' CNG Fueled Buses).

Removal of project:

PINs 375690 (Platt Rd Bridge over Nine Mile Creek), 375691 (N Manlius Rd Bridge over Limestone Creek), 382862 (Preventative Maintenance 2021), and 382907 (Preventative Maintenance 2022).

Mr. Driscoll asked for more detail regarding the first two county tip amendments along with a translation from CNYRTA regarding the CARES Act Funding for their projects.

Mr. Burke asked for more detail regarding the Contactless Fare Collection System.

Following a detailed discussion from Mr. Moses and Chairperson Schultz, Mr. D'Agostino recommended that the Policy Committee approve the TIP amendments.

Chairperson Schultz called for a motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Mr. Dyer moved and Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was a 30 second delay due to live-stream. Mr. Frasier confirmed that no questions or comments came in.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairperson Schultz called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Kwasnowski moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.