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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council

Lower-Level Conference Room

Brian Schultz, Chairperson, Presiding

AGENDA

- 1. Additions and Changes to the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - December 15, 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. City of Syracuse Pavement Prioritization
 - D. Performance Measure Adoption
 - E. Manlius "Village Center" Pedestrian Safety & Mobility Study
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Adjourn**

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SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the February 23, 2023 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

Brian Schultz, Chair
David Smith
Kevin Schwab
Corey Dunham, Vice Chair
David Bottar
Jennifer Schultz
Jim Beebe
Sara Sherlock
Odean Dyer

Organization

CNY Regional Transportation Authority
NYS Department of Transportation
CenterState CEO
City of Syracuse, Mayor
CNY Regional Planning & Development Board
City of Syracuse Common Council
Onondaga County Legislature
NYS Thruway Authority
Onondaga County Executive

Also Attending

David Roth
Chris Tuff
Tara Spraker

NYS Department of Transportation
CNY Regional Transportation Authority
CNY Regional Transportation Authority

SMTC Staff

James D'Agostino, Mario Colone, Andrew Frasier, Meghan Vitale, Alex McRoberts, Joey DiStefano, Tom Bardenett, Jason Deshaies, Kevin Kosakowski, and Lori Irvine.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairperson Schultz called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council's Lower-Level Conference Room.

1. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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 December 15, 2022, minutes. Hearing none, Chairperson Schultz called for a motion.

Mr. Bottar moved, and Ms. Dunham 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 would be discussed later in the agenda (5A).

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

I-81 Project Update

Mr. Smith gave a brief update of the I-81 project announcing Judge Neri's recent decision on the lawsuit that contracts 1, 2, and 3 can now resume.

Mr. Smith gave a brief summary of each contract.

Mr. D'Agostino asked if the allowed work is at risk, and would it be eligible for federal reimbursement if work stopped again. Mr. Smith replied that none of the first three contracts are involved with the actual removal of the viaduct and would be eligible for reimbursement. Ms. Schultz indicated that the work for contracts 1, 2, and 3 can still be completed without the remainder of the other contracts as their main purpose is to increase capacity.. Mr. Bottar asked what the time frame for completion is for the first three contracts. Mr. Smith indicated the end of 2025.

Chairperson Schultz would like to thank Mr. Frechette, who recently retired, on behalf of the SMTC Executive Committee for his valued input throughout the years.

This was an informational item only.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mr. D'Agostino indicated 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.

The draft report was available for review on the SMTC website:

Mr. D'Agostino also provided an overview / year end summary of the existing 2022-2023 program year as well as further details on the proposed 2023-2024 UPWP.

Ms. Schultz asked why the Community Streets project was so slow. Mr. D'Agostino indicated that he has been working with the City on how to fund this project. Ms. Dunham and Ms. Schultz indicated that they were interested in helping move this project along.

Chairperson Schultz asked if there were any other questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Schultz called for a motion that the Policy Committee adopt the 2023-2024 UPWP.
Mr. Smith moved, and Ms. Schultz seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

B. TIP Amendments

Mr. D'Agostino discussed the following 5 TIP considerations:

Change in fund source

- o PIN 382945 (ENGINEERING, BUS RAPID TRANSIT LINES, 2023-2024).
 - Sponsor Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (Centro). In the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Centro received \$3,000,000 for Bus Rapid Transit efforts. Centro is proposing to change \$3,000,000 Section 5307 funds currently programmed to the subject project with the new Congressionally directed spending.

Addition of project

- o PIN 382976 (PURCHASE GFI FAST-FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM, ONONDAGA CO).
 - Sponsor 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 Schultz asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Shultz questioned the lack of bike/ped access and the need of sidewalk improvements near the Regional Market for individuals looking to access the mall.

Discussion occurred.

Chairperson Schultz asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, Chairperson Schultz called for a motion that the Policy Committee approve the TIP amendments.

Mr. Dyer moved, and Ms. Dunham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 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.

Discussion occurred.

Mr. D’Agostino discussed with Ms. Dunham the need to institutionalize this process along with the Sidewalk Study into an Asset Management program with the City.

Chairperson Schultz asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

This is an information item and no action is required of the committee.

D. Performance Measure Adoption

Mr. D’Agostino explained that 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 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.

Chairperson Schultz asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Schultz called for a motion that the Policy Committee adopt the Performance Measure Targets.

Ms. Dunham moved, and Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Manlius “Village Center” Pedestrian Safety & Mobility Study

Mr. D’Agostino indicated 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.

Ms. Vitale, on behalf of Mr. Alexander provided an overview presentation.

Chairperson Schultz asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, Chairperson Schultz called for a motion that the Policy Committee acknowledge the completion of the report.

Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Bottar seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Schultz adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.