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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 11, 2018

1:00 p.m.

***Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council
Lower Level Conference Room
Syracuse***

Brian M. Schultz, Chairperson, Presiding

AGENDA

- 1. Additions and Changes to the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - June 12, 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. 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program
 - B. LRTP Financial Plan
 - C. LRTP System Performance Measures
 - D. Performance Measure Targets
 - E. Updated TIP Narrative
 - F. TIP Amendment
 - G. Environmental Justice – Draft Final Report
 - H. Village of Skaneateles Sidewalk Assessment – Draft Memorandum
 - I. Florence Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Access Study – Draft Memorandum
 - J. City of Syracuse Snow Clearing Assistance – Draft Memorandum
 - K. Church Street Municipal Lot Assessment – Draft Memorandum
 - L. Underutilized and Abandoned Right-of-Way Inventory – Draft Final Report
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Adjourn**

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SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MINUTES of the DECEMBER 11, 2018 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Voting Members

Brian Schultz, Chair
Neil Burke
Timothy Coley
Helen Hudson
Mark Jackson
David Knapp
Daniel Kolinski
Dan Kwasnowski
Heather Lamendola
Kerry McElroy
David Smith

Organization

CNY Regional Transportation Authority
City of Syracuse
Onondaga County
Syracuse Common Council
CNY Regional Planning & Development Board
Onondaga County Legislature
Empire State Development Corporation
Onondaga County Planning Board
City Planning Commission
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
NYS Department of Transportation

Also Attending

Rick Lee, CNY Regional Transportation Authority; Mark Frechette, NYSDOT

SMTC Staff

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

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Schultz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council, Syracuse, NY. The Chairperson continued the meeting following member introductions.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairperson inquired if there were any changes to the June 12, 2018 minutes. Hearing none, the Chairperson called for a motion.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Coley seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

A. UPWP STATUS REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this item would be addressed under item 5A due to the length of the day's agenda.

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 continue to work on the development of the DEIS and they continue to make progress on the tunnel solution. As part of the analysis, they are trying to understand all of the implications associated with the tunnel. The engineering has to be brought to

a much higher level. They are looking at how does the tunnel impact air quality, water and noise. They are looking at the property impacts. At this time, no information has been released on impacted properties. All of that will be rolled up into some form of public outreach that has not been scheduled yet.

Mr. Knapp inquired if there was an update on the timing of the state's release of DEIS. Mr. Frechette stated that they are working on the DEIS with the tunnel option and when they get to that point they will schedule public outreach. Ultimately, there will be the release of the draft document.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019-2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. D'Agostino stated that the budget tables have been provided to those present. He reviewed the current work program and gave an overview of the proposed 2019-2020 UPWP, which includes mandated work items, carryover projects, and 3 new projects. He stated that our budget is \$1.248 million for the new program. The new projects include: on-call assistance to the City of Syracuse, including assistance on ReZone; CNY Recreational Heritage Trail Bike Corridor; and 2019 NYSAMPO Conference Hosting. The budget no longer includes SPR funding for I-81 modeling assistance. We will be using carryover funds from the current program to fund the new program.

Ms. Hudson inquired as to the Geddes Street project. Ms. Krol stated that project is ongoing. We are primarily looking a bicycle/pedestrian options as well as traffic calming options. Mr. D'Agostino stated we will be holding a public meeting. Ms. Hudson also inquired as to TIP adjustments. Mr. D'Agostino reviewed the steps for TIP project modification.

Mr. Frechette stated that under the LRTP, there has been a lot of discussion on driverless vehicles and inquired if that will be included. Mr. D'Agostino stated the ridesharing and autonomous vehicles will be addressed in the LRTP. Mr. Kolinski inquired as to the Armory Square project and if there are options for closing down roads in the area. Mr. McKeon stated they have had several conversations with many stakeholders and that always comes up. Mr. McKeon stated that it is early in the study. Discussion followed. Mr. McKeon stated there would be a SAC meeting in January.

Mr. Knapp moved and Ms. Lamendola seconded a motion to adopt the 2019-2020 UPWP. Motion carried unanimously.

B, C, D. LRTP FINANCIAL PLAN, LRTP SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this resulted from a corrective action from our Federal Certification Review last year. Ms. Vitale gave an overview as to the amended LRTP. Chapter 6 has been amended and this replaces the chapter in the original 2050 Plan. The System Performance Report is an addendum to the LRTP. We also need to adopt 2019 Safety and Transit Asset Performance Measures today.

Mr. Kwasnowski moved and Mr. Kolinski seconded a motion to adopt the Resolution for the above. Motion carried.

E. UPDATED TIP NARRATIVE

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this is a Congressional requirement. The narrative indicates that our Capital Projects are getting us to our goals. This allows us to have TIP funding in our area.

Mr. Coley moved and Mr. Knapp seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion carried.

F. TIP AMENDMENT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that the City of Syracuse is in need of an Amendment to add a project to the 2017-2021 TIP.

PIN 375649 (City of Syracuse Intersection Pedestrian Improvements). Total cost \$1,630,000. Sponsor City of Syracuse. Project sponsor requests addition of project to program to address pedestrian safety concerns at numerous uncontrolled crosswalks and signalized intersections around the City. Project awarded funding via statewide Pedestrian Safety Action Plan solicitation.

Mr. Burke moved and Mr. Knapp seconded a motion to approve the addition of the project to the TIP. Motion carried.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this is a federally recurring work item that is updated as needed. Mr. Kosakowski highlighted the process undertaken by staff to complete the report.

Mr. Knapp moved and Mr. Kolinski seconded a motion to acknowledge the completion of the report. Motion carried.

H. VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT – DRAFT MEMORANDUM

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this technical analysis was completed at the request of the Village of Skaneateles. Mr. Busa gave an overview of the project.

Mr. Smith inquired if Right-of-Way was considered at all. Mr. Busa stated that it was taken into consideration.

No action is required of this Committee.

I. FLORENCE AVENUE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ACCESS STUDY – DRAFT MEMORANDUM

Mr. D'Agostino stated that this study was completed at the request of the City of Syracuse. Ms. Krol gave an overview of the project.

Ms. Hudson inquired if it was up to the City to have the community outreach for the paths/bikeways. Mr. D'Agostino stated that the City opted to have us do a smaller study and the outreach would be up to the City.

No action is required of this Committee.

J. CITY OF SYRACUSE SNOW CLEARING ASSISTANCE – DRAFT MEMORANDUM

Mr. D'Agostino stated that staff provided assistance to the City of Syracuse relative to sidewalk snow removal. Mr. McKeon gave an overview of the project.

No action is required of this Committee.

K. CHURCH STREET MUNICIPAL LOT ASSESSMENT – DRAFT MEMORANDUM

Mr. D’Agostino stated that this study was completed under the SOCPA Comprehensive Plan Assistance line item for the Village of North Syracuse to consolidate several private parking lots into a municipal lot. Mr. Alexander gave an overview of the project.

No action is required of the committee.

L. UNDERUTILIZED AND ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY INVENTORY – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Mr. D’Agostino stated that this project was initiated by staff to develop a desktop reference GIS database. This is a resource item as some of the information was obtained from private property. Mr. Alexander gave an overview of the inventory.

No action is required of this Committee.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.