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Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting Wednesday, January 3, 2024 @ 9:30am

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DRAFT AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- C) Approval of Previous (12-6-23) Meeting Minutes
- D) Communications Report
- E) Public Participation

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) AdMod #50: PIN 5764.76 NY 78; Roll/Klein Rd to N. French Rd
- B) Amendment #10: Four (4) State Rail Capital funded transit projects
- C) Amendment #11: PIN 5764.98 BNY Plaza Drive @ Bergholtz Creek
- D) Amendment #12: PIN 5764.91 BNY Marshfield Rd @ N. Branch Creek
- E) Amendment #13: PIN 5765.17 Lockport Road Bridge @ CSX
- F) Amendment #14: Seven (7) BNY Bridge Projects
- G) PIN 5826.10 Purchase of BEBs & Charging Infrastructure
- H) American Falls Illustrative Project Addition to TIP and MTP
- I) Draft SFY 2024-26 Unified Planning Work Program

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) TPS Action Report
- B) 2023 SS4A Implementation Grant Award
- C) FTA 5310 Solicitation

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- A) Member Agency Reports
- B) Director's Report

V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Next PCC Meeting: February 7, 2024 (Buffalo City Hall)



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Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting Minutes December 6, 2023

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday December 6, 2023 at 9:30am.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present (7/7):

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| • NFTA | Darren Kempner |
| • NYSTA | Matt Latko |
| • NYSDOT | Dave Hill |
| • Buffalo | Nolan Skipper |
| • Niagara Falls | Kevin Forma |
| • Erie County | Darlene Svilokos |
| • Niagara County | Garret Meal |

Others present (8):

- John Boser - NYSTA
- Ashley Smith - NFTA
- Bryan Roth – NFTA (via Zoom)
- T. Richards - NYSDOT
- Haris Ismel - NYSDOT (via zoom)
- Jennifer Michniewicz - NYSDOT (via Zoom)
- Mike Leydecker - Wendel (via zoom)
- Doug Funke - CRT

GBNRTC Staff (9):

- Finn, Guarino, Weymouth, Davis, Smith, Dixon, Stilwell, Grabau and Gonzalez

Facebook Live:

- Post reached 13 viewers

I. PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson (Mr. Kempner from NFTA) called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

- **Roll Call**
 - All members were present

- **Public Participation**
 - Doug Funke stated that he is the president of Citizens for Regional Transit, a transit advocacy organization. CRT is also a member of the Eastside Parkways Coalition. CRT strongly supports the Kensington Expressway project but are strongly opposed to the tunnel approach that is being planned. CRT hopes that NYSDOT can step back and look at other alternatives such as was done for the Scajaquada to meet the community's needs and the environment. The current plan is noncompliant with NYS law and CRT would like to see a full EIS that looks at all of the alternatives and the impact to the environment to help the people in that area. Only 1/3 of people in that area own cars but they are getting 100% of the pollution. CRT thinks this should change. Mr. Funke also announced a public meeting and presentation at 5:30 this evening at the Delevan/Grider Community Center. Presentations will focus on Rochester and Syracuse projects that have looked at removing an urban expressway

- **Approval of Meeting Agenda**
 - Mr. Guarino made a request to add an additional Action item (Buffalo Project Modifications) to the agenda as item II.F.
 - *Motion to approve the agenda as amended (NC/TWA). Approved 7-0*

- **Communications Report – GONZALES**
 - Communication Highlights
 - Fall Policy Meeting at a new location – Aquarium of Niagara
 - BRIDGENY Program and TAP-CMAQ-CRP funding announcement
 - Community Engagement
 - PCC Meeting – November 1, 2023 (GBNRTC)
 - Policy Committee Meeting – November 13, 2023 (Aquarium of Niagara)
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Nothing to report this month
 - Social Media Analytics
 - Facebook – 11 posts, 7 new followers (total of 1,558 followers), 1,458 page likes (increased by 4), total reach of 481(increase of 9.1%), Facebook Visits 335 (increase of 44.4%)
 - LinkedIn - 11 posts, 10 new followers (total of 186 followers), 24 new page visitors with 52 people who viewed the page for the month.
 - Twitter – 9 posts, 1,887 followers

- Public Notices and Announcement Summary
- Articles and Publications (In the News) Summary
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve the 11-1-23 meeting minutes (EC/DOT). *Approved 7-0.*

II. ACTION ITEMS

A) AdMod #45: Transit Project (3) Funding Additions - GUARINO

- This is an NFTA request to add funds to three existing TIP projects
 - PIN 5825.77 Catenary & Insulator Replacement (+\$0.612M)
 - PIN 5825.84 Replace all Rail Systems and Rail Infrastructure - 400 Block of Main St (+\$7.46M)
 - PIN 5825.89 Rehab Existing Inbound and Outbound Church St Metro Rail Station Structures (+\$4M)
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as 100% offset comes from NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital SFY 22/23 funding
- Recommended by TPS on 11/15/23
 - Today's action would be to approve these funding changes
 - *Motion to approve (NFTA/EC). Approved 7-0.*

B) AdMod #46: PIN 5814.07 Bridge Rehabilitation – 3 Bridges in Erie County - GUARINO

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing TIP project
- The Construction and Construction Inspection phases will be increased by a combined \$2.052M
- Additional funds are needed for pier work, increased reinforcements, structural lifting, approach paving, Texas Aesthetic Barrier, asbestos abatement and utility relocations
- Fiscal constraint maintained as offset is provided from 2 TIP projects:
 - PIN 5814.77 (Bridge MBC & Preservation Program; SFY 26/27 \$1.407M)
 - PIN 5813.90 (Bridge Painting SFY 23/24 - CATT & CHAUT Cos. \$0.645M)
- Let date is unchanged (2/24)
- Recommended by TPS on 11/15/23
- Today's action would be to approve this minor scope change and cost increase
 - *Motion to approve (DOT/TWA). Approved 7-0.*

C) Amendment #8: PIN 5764.88 Hammond Hill Rd @ Catt Creek - GUARINO

- This is an Erie County request to add a new project to the TIP
- This project will:
 - Replace the bridge with at least a 75-year design life
 - Install scour protection to remove bridge from scour list
 - Provide lane and shoulder widths which meet current design standards
 - Upgrade bridge rail and guide rail to meet current design standards
- The project will have a total cost of \$5.873M

- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$4,750,000 statewide Bridge Formula Off System (BRIDGE NY) with the 5% local match of \$250,000 and an additional \$873,000 of Erie County Capital Funds
- Project let date will be 11/14/25
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed – no comments
- Today’s action would be to approve this new project via Resolution 2023-26
 - *Motion to approve (EC/BUF). Approved 7-0.*

D) Amendment #13: PIN 5765.17 Lockport Rd over CSX - GUARINO

- This is a Niagara County request to begin the process of adding a new project to the TIP
- This project will:
 - Rehabilitate the Portland cement concrete deck
 - Reinforce concrete columns and pier caps due to delamination and spalling
 - Perform localized steel repairs due to section loss and the painting of affected areas
 - Rehab and/or replace bearings - will be determined upon further investigation
 - Seal existing bridge joints
- The project will have a total cost of \$1.334M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as PIN 5764.28 Hartland Rd @ Golden Creek received new federal RURAL discretionary grant funding and will transfer all \$1.214M existing matched STBG Large Urban funds into PIN 5765.17 with the remainder of cost offset with additional local (Niagara County) funds
- The scheduled let date is 4/25
- Today’s action will be Initiate a 30-day public review period
 - *Motion to approve (NC/CNF). Approved 7-0.*

E) Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards - GUARINO

- The Bridge NY program makes funding available for local governments to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts statewide
- This is a request to begin the process of adding seven (7) new 2022 Bridge NY Awarded projects to the TIP
 1. PIN 5764.87 Fletcher St @ Two Mile Creek - \$2.131M
 2. PIN 5764.89 Dennis Rd @ Little Sister Creek - \$1.923M
 3. PIN 5764.90 Mill Rd @ Cazenovia Creek - \$5M
 4. PIN 5764.92 East Eden Rd @ Hampton Brook - \$3.109M
 5. PIN 5764.93 Golden Hill Creek @ Carmen Road - \$1.658M
 6. PIN 5764.94 Rte. 271 (Stone Road) @ Tributary to Jeddo Creek - \$1.796M
 7. PIN 5764.95 Kenfield @ Black Creek \$1.507M
- All projects are funded with 95% Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program) and 5% local match
- The GBNRTC is currently in consultation with the Interagency Consultation Group to determine a Transportation Conformity exemption code.
 - A19 Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes) was recommended.
- Public comments would be received for 30 days from 12/7/23 until Close of Business (COB) on 1/6/24.

- Today's action is to initiate a 30-day public review period
- The 2023 BRIDGE NY program is now underway
 - Bridge application deadline is 1/26/24
 - For more info on the program, go to <https://www.dot.ny.gov/BRIDGENY>
- Today's PCC action will be to recommend approval to Policy Committee.
 - *Motion to approve (EC/DOT). Approved 7-0.*

F) AdMod # 49: Buffalo Project Modifications (3 Projects) - GUARINO

- This request is to modify three existing TIP projects
 1. PIN 5763.18 Abbott Road Phase 2 - Meriden to Dorrance
 2. PIN 5762.40 Niagara St Sustainable Corridor (Porter to Hampshire) Ph5
 3. PIN 5763.95 Tift St Buffalo; Route 5 to McKinley Pkwy
- Federal Funds
 - \$4.408M moved from CONST for PIN 576395
 - \$1.944M moved to CONST for PIN 576318
 - \$2.464M moved to CONST for PIN 576240.
 - \$0.240M moved from DDES to CONST for PIN 576240
- State Funds
 - \$0.045M moved from DETAIL to CONST in PIN 576240
- Local Funds
 - \$1.102M moved from CONST for PIN 576395
 - \$0.486M moved to CONST for PIN 576318
 - \$0.616M moved to CONST for PIN 576240 for 20% local match
 - \$5.510M of local funds added for PIN 576395
 - ROW funds moved to DDES totaling \$0.050M (Local Funds) for PIN 576318
 - \$0.015M moved from DDES to CONST for PIN 576240
- Let change of 5763.95 from 6/15/24 (FFY24) to 6/18/25 (FFY25)
- Today's action would be to approve these changes
 - *Motion to approve (BUF/DOT). Approved 7-0.*

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. TPS (11/15/23) Action Item Report - GUARINO

- AdMod # 44: PIN 5764.74 City of N Tonawanda Erie Canal Bike Path Extension
 - Federal and local funding will move within project phases to match IPP
 - City of N. Tonawanda will add additional local funding to the project
 - Let date will move from 6/1/24 (FFY 24) to 12/13/24 (FFY 25) due to delays from section 106 review.
- AdMod #47: Transit Project Let Updates
 - Per FTA request, all projects will move let from FFY 23 to FFY 24
 - PIN 5825.67 Battery Electric Bus Bailey Ave Bus Rapid Transit
 - PIN 5825.72 Battery Electric Buses
 - PIN 5825.96 DL&W Station Access Improvements - Riverwalk
 - PIN 5825.97 DL&W Station Access Improvements - Keybank Center Facilities

B. Public Review Summary - GUARINO

- Six new projects are currently in public review
 1. PIN 5826.06 Catenary & Insulators Replacement Phase 4 (State Rail Capital)
 2. PIN 5826.07 Fastener & Pad Replacement Phase 12 (State Rail Capital)
 3. PIN 5826.08 Station & Tunnel Standpipe Replacement (State Rail Capital)
 4. PIN 5826.09 NFTA-Metro Rail Yard and Shop Trainshed Roof (State Rail Capital)
 5. PIN 5764.98 Plaza Drive/Bergholtz Creek (BRIDGE NY 2022)
 6. PIN 5764.91 Marshfield Rd/N Branch Clear Creek (BRIDGE NY 2022)
- Public comments on all will be accepted until COB on 12/16/23
- The Interagency Consultation Group has determined that all of these projects are exempt from AQ conformity determination
- Projects will be voted on for approval at the January PCC (1/3/24) meeting

C. EPA – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - DIXON

- Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)
 - Project Submission Form Overview
- EPA CPRG GRANT - 3 DELIVERABLES OF CPRG
 - Priority Climate Action PLAN (PCAP) - October 2023 – February 2024
 - Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) - February 2024 – August 2025
 - CCAP Status Update - September 2025 – August 2027
- Project Submission website: <https://forms.office.com/r/6LTqsMzMVZ>
 - Priority Climate Action PLAN (PCAP) Project Submission
 - What projects are ready to reduce climate impacts for tomorrow?
 - What climate actions do we need to set in motion for the next 25 years?
 - How do we prepare our region to implement the work we set out to do?

D. 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) – GUARINO

- The RAISE Discretionary Grant program is a funding initiative by USDOT to support significant road, rail, transit, and port projects to enhance national infrastructure with an emphasis on sustainability and equity.
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) will provide \$1.5 billion for FFY24 RAISE
- Key points about the 2024 RAISE program include:
 - A minimum of \$15 million is allocated for projects in Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities, with these projects being eligible for up to 100% federal cost share.
 - USDOT encourages projects that address climate change, promote racial equity, and remove barriers to opportunity.
 - An emphasis is placed on projects that support household budget relief, job creation, labor standards, and training programs, particularly in registered apprenticeships.
 - The program will equally distribute funding between rural and urban projects.
- RAISE grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, per statute, for planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve
 - Safety
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Quality of life
 - Mobility and community connectivity
 - Economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism

- State of good repair
 - Partnership and collaboration
 - Innovation
- Eligible Applicants
 - States
 - District of Columbia
 - Any territory or possession of the United States
 - A unit of local government
 - A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States
 - A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority
 - A Federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes
 - A transit agency
 - A multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible
- Eligible Project Types
 - Highway or bridge projects
 - Public transportation projects
 - Passenger and freight rail transportation projects
 - Port infrastructure investments
 - The surface transportation components of an airport project eligible for assistance
 - Intermodal projects
 - Projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species
 - Projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land
 - Any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program
- Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM Eastern on February 28, 2024
- Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov
- A webinar schedule will be posted when available on the RAISE outreach webpage
 - How to apply
 - How to conduct a Benefit-Cost Analysis
- For further information concerning this notice, please contact the RAISE grant program staff via e-mail at <mailto:RAISEgrants@dot.gov> or call Andrea Jacobson at 202-366-9603

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- Member Agency Reports
 - **Niagara Falls (Forma)** – There was great turnout at the recent Waterfront Revitalization kickoff meeting. Thanks to GBNRTC for reposting the announcement. This project will be a 3-year process and I will keep the group updated on its progress.
 - **NFTA (Kempner)** - reported that (additional details on NFTA website)
 - The NFTA will hold a budget meeting tomorrow
 - NFTA will be holding a Paratransit Access Study Zoom call on Dec 13 and 14
 - New METRO schedules are in effect.
 - **NYS DOT (Hill)** – Reminder to local officials that TAP/CMAQ/CRP project applications are now being accepted.
 - All other agencies stated they had nothing to report

- Director's Report
 - 24-26 UPWP is in development
 - December TPS Meeting date will be moved from December 20 to December 19
 - Erie County will become the 2024 PCC Chariman
 - NFTA will become the 2024 TPS Chairman
 - Had discussion with State Parks about a RAISE application for their infrastructure needs

V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Next PCC Meeting
 - The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday December 6 at 9:30 am
- *Motion to Adjourn (TWY/CNF). Approved 7-0.*
- The meeting concluded at 10:30 am
- The next GBNRTC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 3 @ 9:30 am
 - Location will be at NFTA
 - Room to be announced



**Meeting will begin
shortly, thank you for
your patience**





Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC)

January 3, 2024

Greater Buffalo-Niagara
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PCC Meeting Agenda

I. Proceedings

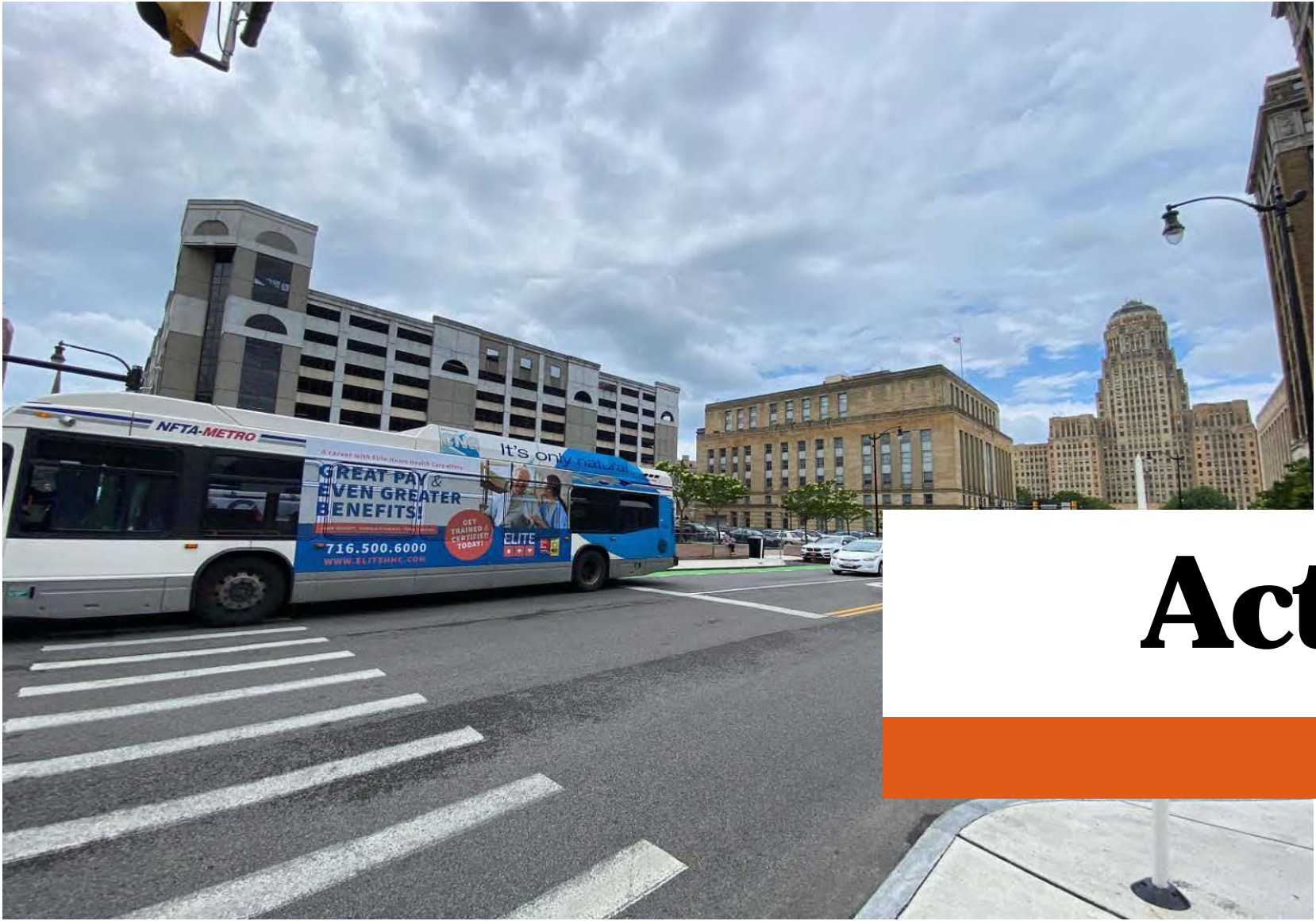
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Action Items

A. AdMod #50: PIN 5764.76 NY 78; Roll/Klein Rd to N. French Rd

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
- Additional funding is needed for signal work, asphalt price increase / nighttime paving cost and signs
- Construction and Construction Inspection phases will be increased by \$1.004M
- Fiscal constraint maintained as funding offset will be transferred from
 - PIN 5814.30 Signal Replacement; SFY 23/24 (\$0.500M)
 - PIN 5B15.55 Pavt. Maint. Block Fund (0.223M)
 - PIN 5B20.11 HSIP CARDS/Ped Signal Block Fund (0.046M) & 100% SDF (0.235M).
- Recommended by TPS on 12/19/23
- Today's action would be to approve this cost increase

B. Amendment #10: Four (4) State Rail Capital Funded Transit Projects

This is an NFTA request to add four new projects to the TIP

1. PIN 5826.06 Catenary & Insulators Replacement Phase 4

- Replace the most worn-out portions of the overhead catenary contact wire.
- Total Cost : \$2,160,288
- Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 22/23

2. PIN 5826.07 Fastener & Pad Replacement Phase 12

- Replace deteriorated fasteners and rail and repair concrete plinth and floating slabs in in the tunnel.
- Total Cost: \$3,257,361
- Fiscal constraint offset: State Rail Capital (SRC) 22/23 and State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24

3. PIN 5826.08 Station & Tunnel Standpipe Replacement

- Replace the Steel Hose Standpipe System (SHSS) in the rail tunnel, which is original to LRRT construction.
- Total Cost: \$6,700,000
- Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24

B. Amendment #10: Four (4) State Rail Capital Funded Transit Projects

This is an NFTA request to add four new projects to the TIP

4. PIN 5826.09 NFTA-Metro Rail Yard and Shop Trainshed Roof

- Rehabilitate the existing roof over the station structure.
 - Total Cost: \$6,500,000
 - Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24
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- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed
 - Two comments were received supporting the projects
 - The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that all four projects are exempt from Air Quality/Transportation conformity requirements
 - Today's action will be approve as Resolution 2024-1

C. Amendment #1: PIN 5764.98 BNY Plaza Drive @ Bergholtz Creek

- This is a NYSDOT request to add one new project to the TIP
- This project will replace the bridge to restore structural integrity and provide a 70-year service life and increase of the waterway opening to better match the natural flow channel and mitigate the buildup of debris in Bergholtz Creek
- The project will have a total cost of \$2.42M.
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as offset comes from \$2,299,817 awarded of federal funds through the BRIDGE NY program (Bridge Formula Off System) and a 5% local match (Town of Wheatfield) of \$121,043
- The scheduled let date is 10/15/25
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed
- No comments were received
- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that this project is exempt from Air Quality/Transportation conformity requirements
- **Today's action will be to approve as Resolution 2024-2**

D. Amendment #12: PIN 5764.91 BNY Marshfield Rd @ N. Branch Creek

- This is an Erie County request to add one new project to the TIP
- This project will replace the bridge with a 75-year design life structure, provide lane and shoulder widths meeting today's standards and upgrade bridge and guide rail to current standards
- Total project cost is \$2.41M
- Final constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$2,288,075 Statewide Bridge Formula Off System and includes a required 5% local match of \$120,425
- The scheduled let date is 11/14/25
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed
- No comments were received
- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that this project is exempt from Air Quality/Transportation conformity requirements
- Today's action will be to approve as Resolution 2024-3

E. Amendment #13: PIN 5765.17 Lockport Road Bridge @ CSX

- This is a Niagara County request to add one new project to the TIP
- This new project will repair the deficient substructure elements to extend the non-deficient life of the bridge
 - Rehabilitation of the Portland cement concrete deck, reinforced concrete columns and pier caps due to delamination and spalling
 - Localized steel repairs due to section loss and the painting of affected areas
 - The bearings will be either rehabbed and/or replaced as determined upon further investigation
 - Sealing of existing bridge joints
- The project will have a total cost of \$1.334M
- Final constraint is maintained as
 - \$1.214M will be transferred from PIN 5764.28 Hartland Rd over Golden Hill Crk
 - Remaining cost is being provided by local (Niagara County) funds
- The scheduled let date is 4/25.

E. Amendment #13: PIN 5765.17 Lockport Road Bridge @ CSX

- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed
- No comments were received
- The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that this project is exempt from Air Quality/Transportation conformity requirements
- Public review ends COB on 1/6/23
- Today's action will be to conditionally recommend this project to Policy Committee for approval as Resolution 2024-4 (this new project includes reallocated regionally-targeted federal funds)

F. Amendment #14: Seven (7) Bridge Project Additions

1. PIN 5764.87 Fletcher St @ Two Mile Creek

- Project will provide a structurally and hydraulically sound structure for at least 75 years using cost effective techniques to minimize the life cycle cost of maintenance and repair
- The project has a total cost of \$2.131M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$2,024,080 Statewide Bridge Formula Main (Bridge NY Program) and will include the required 5% local match of
- The scheduled let date is 7/25

2. PIN 5764.89 Dennis Rd @ Little Sister Creek

- Project will replace the bridge with a 75-year design life structure, provide lane and shoulder widths meeting today's standards and upgrade bridge and guide rail to current standards
- The project will have a total cost of \$1.923M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$1,826,850 Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program) with the required 5% local match of \$96,150
- The scheduled let date is 11/14/25

F. Amendment #14: Seven (7) Bridge Project Additions

3. PIN 5764.90 Mill Rd @ Cazenovia Creek

- Project will replace the bridge with a 75-year design life structure, provide lane and shoulder widths meeting today's standards and upgrade bridge and guide rail to current standards
- The Project will have a total cost of \$5M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$4,749,620 Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program) with the required 5% local match of \$249,980
- The scheduled let date is 12/15/25

4. PIN 5764.92 East Eden Rd @ Hampton Brook

- Project will replace the bridge with a 75-year design life structure, provide lane and shoulder widths meeting today's standards and upgrade bridge and guide rail to current standards
- The project has a total cost of \$3.109M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$2,953,265 Statewide Bridge Formula Main (Bridge NY Program) with the required 5% local match of \$155,435
- The scheduled let date is 11/14/25

F. Amendment #14: Seven (7) Bridge Project Additions

5. PIN 5764.93 Carmen Road @ Golden Hill Creek

- Project will replace the existing bridge with a single span bridge will be designed to meet current design loads and safety standards
- The project will have a total cost of \$1.658M
- Final constraint is maintained as the project was awarded total of \$1,575,290 from the Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program). The program uses 95% Federal Funds and 5% local funds. The required local match for the Federal Funds is \$82,910. (Niagara County)
- The scheduled let is 9/30/25

6. PIN 5764.94 Rte. 271 (Stone Road) Over Tributary to Jeddo Creek

- This project will replace the existing bridge with a new structure that is designed to current standards and a 75-year design life is warranted, ensuring a safe and reliable crossing for the public
- The project has a total cost of \$1.796M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded total of \$1,706,000 from the Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program). The required local match for the Federal Funds is \$89,789 (Niagara County).
- The scheduled let is 9/30/25

F. Amendment #14: Seven (7) Bridge Project Additions

7. PIN 5764.95 Kenfield Rd over Black Creek

- Will provide a structurally and hydraulically sound bridge for at least 75 years using cost effective techniques to minimize the life cycle costs of maintenance and repair
 - The project will have a total cost of \$1.507M
 - Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$1,431,935 Statewide Bridge Formula Off System (Bridge NY Program) with the required 5% local match of \$75,365
 - The scheduled let date is 5/25
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- 30-day public review will complete at COB on 1/6/23
 - No comments have been received at this time.
 - The Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) has concurred that these projects are exempt from Air Quality/Transportation conformity requirements
 - **Today's action would be to conditionally approve as Resolution 2024-5**

G. Amendment #15: PIN 5826.10 Purchase of BEBs & Charging Infrastructure

- This is an NFTA request to add one new project to the TIP
- This project will provide for the purchase of 40-foot Battery Electric Buses and charging infrastructure that will replace life and mileage expired vehicles
- The total project cost will be \$33.7M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as offset will come from FFY23 FTA Low or No Emission Program (\$28.947M) and NFTA (\$4.737M).
- The let will be 4/1/24
- Today's action would be to initiate a 30-day public review period

H. American Falls Illustrative Project Addition to TIP and MTP

- The approved GBNRTC 2023-2027 TIP and 2050 MTP contain an optional listing of additional project proposals that may be included in a financial plan for a MTP, TIP, or STIP if reasonable additional resources were to become available
- GBNRTC is not required to select or fund any illustrative project(s)
- Air quality conformity determination is not required for illustrative projects until the project proposal is formally added to the approved TIP and MTP
- The American Falls Bridge Replacement Project consists of two individual bridges and will be added as a GBNRTC TIP and MTP illustrative project at an estimated total project cost of \$62.5M
- The project includes preservation of the existing stone façade, with replacement of the structural concrete arches and associated fill and topping surfaces
- Today's action would be to initiate a 30-day public review

I. UPWP 24-26

- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the scope of work that the MPO will undertake for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 24-26.
- MPO staff have developed the proposed 24-26 UPWP with member input and the document is ready for 30-day public review
- There will be a public information meeting
 - **Wednesday January 18, 2024**
 - 2pm – Virtual and In-person at GBNRTC's office
 - 6pm – Virtual only
- **Today's Action is to approve the UPWP to be released for public review**



Discussion Items

A. December 2023 TPS Action Report

AdMod #48: PIN 5764.76 Village of Williamsville Main St Sidewalk Gap

- Due to delay in the consultant procurement, let was delayed
- Old let: 6/14/24 (FFY24)
- Proposed let: 2/26/25 (FFY25)
- Fiscal constraint was maintained as costs are unchanged

B. SS4A FFY23 Grant Award Summary

- On Dec. 13, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced \$813 million in grant awards for 385 communities through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program to improve safety and help prevent deaths and serious injuries on the nation's roadways
 - 337 Planning and Demonstration Grants to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan
 - 48 Implementation Grants to implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem
- Through three announcements in 2023, including this one, SS4A grants have provided a total of \$1.7 billion in direct funding to over 1,000 local communities

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Safe Streets and Roads for All
(SS4A) Grants



SS4A AWARDS
FY 2023 Implementation Grants

B. SS4A FFY23 Grant Award Summary

SS4A FFY23 Implementation Awards in New York state (3)

1. CDTA Red Line BRT Pedestrian and Transit Safety Improvements

- Capital District Transportation Authority
- \$5,294,400

2. Implementation of Queens Boulevard Great Streets Transformation and Supplemental Planning for Vision Zero

- New York City Department of Transportation
- \$29,750,000

3. Broad Street/R.C. Hoag Drive Intersection Improvement Project

- Seneca Nation of Indians
- \$2,000,000

- The FFY24 opportunity for SS4A planning/implementation grants is expected to open for applications in February 2024
- For more info, go to <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

C. NYSDOT 2023 Section 5310 Program Solicitation

Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

- Application announced by NYSDOT on 12/11/23
- GBNRTC also shared application information via our e-list serve on 12/21/23
- **\$ 2,152,309** available for Erie and Niagara Counties to enhance mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Applications are due to NYSDOT on **2/5/24**.
- Solicitation details using this link: [Section 5310-Application Material \(ny.gov\)](#).
- Comments and questions may be submitted via email to 5310MobilityApplications@dot.ny.gov.

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- Section 5310 projects are intended to address needs and gaps identified in [GBNRTC's Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan](#).
- NYSDOT Public Transit Division in Albany administers this program.
- GBNRTC will assist with the application evaluation process.



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Eligible Applicants:

- Private non-profit corporations that serve seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Public agencies where no private non-profits are readily available to provide the proposed service
- Public agencies that have been approved by the State to coordinate services
- All public agencies and operators of public transportation services
- Indian Tribal Governments

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- The program provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities, including:
 - Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
 - Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
 - Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
 - Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities and with transportation.

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- NYSDOT will be hosting a series of webinars and providing opportunities to review pre-applications with NYSDOT staff.
- **WebEx Webinar #1**
 - Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024
 - Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am, ET [Register](#)
- **WebEx Webinar #2**
 - Date: Thursday, January 4, 2024
 - Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, ET [Register](#)
- **WebEx Webinar #3**
 - Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024
 - Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, ET [Register](#)

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Section 5310 project examples include:

- Purchase of wheelchair accessible small buses and vans
- Wheelchair lifts, ramps and securement devices
- Transit-related technology information systems
- Scheduling and routing software
- Acquisition of transportation services under a contract or lease
- Travel training
- Volunteer driver program
- Building an accessible path to a bus stop, including curb-cuts
- Accessible pedestrian signals or other accessible features
- Mobility management programs

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RECAP of Key Information:

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Status Report and Information



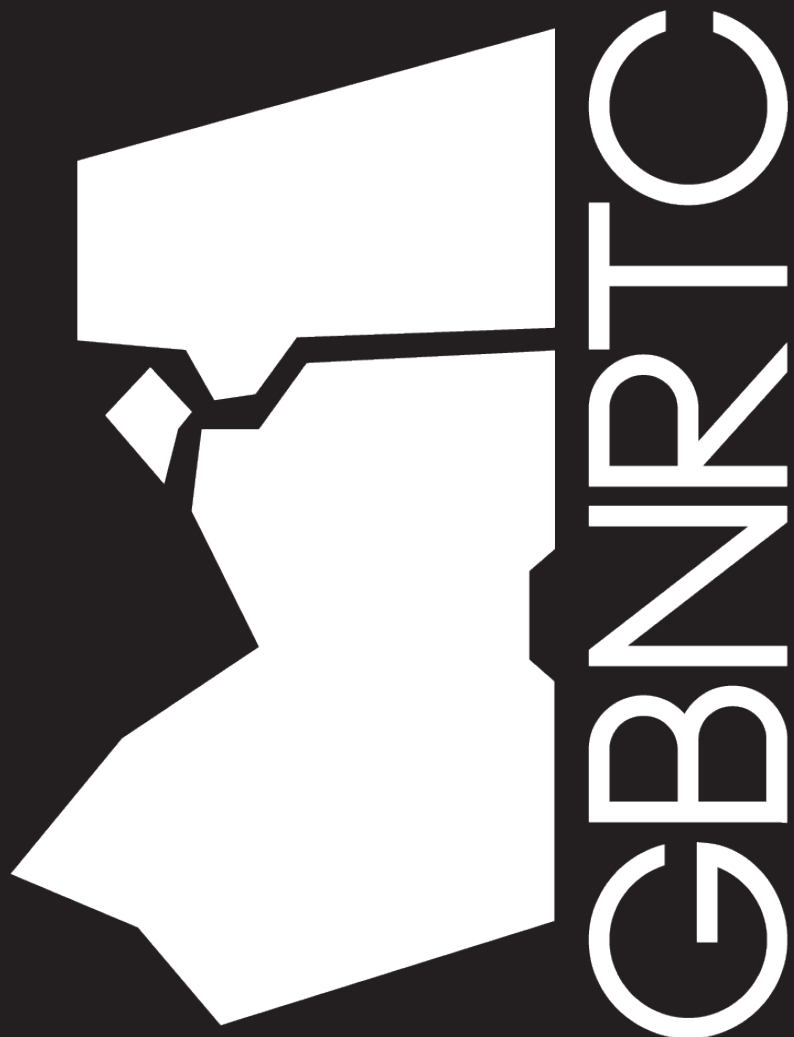
Member Agency Report

- Transpo Contract Time Extension
- February PCC/Policy Meeting
- TAP/CMAQ/CRP – Applications Due 1/9
- CulvertNY – Applications Due 1/19
- BRIDGENY – Applications Due 1/26

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Executive Director's Report

Michael J. Finn, P.E.



Adjournment

NEXT PCC MEETING: February 7, 2024
(Buffalo City Hall)

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Thank You!