



## Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting

Wednesday January 4, 2023 @ 9:30am

*Public Participation via Facebook Live*

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*A glossary of transportation terms is available at <https://www.gbnrtc.org/glossary-of-terms>*

### DRAFT AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

#### I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Public Participation
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- D) Approval of Previous (12-7-22) Meeting Minutes

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) Four New Transit Projects
  - PIN 5825.94 – Purchase of 40-foot Battery Electric Buses
  - PIN 5825.95 - Cold Spring Garage Electric Bus Infrastructure
  - PIN 5825.96 - DL&W Station Access Improvements - Riverwalk
  - PIN 5825.97 - DL&W Station Access Improvements - Key Bank Center Facilities
- B) Resolution 2023-1 Lancaster Heritage Trail Study

#### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) 2022 Rural Surface Transportation Program Awards
- B) 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

#### V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING February 1, 2023

**Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC)  
Minutes of the December 7, 2022 Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting**

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on December 7, 2022 at 9:35 am.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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

Others present were:

- Athena Hutchins        NITTEC
- Mike Leydecker         Wendel
- Sharon Ray                SNI
- Nicole McGrath         FHWA
- James Goveia             FTA
- Emily Maciejak          FTA
- GBNRTC Staff (7)

Public Attendees:

- 5 members of the public in attendance (all viewing through Facebook Live link).

**I. PROCEEDINGS**

Chairperson (Mr. Latko from NYSTA) called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

A) Roll Call

- All members were present.

B) Public Participation

- No comments were received/reported at the time of this agenda item.

C) Approval of Meeting Agenda

- There was a request to move up action item C (FHWA Professional Development Program) to accommodate FHWA's schedule.

- All present were in favor of a motion to approve the modified meeting agenda as proposed (*DOT/EC*). *Approved.*

D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- All present were in favor of a motion to approve the 11-2-22 meeting minutes (*NC/BUF*). *Approved.*

**II. ACTION ITEMS**

A) Resolution 2022-17 FHWA Professional Development Program (PDP) - Finn

- FHWA offered GBNRTC to participate in its PDP by hosting an FHWA Community Planner
- FHWA employee would work out of GBNRTC's office for a 5-6 month assignment starting in the late winter/early spring of 2023
  - All costs for employee would be paid by FHWA
  - FHWA employee would remain as an FHWA employee for liability purposes
- GBNRTC responsibility:
  - Provide a workspace and internet access
  - Provide meaningful assignment, coaching and oversight
  - Complete a post assignment report
- GBNRTC has reviewed the opportunity and finds it to be a win-win for both agencies.
- *Motion to authorize the ED to execute and agreement with FHWA to enter into the 2022 PDP assignment (NFTA/NYSTA). Approved.*

B) Resolution 2022-16 Eight (8) New Transit Projects – Guarino

- This is an NFTA request to add 8 new projects to the FFY 23-27 TIP.
  1. PIN 5825.84 - Track Bed Replacement
    - Replace all rail systems and rail infrastructure within the 400 Block of Main Street
    - Total Project Cost - \$20,171,000 (\$12.95M SFY 21-22 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital + \$7.221M SFY 22-23 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital)
  2. PIN 5825.85 - Ventilation Damper Replacement
    - Replace life-expired ventilation dampers at the subsurface Metro Rail stations
    - Total Project Cost - \$4M (\$2M SFY 21-22 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital + \$2M SFY 22-23 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital)
  3. PIN 5825.86 - SCADA Replacement
    - Replace the computer hardware and software associated with the train control and SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system.
    - Total Project Cost - \$1M (SFY 21-22 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital)
  4. PIN 5825.87 - Platform Conduit Rehab
    - Replace electrical conduit and wiring throughout the underground Metro Rail station areas.
    - Total Project Cost - \$1.2M (SFY 21-22 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital)
  5. PIN 5825.88 - Station Panel Liner Rehab
    - Replace life-expired station panel liners at Metro Rail Station.

- Total Project Cost - \$1.2M (\$0.1M SFY 21-22 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital + \$1.1M SFY 22-23 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital)

6. PIN 5825.89 - Church Street Station Design

- Rehabilitate the existing inbound and outbound Church Street Metro Rail Station structures.
- Total Project Cost - \$0.4M (SFY 21-22 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital)

7. PIN 5825.90 - Fastener & Pad Replacement Phase II

- Replace deteriorated Fasteners & Pads for Phase 11 of project.
- Total Project Cost - \$0.25M (SFY 21-22 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital)

8. PIN 5825.91 - Rail Pantographs

- Replace the pantographs on the NFTA's twenty-seven Light Rail Vehicles (LRV).
- Total Project Cost - \$1M (SFY 21-22 NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital)

- Fiscal constraint is maintained as all projects are funded (100%) by NY State Metro Rail Capital funds.
- All projects are all scheduled to begin construction in December of 2022
- 30-day public review completed on December 2 with no public comments received.
- All projects have been classified as exempt from air quality conformity determination requirements by the Interagency Consulting Group (ICG) on 11/25/22.
- *Motion to approve these eight (8) new projects as FFY 23-27 TIP Amendment #1. (NFTA/DOT). Approved.*

C) Administrative Modification #3 - PIN 576371 Wilson-Burt/18 Mi Crk Vertical Down – Guarino

- This is a request by Niagara County to modify an existing project.
- Advance let date from 10/19/23 (FFY 24) to 2/1/23 (FFY 23)
- Increase construction cost by \$76K
- As all additional funding is local (Niagara County), fiscal constraint is maintained.
- This is a TPS action that will be expedited by PCC.
- *Motion to approve the changes as Administrative Modification #3 (DOT/NYSTA). Approved.*

### III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approved Project Changes from 11/16/22 TPS – Guarino

- PIN 5825.10 METRO Rail Extension and PIN 5825.70 METRO Rail Extension – Project Merger (NFTA)
  - Per NYSDOT MO request, the NFTA requested to merge two (2) existing TIP projects
  - PIN 5825.70 Metro Rail Extension (\$20M)
  - PIN 5825.10 Metro Rail Extension (\$6M)
  - Projects were merged under PIN 582510 which will now total \$26M and will be let 10/22 (FFY23)
  - Approved as FFY 23-27 TIP Administrative Modification #1
- PIN 5762.28 Implementation of Ph1 of Buffalo Bicycle Master Plan – Remove ROW Phase
  - Buffalo requested to remove the ROW phase from this project (not needed)

- All \$5K from ROW-A (Matched CMAQ) will be transferred to the construction phase
- All \$5K from ROW-I (Matched CMAQ) will be transferred to the construction phase
- Construction phase increased by a total of \$10K
- Let advanced from 6/15/23 to 3/1/23 (remains in FFY23)
- ROW phase was deleted from project
- Approved as FFY 23-27 TIP Administrative Modification #2

B. FFY 23-27 TIP/STIP Status – Guarino

- GBNRTC AQ Conformity Determination and Draft TIP approved by Policy Committee on 9/7
- Draft STIP public review completed on Nov 4
- Awaiting FTA/FHWA approval of STIP
- GBNRTC waiting for draft projects to become activated in eSTIP
- NYSDOT MO estimates that TIP/STIP will be live mid-December

C. FFY 22 Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Project Awards – Guarino

- FTA announced 19 awards totaling approximately \$13.1 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help boost local economies, fight climate change, and provide more transportation options through development near new or expanded transit project corridors.
- These grants will support local strategies to increase transit access and encourage ridership through mixed-use and mixed-income development near public transportation projects.
- The program helps communities plan for opportunities created by new transit stations, such as affordable housing, economic development, and better connections to schools, hospitals, stores, and restaurants.
- Planning projects were selected for funding based on criteria described in NOFO, which also marked the first time that applicants were asked to prioritize TOD in areas with high incidence rates of homelessness.

State	Sponsor	Planning Project Description	Amount (M)
AL	Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority	TOD at the eastern end of the new Birmingham Xpress bus rapid transit line	\$1.60
AZ	City of Phoenix	TOD along the proposed South Central Extension/Downtown Hub light rail line	\$1.00
CA	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	TOD along the proposed West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor	\$1.00
CA	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	TOD at the Union Station/Civic Center Transit District	\$1.00
CA	North County Transit District	TOD at the Escondido Transit Center	\$0.24
CA	Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board	TOD at 20-acre 4th and King railyard	\$0.65
FL	Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)	TOD for the NE Corridor of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Program	\$0.84
FL	City of Homestead	TOD around three new bus rapid transit stations in Homestead, Florida	\$0.53
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	TOD along the Red Line subway	\$0.57
MD	Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration	TOD along the Purple Line light rail line	\$1.50
NJ	New Jersey Transit Corporation	TOD along the proposed nine-mile Northern Branch light rail extension	\$0.59
NV	Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada	TOD in the city of Henderson for a new bus rapid transit line	\$0.56
NY	Suffolk County	TOD for proposed bus rapid transit line to run along New York State Route 110	\$0.40
OH	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	TOD along the proposed Broadway Avenue Corridor project	\$0.43
OR	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District	TOD at two park-and-ride locations	\$0.32
PA	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)	TOD of Route 11 and 13 trolley services in the Darby and Weldon boroughs	\$0.30
TX	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO)	TOD at the Tidwell Transit Center in Houston's Eastex/Jensen neighborhood	\$0.38
TX	Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority	TOD along proposed Orange and Blue light rail lines and green regional line	\$0.90
UT	Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	TOD along the proposed seven-mile Midvalley Connector bus rapid transit project	\$0.36

#### D. BRIDGE-NY Program Update – Guarino/Finn

- The BRIDGE NY Program continues to provide enhanced assistance for local governments to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts.
- NYSDOT is implementing the BRIDGE NY Program through the annual capital program planning process and not the stand-alone statewide competitive solicitation used previously
- Particular emphasis is placed on projects that will:
  - Address poor structural conditions
  - Mitigate weight restrictions or detours
  - Facilitate economic development or increase competitiveness
  - Improve resiliency and/or reduce the risk of flooding
- The federal aid (bridge projects only) portion of this program will comply with Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning processes for projects in urban areas
- This program is intended to focus on locally owned structures - eligible Sponsors include any city, county, town, village, or other political subdivision, including tribal nations/governments
- Eligible bridge projects must be on a public roadway that carries vehicular traffic; be eligible for Federal aid; and shall follow the federal aid process
- Multi use (Pedestrian/Bicycle) and bridges carrying railroads are not eligible
- Bridge projects in this program are expected to be funded largely through Bridge Formula Program federal aid.
- The NYSDOT 5-year capital plan for State Fiscal Years (SFYs) 22-23 through 26-27 includes \$200M per year for the program
- At least two thirds of the available funding in the Upstate zone must fund Off-System Bridges (bridges on roads that are not part of the federal aid system)
- NYSDOT will provide up to 95 percent of the originally authorized project costs
- Awarded municipalities will be responsible for the 5% match
- All selected projects should have funding authorized for construction 24 months from the execution of the State-Local Agreement (SLA); and be completed within 30 months of commencing construction
- Project sponsors will be asked to submit an application (very similar to what has been used in past) for candidate bridge and culvert projects detailing the scope, schedule, and costs of the proposal
- The project cost for each individual bridge shall be no less than \$500K and generally should not exceed \$5M - NYSDOT reserves the right to modify the maximum project threshold based upon the quantity and quality of the submission.
- Application scoring will use a an equally weighted two-step (max 100 points each) system
  - Step 1 – Local Bridge Priority Index (LBPI)
  - Step 2 – Review of Unique & Qualitative Factors
- Outreach
  - GBNRTC call letter to go out to Erie and Niagara municipalities via USPS and email by end of this week
  - Zoom webinar to be held 12/15/22 for locals to get a briefing on the program
- GBNRTC Assistance
  - GBNRTC staff will be assisting by providing data that it has access to and guidance on completing the application

- Review Process
  - Committee of 3 per County – County rep, Town Hwy Supt rep, GBNRTC rep
  - Grades all applications in the Step 2 process
  - Recommends final list to PCC based on LBPI, Step 2 grade and fiscal constraint
  - PCC approves a recommendation to NYSDOT who will give final approval

#### IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

- Member Agency Reports
  - NFTA (Kempner) reported that
    - METRO bus schedules had changed and updated schedules were available
    - University Station is undergoing construction and a closing schedule is available
    - Single LRRT tracking will be taking place but will not be taking place until after business hours
  - NITTEC (Hutchins) reported that the interface for the ATCMTD project was demonstrated at the NITTEC annual meeting. Ms. Hutchins offered to do a similar demonstration at an upcoming GBNRTC PCC meeting.
  - All other members stated that they did not have anything to report at this time.
- Director's Report - Finn
  - Successful public outreach took place for the Goodell Study
  - In-person NYSAMPO Director Meeting scheduled for Friday in Syracuse
  - 2022 Transit Safety Performance targets were recommended by PCC for Policy Committee approval in November. As Policy Committee will not meet until spring, an electronic ballot will be sent out to get the updated targets approved.
  - Director Finn will be participating in a recorded interview for Judge Penny Wolfgang's "On Target" radio program. The program is broadcast on local radio station early Saturday (12/10) and Sunday (12/11) and will also be available at <https://www.audacy.com/podcasts/on-target-with-penny-wolfgang-20474>.

#### IV. Meeting Adjournment

- The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday Jan 4, 2023 at 9:30 am.
- Chairperson Latko made a motion to adjourn the meeting (EC/NFTA). Approved.
- The meeting ended at approx. 10:30 am

# Planning and Coordinating Committee

January 4, 2023





# Agenda

I. Proceedings

II. Action Items

III. Discussion Items

IV. Status Reports / Information



# Proceedings

- Roll Call
- Public Participation
- Approval of Meeting Agenda
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

# Action Items



 GBNRTC

# A. Four New Transit Projects

- NFTA has requested to add four new projects to the TIP
  - PIN 5825.94 – Purchase of 40-foot Battery Electric Buses
  - PIN 5825.95 - Cold Spring Garage Electric Bus Infrastructure
  - PIN 5825.96 - DL&W Station Access Improvements – Riverwalk
  - PIN 5825.97 - DL&W Station Access Improvements - Key Bank Center Facilities



# A. Four New Transit Projects

## 1. PIN 5825.94 – Purchase of 40-foot Battery Electric Buses

- In conjunction with PIN 5825.72, this project will support the purchase of thirteen (13) 40-foot Battery Electric Buses that will replace life and mileage expired vehicles.
- Total Project Cost - \$9.6M
- Fiscal constraint will be maintained as offset will come from
  - \$4.4M SFY 22-23 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP)
  - \$5.2M SFY 21-22 NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC))
- Let (obligation) date is 6/1/23
- Proposed AQ Conformity Exemption: B10 (Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions)

# A. Four New Transit Projects

## 2. PIN 5825.95 - Cold Spring Garage Electric Bus Infrastructure

- Project will install the necessary infrastructure needed to support the battery electric bus charging operations for NFTA's Cold Spring Bus Maintenance Facility.
- Total Project Cost - \$2.5M
- Fiscal constraint will be maintained as offset will come from
  - \$2.5M SFY 22-23 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP)
- Let (obligation) date is 6/1/23
- Proposed AQ Conformity Exemption: B6 (Construction or renovation of power, signal, and communications systems)



# A. Four New Transit Projects

## 3. PIN 5825.96 - DL&W Station Access Improvements – Riverwalk

- Project will design and construct bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements along various public spaces near the NFTA-Metro Rail DL&W Station and the recently reconstructed Ohio Street Corridor to enhance connectivity between facility's surrounding multi-use trail network.
- Total Project Cost - \$1.25M
- Fiscal constraint will be maintained as offset will come from
  - \$1M FY22 FTA Earmark (Transit Infrastructure Project)
  - \$0.250M NFTA Local Match
- Let (obligation) date is 3/1/23
- Proposed AQ Conformity Exemption: C2 (Bicycle and pedestrian facilities)



# A. Four New Transit Projects

## 4. PIN 5825.97 - DL&W Station Access Improvements - Key Bank Center Facilities

- Project will design and construct an ADA accessible access point from the NFTA-Metro Rail DL&W Station and Key Bank Arena
- Total Project Cost - \$2.5M
- Fiscal constraint will be maintained as offset will come from
  - \$2M FY22 FTA Earmark (Transit Infrastructure Project)
  - \$0.5M NFTA Local Match)
- Let (obligation) date is 3/1/23
- Proposed AQ Conformity Exemption: C2 (Bicycle and pedestrian facilities)

# A. Four New Transit Projects

- Today's PCC action would be to initiate a 30-day public review period for the proposed new TIP projects.
- Public comments will be received until February 3



## B. Resolution 2023-1 Lancaster Heritage Trail Study

- GBNRTC has been awarded a grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSPRHP) in the amount of \$50,000
- This grant will be used to study the feasibility of constructing an off road bicycle trail to connect the Lehigh Valley Trail to the Lancaster Heritage Trail through the Villages of Lancaster and Depew as well as the Town of Cheektowaga





## B. Resolution 2023-1 Lancaster Heritage Trail Study

- The following scope items will be included in the study
  - Study and analyze existing conditions
  - Develop and evaluate up to three potential routes to the level of preliminary design
  - Solicit input from the public on all potential improvements and document the feedback received
  - Develop a plan for maintenance and sustainability for all potential routes
- Today's action would be to amend the FY 2022-2024 UPWP to include this grant and study



# Discussion Items



## A. 2022 Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program Awards

- Due to decades of disinvestment, around 13% of rural roads and 10% of off-system bridges, most of which are in rural areas, are in poor condition
- The fatality rate on rural roads is also two times greater than on urban roads
- New federal RURAL program will invest a total of approximately \$2 billion through 2026 for projects that improve highways, bridges, and tunnels, address highway safety, increase access to agricultural, commercial, energy, or freight facilities that support the economy, and bring flexible transit services to rural and Tribal areas.
- For FFY22, \$273.9 million was recently awarded to 12 projects

# A. 2022 Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program Awards

- Full details available at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/rural-2022-fact-sheets>
  1. Advancing Connectivity and Equity in the Remote Bering Straits Region (AK- \$10M)
  2. Madera 41 Expressway (CA - \$25M)
  3. Louisiana DOT&D Ferry Design and Construction (LA -\$25M)
  4. Downtown Moorhead Grade Separation Project (MN - \$26.3M)
  5. West Reserve Drive: Hutton Ranch Road to Whitefish Stage Road Intersection (MT - \$25M)
  6. Mobility for Everyone, Everywhere in North Carolina (NC - \$10.4M)
  - 7. Niagara County Rural Bridge Improvement Initiative (NY - \$0.96M)**
  8. Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project - Southern Section (PA - \$69M)
  9. BIA Route 7 Regional Improvement Project (SD - \$26.2M)
  10. Ibapah Road Safety and Rehabilitation Project (UT - \$6M)
  11. I-64 Widening Project (VA - \$25M)
  12. Coalfields Expressway Project (WV – \$25M)



# A. 2022 Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program Awards

## Niagara County Rural Bridge Improvement Initiative

Niagara County

*Niagara County, New York*

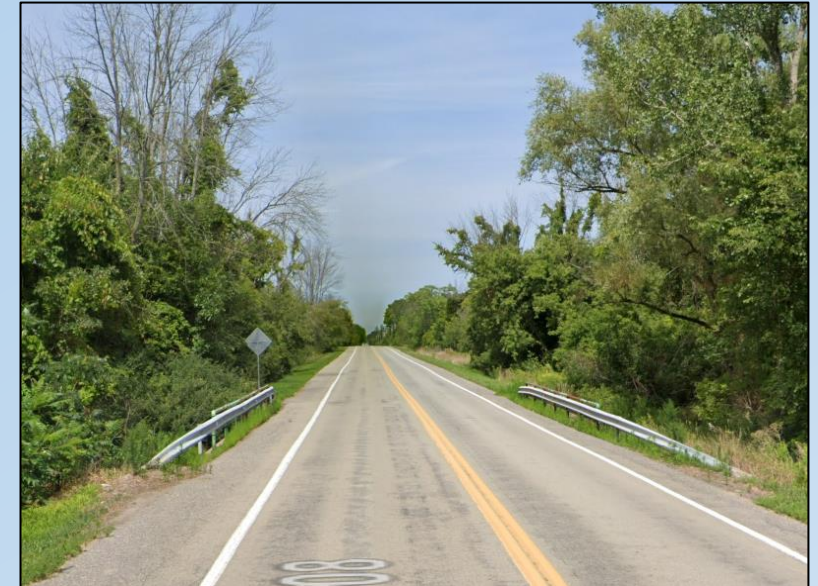
**Award:** \$959,304.80

**Estimated Future Eligible Project Costs:** \$1,199,131

**Project Description:** The project will rehabilitate the Hartland Road Bridge over Golden Hill Creek to restore the bridge to a state of good repair and meet modern safety and design standards.

**Project Benefits:** The current Hartland Road Bridge is over 70 years old and has not had any major rehabilitation work in over 30 years. The project improvements will ensure that the bridge meets current safety standards. The project will use Accelerated Bridge Construction techniques in order to minimize the bridge's closure time and related detours. Once complete, the rehabilitated bridge will support Niagara County's agricultural economy.

BCA: 20.4





## B. 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program

- The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program is a discretionary grant program for investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or regional impacts
- RAISE Grant Funds were authorized under the Local and Regional Assistance Program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Since 2009, \$12.1 billion has been awarded under National Infrastructure Investments for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure over 14 rounds of competitive grants.
- 2023 RAISE grants will continue to align with USDOT's strategic goals
  - Improve safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, and climate and sustainability

## B. 2023 RAISE Program Changes

- There are now minimum award amounts for planning grants
  - \$1 million minimum planning grant in rural areas
  - \$5 million minimum planning grant in urban areas
- “Partnership and Collaboration” now includes meaningful engagement with residents to ensure equity considerations for underserved communities throughout the lifecycle of the project as well as capacity building through the Federal interagency Thriving Communities Network
- Minor updates regarding process improvements and increased evaluation transparency
- Incorporation of a new Reconnecting Communities element
  - Applications will automatically advance for second-tier analysis if they received an overall Reconnecting Communities merit rating of “Recommended” and have at least one “High” rating in a priority criterion

## B. 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program

- Funding

- The BIL authorized and appropriated \$1.5 billion to be awarded by DOT for RAISE grants under the Local and Regional Project Assistance Program (49 U.S.C. 6702) for FY 2023
- USDOT will award at least \$75 million for the planning, preparation or design of eligible projects (23 Planning Grants do not result in construction with 23 RAISE funds)
- The Federal share shall not exceed 80 percent unless the project is located in a rural area, a historically disadvantaged community or an area of persistent poverty

- Award Size

- Minimum RAISE grant award is:
  - \$5 million in urban areas
  - \$1 million in rural areas
- Grants may not be greater than \$25 million

## B. 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program

- Eligible Applicants include:
  - States and the 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 1 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

## B. 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program

- Eligible projects include:
  - Capital projects including but not limited to:
    - Highway, bridge, or other road projects eligible under title 23, United States Code
    - Public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code
    - Passenger and freight rail transportation projects
    - Port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry)
    - The surface transportation components of an airport project eligible for assistance under part B of subtitle VII
    - Intermodal projects
    - A project to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the RAISE program
    - Projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land and for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in the Federal Government
    - Any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program
  - Planning projects which include planning, preparation, or design of eligible surface transportation capital projects.



# B. 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program

- USDOT RAISE Web Page: <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>
  - NOFO
  - How to Apply
  - Additional Guidance
  - Webinars (How to Apply & BCA) – TBA
  - FAQ
  - Urbanized Area Map
  - APP and HDC Maps
  - Resources
- USDOT: [RAISEgrants@dot.gov](mailto:RAISEgrants@dot.gov) or (202) 366-0301
- Applications must be submitted through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
  - Registration process usually takes 2-4 weeks!
- Final Applications must be submitted by 11:59:59 PM E.D.T. on February 28, 2023 - late applications will not be accepted

FY 2023 RAISE Application Checklist				
	Information	File Name	NOFO Section	Page Lin
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	SF-424 (Found in Grants.gov application package)	SF-424	D.2	N/A
2 <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Project Information Form</a> (Found in Grants.gov application package and on RAISE website) (Excel)	FY2023 RAISE Project Information Form	D.2	N/A
3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Project Description	Project Description	D.2.i	5 pages
4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Project Location File (Shapefile, GEOJSON, KML/KMZ, or CSV)	Project Location File	D.2.ii	N/A
5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Project Budget	Project Budget	D.2.iii	5 pages
6 <input type="checkbox"/>	Funding Commitment Documentation	Funding Commitments	D.2.iii.e	N/A
7 <input type="checkbox"/>	Merit Criteria	Merit Criteria Narrative	D.2.iv and E.1.i	15 pages
8 <input type="checkbox"/>	Project Readiness	Project Readiness	D.2.v and E.1.ii	5 pages
9 <input type="checkbox"/>	Benefit-Cost Analysis Narrative*	BCA Narrative	D.2.vi and E.1.iii.	N/A
10 <input type="checkbox"/>	Benefit-Cost Analysis Calculations* (Excel)	BCA Calculation	D.2.vi and E.1.iii.	N/A
11 <input type="checkbox"/>	Letters of Support (optional)	Letters of Support	D2.iv And E.1.i	N/A

# Meeting Wrap Up

- Member Agency Reports
- Director's Report
- Next PCC Meeting Date is February 1, 2023 @ 9:30 am
- Adjournment