



Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council  
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## Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 9:30am

Live – 438 Main Street Suite 503, Buffalo (Sign in at Security Desk by Elevators)

Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82604426734?pwd=VIZPeEVkcZua2lnNmxoTWxBREN6QT09>  
Meeting ID: 826 0442 6734 Passcode: 123524 Phone - (929) 205-6099

### DRAFT AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

#### I. PROCEEDINGS

- A) Roll Call
- B) Approval of Meeting Agenda
- C) Approval of Previous (11-1-23) Meeting Minutes
- D) Communications Report - **ANGELICA**
- E) Public Participation

#### II. ACTION ITEMS

- A) AdMod #45: Transit Project (3) Funding Additions (Approve) – **RICH**
  - PIN 5825.77 Catenary & Insulator Replacement
  - PIN 5825.84 Replace all Rail Systems and Rail Infrastructure - 400 Block of Main St
  - PIN 5825.89 Rehab Existing Inbound and Outbound Church St Metro Rail Station Structures
- B) AdMod #46: PIN 5814.07 Bridge Rehab – 3 Erie County Bridges (Approve) – **RICH**
- C) Amendment #8: PIN 5764.88 Hammond Hill Rd @ Catt Creek – New Project (Approve) - **RICH**
- D) Amendment #13: PIN 5765.17 Lockport Rd over CSX – New Project (Initiate Public Review) – **RICH**
- E) Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards – 7 New Projects (Initiate Public Review) - **RICH**
  - 1. PIN 5764.87 Fletcher St @ Two Mile Creek
  - 2. PIN 5764.89 Dennis Rd @ Little Sister Creek
  - 3. PIN 5764.90 Mill Rd @ Cazenovia Creek
  - 4. PIN 5764.92 East Eden Rd @ Hampton Brook
  - 5. PIN 5764.93 Golden Hill Creek @ Carmen Road
  - 6. PIN 5764.94 Rte. 271 (Stone Road) @ Tributary to Jeddo Creek
  - 7. PIN 5764.95 Kenfield @ Black Creek

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) TPS Action Report – RICH
- B) Public Review Report – RICH
- C) One Region for Climate Action – Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Implementation Project Submission Form Overview – KELLY
- D) 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program - RICH

IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION

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

V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Next PCC Meeting: January 3, 2023 (NFTA)



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## Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting Minutes November 1, 2023

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Planning and Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday November 1, 2023.

The following GBNRTC-PCC representatives were present:

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| • NFTA           | Ashley Smith (Alternate) |
| • NYSTA          | John Boser               |
| • NYSDOT         | Dave Hill                |
| • Buffalo        | Nolan Skipper            |
| • Niagara Falls  | Kevin Forma              |
| • Erie County    | Darlene Svilokos         |
| • Niagara County | Garret Meal              |

Others present:

- |                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| • A. Hutchins      | NITTEC   |
| • T. Richards      | NYSDOT   |
| • N. Gagliardo     | via zoom |
| • Mike LeyDecker   | via zoom |
| • GBNRTC Staff (6) |          |

## I. PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson (Mr. Kempner from NFTA) 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
  - N/A
- C) Approval of Meeting Agenda
  - *Motion to approve the agenda as proposed (TWY/NC). Approved 7-0*
- D) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - *Motion to approve the 10-4-23 meeting minutes (EC/CNF). Approved 7-0.*

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### A) Amendment #7: Six ATC/MEP Transit Projects

NFTA has requested to add six new projects to the TIP to be let in 2024:

- **PIN 5826.00 – Purchase of Eleven (11) Under 30-Foot Small Buses**
  - This project will support the purchase of eleven (11) under 30-foot gasoline fueled paratransit vehicles that will replace life and mileage expired vehicles.
  - Total Project Cost - \$1.29M - offset will come from \$1.29M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC)
- **PIN 5826.01 – Purchase of Twelve (12) Under 30-Foot Small Buses**
  - This project will support the purchase of twelve (12) under 30-foot gasoline fueled paratransit vehicles that will replace life and mileage expired vehicles.
  - Total Project Cost - \$1.41M - offset will come from \$1.4M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC)
- **PIN 5826.02 – Bus Garage Fire Alarm & Methane Detection Upgrades**
  - This project will install new fire alarm and methane detection systems at all three NFTA-Metro bus garages (Cold Spring, Babcock, and Frontier).
  - Total Project Cost - \$5.14M - offset will come from \$98K (Design) SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP), \$2.63M (Construction) SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP) and \$2.41M NFTA Local Funds
- **PIN 5826.03 – Purchase and Installation of Fuel Tank Upgrades**
  - This project will purchase and install fuel tank upgrades at NFTA bus facilities.
  - Total Project Cost - \$1.05M - offset will come from \$600K SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP) and \$450K NFTA Local Funds
- **PIN 5826.04 – Replacement of Metro Bus Wash System**
  - This project will support the purchase of twelve (12) under 30-foot gasoline fueled paratransit vehicles that will replace life and mileage expired vehicles.
  - Total Project Cost - \$1.41M - offset will come from \$1.4M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC)

- **PIN 5826.05 – Purchase and Installation of Metro Bus Lifts**
  - This project will replace bus lifts at NFTA’s three bus garages located at Cold Spring, Babcock and Frontier.
  - Total Project Cost - \$4.9M - offset will come from \$1.8M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP), \$2.47M SFY 2023-24 NYSDOT Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC) and \$628K NFTA Local Funds
- Fiscal constraint is maintained for all projects
- All approved public outreach procedures have been followed with the 30-day public review period concluding on 10/6 with one comment received
- All projects have been classified as exempt from air quality conformity determination requirement as stated in 40 CFR §93.126 by the Interagency Consulting Group (ICG) on 9/19/23
- Today’s PCC action would be to approve the addition of these six (6) new projects to the 2023-2027 TIP
  - *Motion to approve (DOT/EC). Approved 7-0.*

**B) Amendment #8: PIN 5764.88 Hammond Hill Rd/Cattaraugus Creek**

- This is a request by Erie County to add a new project to the TIP
- This project will
  - Replace the referenced 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 new 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 (with the 5% local match of \$250,000) and includes \$873K of Erie County Capital Funds
- Currently in consultation with ICG on AQ Conform Exemption (A-19)
- Project let date will be 11/14/25
- Today’s PCC action will be to initiate a 20-day public review
- *Motion to approve (EC/COB). Approved 7-0.*

**C) AdMod #42: PIN 5763.34 Bridge Replacements of North French Rd (CR 299))/ Gott Creek; BIN 3326760 & County Rd (CR282)/Beeman Creek; BIN 3326680**

- This is a request by Erie County to modify an existing TIP project
- The letting date for the project will be delayed from 2/23 (FFY23) to 11/23 (FFY24) due to a delay in completion of the design
- \$0.580M will be added due to increased cost estimate for Const. and Const. Inspection
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as the \$0.580M offset comes from additional local (EC) funds
- These changes were recommended by TPS via electronic ballot on 10/19/23
- Today’s PCC action will be to approve these changes
- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing project
- Today’s action will be to approve this minor scope change
  - *Motion to approve (EC/DOT). Approved 7-0.*

**D) AdMod #43: PIN 5763.82 Hartland Rd over Fish Creek Bridge**

- This is a request by Niagara County to modify an existing TIP Town of Somerset (MISC) project

- Letting Date will be changed from 8/15/2023 (FFY 23) to 3/27/2024 (FFY 24) due to delay in design approval
- Detailed Design phase with \$0.092M (matched STBG OSB) will be added back into project as it was not carried over from the previous STIP and is still needed
- Fiscal constraint is maintained
- Today's PCC action will be to approve these changes
  - *Motion to approve (NC/CNF). Approved 7-0.*

**E) Resolution 2023-22 GBNRTC Public Participation Plan Update**

- Addition of virtual meeting option via Facebook live.
- Affordable housing organizations added to the list of MPO stakeholders for direct public engagement.
- GBNRTC member agencies are given a minimum of 30 calendar days to review draft planning documents and provide comments to GBNRTC staff prior to initiating the public review and comment period.
- Advance notice of meetings and agendas are distributed no later than one week prior to the meeting to members of the public.
- Engagement metrics revised to align with USDOT new guide, Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making released in October 2022.
- The public review and comment period for TIP, MTP and UPWP amendments changed from 20 days to 30 days for consistency with FTA requirements.
- Pubic Review and Comment Period (September 7, 2023 – October 21, 2023)
- Two public meetings held:
  - Thursday, September 21, 2023 – Hybrid 10:30-11:30am
  - In-person in the Downtown Central Library – West Room (Main Floor)
  - Virtually on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/GBNRTC>
  - Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Virtual Only 5:30-6:30pm
  - Virtually on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/GBNRTC>
- No comments received.
- Today's PCC action will be to recommend approval to Policy Committee
  - *Motion to approve (CNF/TWY). Approved 7-0.*

**F) Resolution 2023-23: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Plan Update**

- Three Deliverables for the Plan
  - 1) Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)  
(October 2023 – February 2024)
    - Regional GHG Inventory (from 2010)
    - Low-income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) Analysis
    - Summary of priority projects
    - Preliminary funding analysis
  - 2) Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)  
(February 24 – August 25)
    - Regional GHG Inventory (updated)
    - Our region's strategy climate change reduction measures
    - Updated LIDAC
    - Workforce development analysis
    - Implementation and funding assessment

### 3) Comprehensive Climate Action Plan UPDATE

(September 2025 – August 2027)

- Implementation assessment of CCAP reduction measures
  - Updates on LIDAC and workforce development analyses
  - Next steps roadmap for continuing the work
  - \$4.6 billion in competitive grants available to states & municipalities to implement GHG reduction measures identified in PCAPs.
    - 1 round of funding, 30-115 grant awards
    - 5 award tiers: \$2 million - \$500 million
  - Applicants must be from within a PCAP geographic area.
  - Coalition/collaborative applications are encouraged.
  - New projects or continuation/expansion of existing measures.
    - 2/1/2024 – Notice of Intent to Apply (optional)
- 4/1/2024 – Applications Due  
<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/cprg-implementation-grants>
- Today's PCC action will be to recommend approval to Policy Committee.
    - *Motion to approve (DOT/COB). Approved 7-0.*

### G) Resolution 2023-24: Memorandum of Understanding

- Member Agency MOU
  - Formalizes the responsibilities of member agencies and MPO staff
  - Projects are development based on three C's
  - Air quality conformity addressed by the MPO
  - Open planning and programming process
- Subject to amendment/reaffirmation annually
- Most recently affirmed Sept 7, 2022, Resolution 2022-22
- Proposed amendments:
  - Replace FAST Act references with IIJA
  - Update the date of the current Host Agency Agreement to 4/1/22
- Today's PCC action will be to recommend approval to Policy Committee
  - *Motion to approve (EC/NC). Approved 7-0.*

## III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. 2023 TAP/CMAQ/CRP Program Status

- The following entities are eligible for funding:
  - Local Governments (Counties, Towns, Cities, and Villages)
  - Regional Transportation Authorities
  - Transit Agencies
  - Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies
  - Tribal Governments
  - Local or Regional Governmental Transportation or Recreational Trail Entities
  - New York State Department of Transportation (CMAQ only)
- ONLY in partnership with entities listed above:
  - Metropolitan Planning Organizations
  - School Districts

- Non-Governmental Organizations
- New York State Department of Transportation (only at the request of an eligible entity)

#### **B. Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator**

- US Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center
  - At least 4% (6,300) of public EV chargers have been identified as non-operational.
- The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program
  - \$5 billion program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, administered by the Federal Highway Administration to help states build out EV charging sites, stipulates a 10% set-aside for grants to States and localities that require additional assistance to strategically deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- The first round of funding will provide up to \$100 million in Federal funding and will focus on improving the reliability of the current network by repairing or replacing existing, but non-operational EV charging infrastructure.
- Program is informed by data from the Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC) located at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).
- Charging ports listed as "temporarily unavailable" on the AFDC will be the basis of the available funding.
- Eligible applicants include state departments of transportation and local governments.
- Funding can be used for both publicly and privately owned charging infrastructure.
- Funding can be used for both Direct Current Fast Charger (DCFC) and Level 2 (L2) infrastructure.
- The Federal share shall not exceed 80 percent of the total project cost.\* • Awardees must provide at least 20 percent of the total project cost (not 20 percent of the Federal share) as a matching share
- For full details - see EV Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=350190>
- Applications are due by November 13, 2023.

#### **C. 2023 Draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Status**

- Required 30-day public review of the Draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan per the Federal Transit Administration requirements in process.
- Public comment review period closes on November 3, 2023.
- PCC Resolution Ballot to be distributed to members to recommend Coordinated Plan to the Policy Committee for Approval on 11/13/23.

### **IV. STATUS REPORTS/INFORMATION**

#### **Member Agency Reports**

- **NFTA** - reported the start of the new MetGo program
- **NITTEC** - moving along with the ACTDM project, Involved in many meetings regarding the 2024 Solar Eclipse
- **NYS DOT** - A new rounding funding for Bridge NY program was announced
- All other agencies nothing to report



## Director's Report

- Buffalo SS4A Award
- Policy Meeting Location
- BridgeNY

## V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Next PCC Meeting
  - The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday December 6 at 9:30 am
- *Motion to Adjourn (DOT/TWY). Approved 7-0.*
- The meeting concluded at 10:15 am.



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





# Planning and Coordinating Committee (PCC)

**December 6, 2023**

**Greater Buffalo-Niagara  
Regional Transportation Council**



# PCC Meeting Agenda

**I. Proceedings**

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# Proceedings

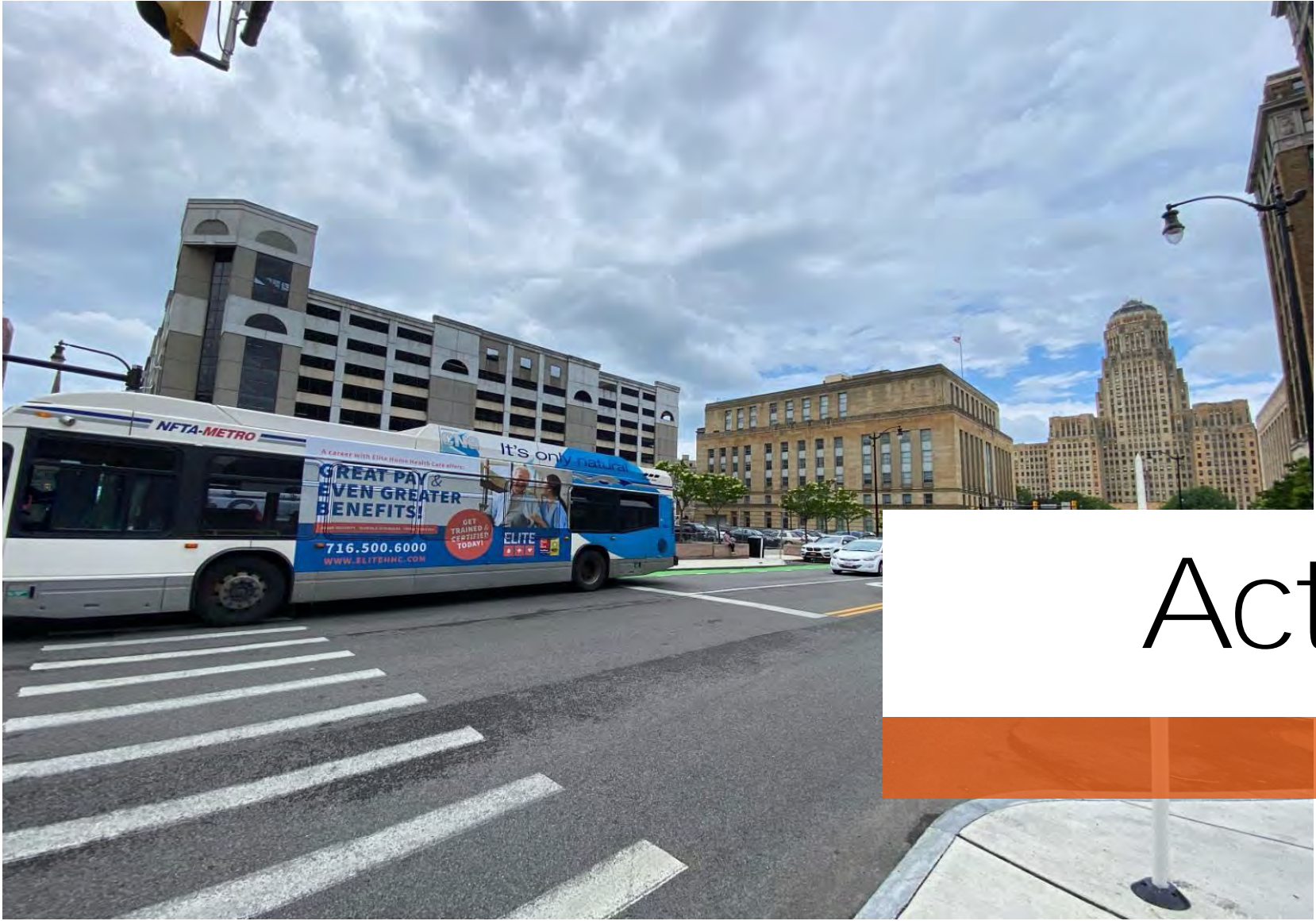
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# Action Items

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

- This is an NFTA request to add funds to three existing TIP projects
  1. PIN 5825.77 Catenary & Insulator Replacement (+\$0.612M)
  2. PIN 5825.84 Replace all Rail Systems and Rail Infrastructure - 400 Block of Main St (+\$7.46M)
  3. PIN 5825.89 Rehab Existing In 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**

Change Details	Current (\$M)	Requested (\$M)	Current (\$M)	Requested (\$M)	Current (\$M)	Requested (\$M)
PIN:	582577	582577	582584	582584	582589	582589
Let Date:	24-Feb	24-Feb	24-Feb	24-Feb	24-Feb	24-Feb
Phase:	MISC	MISC	MISC	MISC	MISC	MISC
Fed. Funding Source:	FTA 5337	FTA 5337	-	-	-	-
Federal Share:	1.511	1.511	-	-	-	-
State Share:	0.189	0.801	20.171	27.630	0.400	4.400
Local Share:	0.189	0.189	-	-	-	-
Total:	1.889	2.501	20.171	27.630	0.400	4.400



# B. AdMod #46: PIN 5814.07 Bridge Rehabilitation – 3 Bridges; Erie Co

- 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:
  1. PIN 5814.77 (Bridge MBC & Preservation Program; SFY 26/27 \$1.407M)
  2. 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 will be approve this minor scope and funding change**

# C. Amendment #8: PIN 5764.88 Hammond Hill Rd @ Catt Creek

- This is a 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 will be approve this new project via Resolution 2023-26**

## D. Amendment #13: PIN 5765.17 Lockport Rd over CSX

- 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**

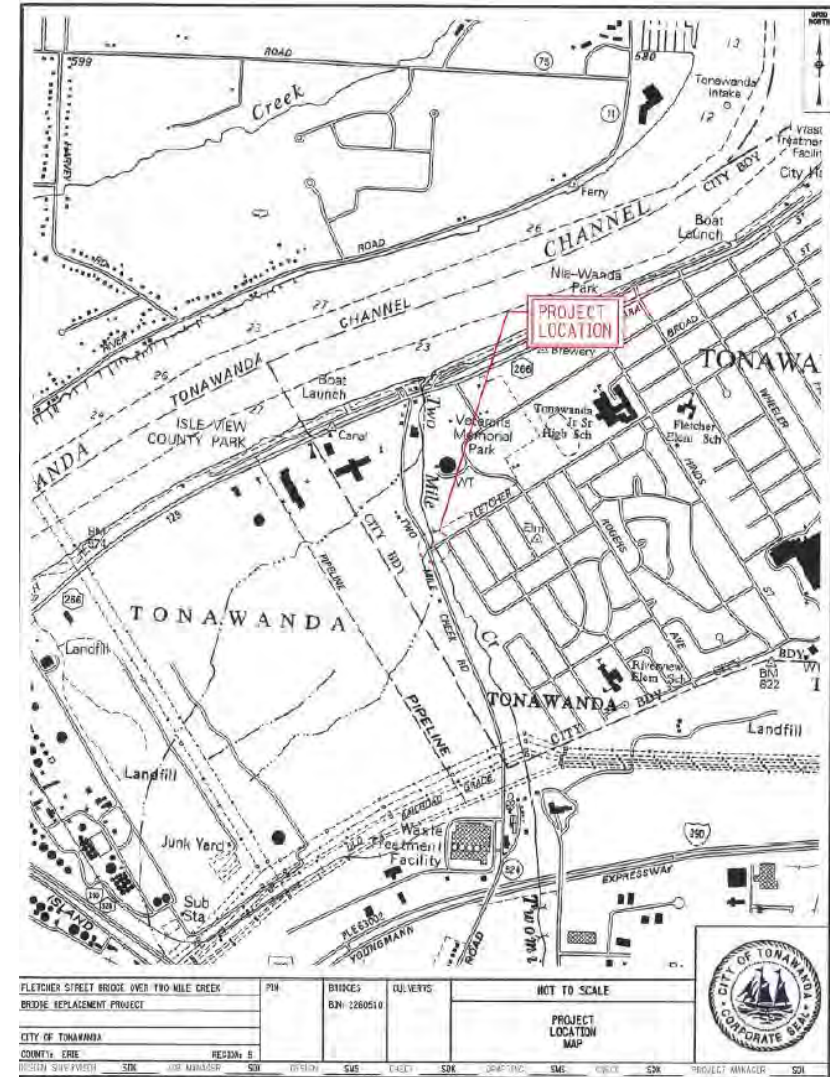
# E. Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards

- 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. PIN 5764.89 Dennis Rd @ Little Sister Creek
  3. PIN 5764.90 Mill Rd @ Cazenovia Creek
  4. PIN 5764.92 East Eden Rd @ Hampton Brook
  5. PIN 5764.93 Golden Hill Creek @ Carmen Road
  6. PIN 5764.94 Rte. 271 (Stone Road) @ Tributary to Jeddo Creek
  7. PIN 5764.95 Kenfield @ Black Creek



# E. Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards

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



# E. Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards

## 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**



# E. Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards

- 3. PIN 5764.90 Miller 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**



Project Location

Mill Road over Cazenovia  
Creek Bridge Replacement

BIN 2260400  
PIN 5764.90

# E. Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards

## 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





# E. Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards

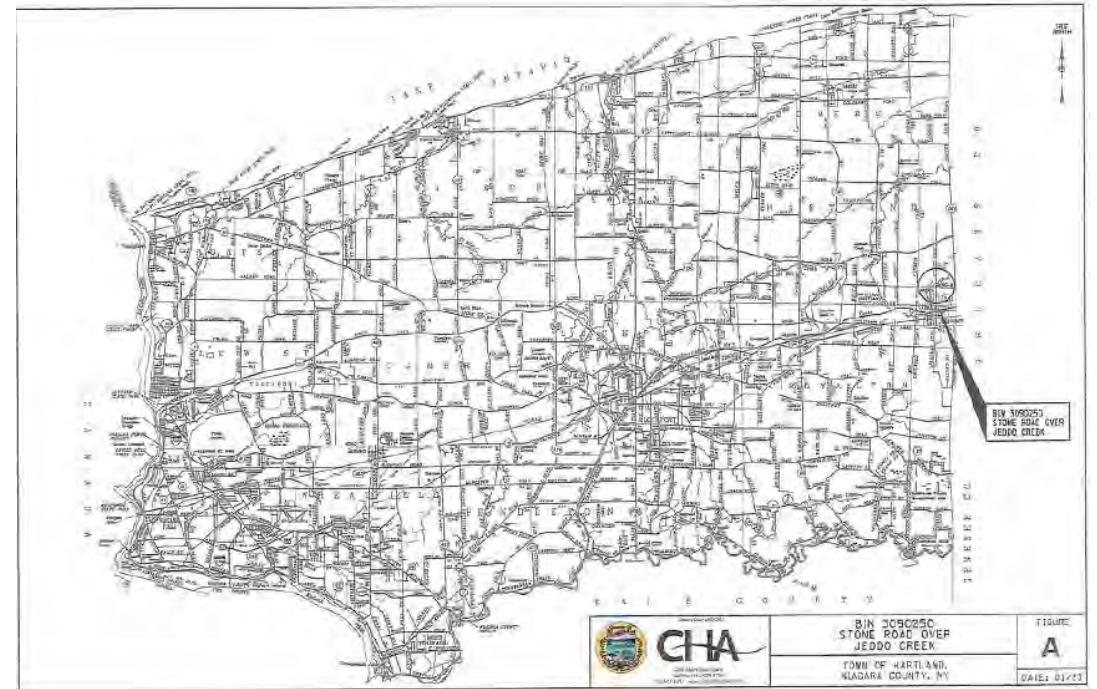
5. PIN 5764.93 Carmen Road @ Golden Hill Creek
- Project will replace the existing bridge with a single span bridge will be designed to meet current design loads and safety standards
  - The project will have a total cost of \$1.658M
  - Final constraint is maintained as the project was awarded total 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).



# E. Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards

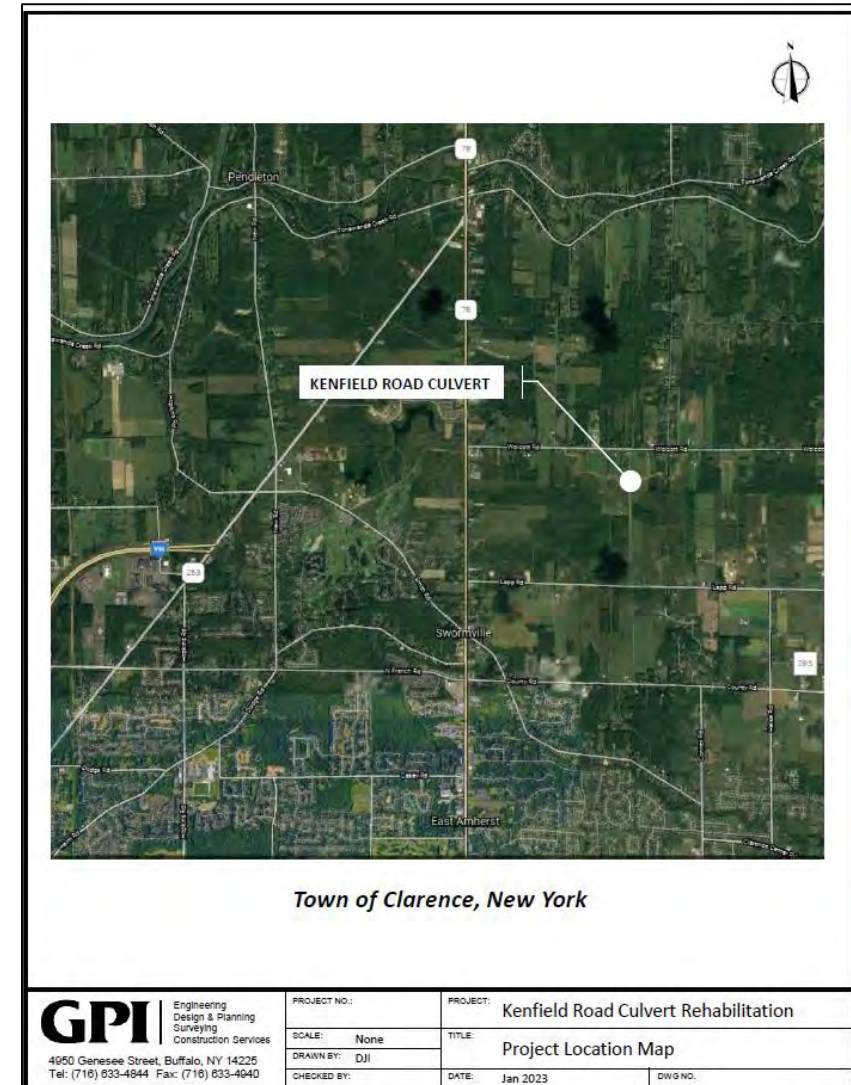
## 6. PIN 5764.94 Rte. 271 (Stone Road) Over Tributary to Jeddo Creek

- 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



# E. Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards

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



## E. Amendment #14: 2022 Bridge NY Awards

- 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>

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

- 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 Tifft 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

Change Details	Current Information	Requested Information	Current Information	Requested Information	Current Information	Requested Information
PIN:	576318	576318	576240	576240	576395	576395
Let Date:	12/1/23	1/31/24	10/15/23	2/14/24	6/15/24	6/18/25
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Federal Share:	0.104 0.104 0 0 2.000 0.200	0.104 0.104 0 0 3.944 0.200	0.000 0.240 0 0 4.960 0.400	0.000 0.000 0 0 7.664 0.400	0.800 0.800 0 0 16.800 1.600	0.800 0.800 0 0 12.392 1.600
State Share:			0.000 0.045 0 0 0.930 0.075	0.000 0.000 0 0 0.975 0.075		
Local Share:	0.196 0.196 0.030 0.020 4.700 0.800	0.196 0.246 0.000 0.000 5.186 0.800	0.000 0.015 0 0 0.310 0.025	0.000 0.000 0 0 0.941 0.025	0.200 0.200 0 0 4.200 0.400	0.200 0.200 0 0 8.608 0.400
Total:	8.350	10.780	7.000	10.080	25.000	25.000

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

- 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

Change Details	Current Information	Requested Information	Current Information	Requested Information	Current Information	Requested Information
PIN:	576318	576318	576240	576240	576395	576395
Let Date:	12/1/23	1/31/24	10/15/23	2/14/24	6/15/24	6/18/25
Phase:	PRELIM DETAIL ROW INC ROW ACQ CONST CI	PRELIM DETAIL ROW INC ROW ACQ CONST CI	PRELIM DETAIL ROW INC ROW ACQ CONST CI	PRELIM DETAIL ROW INC ROW ACQ CONST CI	PRELIM DETAIL ROW INC ROW ACQ CONST CI	PRELIM DETAIL ROW INC ROW ACQ CONST CI
Funding Source:	STBG  LOCAL	STBG  LOCAL	NHPP MARCHI LOCAL	NHPP/STBG MARCHI LOCAL	STBG  LOCAL	STBG  LOCAL
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# Discussion Items

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

- 1. 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.
  
- 2. 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

- **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

- Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)
  - Project Submission Form Overview



# 3 DELIVERABLES OF CPRG



OCTOBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024

FEBRUARY 2024 – AUGUST 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025 – AUGUST 2027

## PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (PCAP)

## COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CCAP)

## CCAP STATUS UPDATE

- (1) Regional GHG Inventory (from 2010)
- (2) Low-income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) Analysis
- (3) Summary of priority projects
- (4) Preliminary funding analysis

- (1) Regional GHG Inventory (updated)
- (2) Our region’s strategy climate change reduction measures
- (3) Updated LIDAC
- (4) Workforce development analysis
- (5) Implementation and funding assessment

- (1) Implementation assessment of CCAP reduction measures
- (2) Updates on LIDAC and workforce development analyses
- (3) Next steps roadmap for continuing the work

KEY ELEMENTS

ONE REGION FORWARD

# CLIMATE ACTION



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## One Region For Climate Action

### PROJECT SUBMISSION

What climate action projects are ready to move forward in our region?  
Tell us about them between now and January 19, 2024.

[Start now](#)

<https://forms.office.com/r/6LTqsMzMVZ>

# One Region For Climate Action PCAP Project Submission



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1

What is the working title of your project? \*

What are you calling your project, or what should it be called?

Enter your answer

2

Please provide a brief (1 - 2 paragraph) description of the proposed project. \*

What is the scope of your project? Where will it be located or focused?

Enter your answer

# One Region For Climate Action

## PCAP Project Submission

3

Lead Organization \*

Who is responsible for leading the implementation of this project?

Enter your answer

4

Partner Organizations, if applicable

What other agencies or organizations will be involved in the project? What role will they play?

Enter your answer

# One Region For Climate Action

## PCAP Project Submission

5

Which emissions sector(s) would your project impact? \*

If you aren't sure or want to learn more about emissions sectors, this link provides some descriptions: <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions>

Buildings - Housing & Commercial

Industrial

Transportation

Electricity Generation

Agriculture/Working Land

Waste Management

Other



# One Region For Climate Action PCAP Project Submission

6

Current stage of project development \*

- Preliminary concept
- Some planning has been done
- Ready to be implemented
- Already being implemented, but needs resources/support

7

Please explain "Stage of Development" from the question above

Enter your answer

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## PCAP Project Submission

8

How will this project reduce greenhouse gas emissions? \*

If possible, please provide an estimated quantity of GHG emissions or co-pollutant reduction that will result from this project. If you are able to quantitatively estimate your project's GHG impact, what data source did you use?

Enter your answer

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## PCAP Project Submission

9

How will this project contribute to climate justice in Buffalo Niagara? \*

I.e. How will the project provide benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities and/or minimize the unequal burden of climate change impacts on these communities?

For information on climate justice, you may review how NYSERDA has defined it:

<https://climate.ny.gov/resources/disadvantaged-communities-criteria/>

Enter your answer

10

What is the potential for job creation and workforce development from this project? \*

Please estimate how many jobs this project might generate, and what type of jobs these would be.

Enter your answer

# One Region For Climate Action

## PCAP Project Submission

11

Name, Title, and Organization of Contact Person for this project proposal \*

Enter your answer

12

Contact Person's Email address \*

Enter your answer

13

Contact Person's Phone number \*

Enter your answer

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

- 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.

# D. 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program

- **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**

# **D. 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program**

- **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**



# **D. 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program**

- **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**

# D. 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant 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 [RAISEgrants@dot.gov](mailto:RAISEgrants@dot.gov) or call Andrea Jacobson at 202-366-9603



# Status Report and Information



# Member Agencies Report

- **24-26 UPWP Development**
- **December TPS Meeting date**

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# **Executive Director's Report**

Michael J. Finn, P.E.



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# Adjournment

NEXT PCC MEETING: January 3, 2024  
(NFTA)

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional  
Transportation Council

**Thank You!**