



Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council
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Transportation Projects Subcommittee (TPS) Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:00 AM

In-Person: Edward H. Small Conference Room (438 Main St. Buffalo Suite 503)

Zoom:

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Draft Agenda

1. Approval of November 15, 2023 TPS Meeting Summary
2. 2023-2027 TIP – Action Requests
 - a. AdMod #48: PIN 5764.76 Village of Williamsville Main St Sidewalk Gap – Let Delay
 - b. AdMod #50: PIN 5209.67 NY 78 (Transit Rd); Roll/Klein Rds to N French Rd – Cost Increase
3. Old Business
 - a. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) - Call for MPO Projects
4. New Business
 - a. RPPM Action Report
 - b. Public Review Status
 - c. 24-26 UPWP Budget Presentation
 - d. Regional Bicycle Master Plan – Call for Projects Scoring Results
5. Adjournment – Next Meeting is Wednesday January 17, 2024, at 9:00 AM

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE (TPS) MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, November 15, 2023
9:00 A.M. via Zoom Meeting

Attendees: N. Skipper, N. Allen, D. Svilokos, B. Roth, D. Hill, T. Richards, H. Ismail, J. Boser, M. Finn, K. Dixon, K. Stilwell, M. Grabau, A. Weymouth, K. Smith, and R. Guarino.

1. Approval of September 20, 2023 TPS Meeting Summary – *Motion for approval: Allen/Svilokos. Approved.*
2. 2023-2027 TIP Discussion
 - a. PIN 5764.74 City of N Tonawanda Erie Canal Bike Path Extension – This is a request from NYSDOT to modify an existing TIP project. Federal and local funding will move within project phases to match the IPP. The City of N Tonawanda will add additional local funding to the project. Let date will move from 6/1/2024 (FFY 24) to 12/13/2024 (FFY 25) due to delays from section 106 review. Fiscal constraint is maintained. *Motion to approve these changes as AdMod #44: Allen/Hill. Approved.*
 - b. Transit Project Updates – This is an NFTA request to modify three existing TIP projects. All three projects will add NYSDOT State Metro Rail Capital SFY 22/23 funding. 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. *Motion to recommend these changes for approval to PCC as AdMod #45: Hill/Svilokos. Approved.*
 - c. PIN 5814.07 Bridge Rehab – 3 Bridges EC – This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing TIP project. The Construction & 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 (2/2024). *Motion to recommend these changes for approval to PCC as AdMod #46: Hill/Roth. Approved.*
 - d. Transit Project Updates – This is an NFTA request to modify four existing TIP projects. Per FTA request, all projects will move let from FFY 23 to FFY 24. 1. PIN 5825.67 Battery Electric Bus Bailey Av Bus Rapid Transit. 2. PIN 5825.72 Battery Electric Buses. 3. PIN 5825.96 DL&W Station Access Improvements – Riverwalk. 4. PIN 5825.97 DL&W Station Access Improvements – Keybank Center Facilities. No change in funding sources or amounts. Fiscal constraint is maintained. *Motion to approve these changes as AdMod #47: Allen/Svilokos. Approved.*
 - e. New Transit Projects – This is an NFTA request to add four new projects to the TIP. 1. PIN 5826.06 Catenary & Insulators Replacement Phase 4 will replace the most worn-out portions of the overhead catenary contact wire. The cost will be \$122,030 for Design and \$2,038,258 for Construction for a total cost of \$2,160,288. The fiscal constraint offset will be 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 22/23. 2. PIN 5826.07 Fastener & Pad Replacement Phase 12 will replace deteriorated fasteners and rail and repair concrete plinth and floating slabs in in the tunnel. The cost is \$300K for Design and \$2,957,361 for Construction for a total cost of \$3,257,361. The fiscal constraint offset will be State Rail Capital (SRC) 22/23 and State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24. 3. PIN 5826.08 Station & Tunnel Standpipe Replacement will replace the Steel Hose Standpipe System (SHSS) in the rail tunnel, which is original to LRRT construction. The cost is \$1.9M for Design and \$4.8M for Construction for a total cost of \$6.7M. Fiscal constraint offset: 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24. 4. PIN 5826.09 NFTA-Metro Rail Yard and Shop Trainshed Roof will rehabilitate the existing roof over the station structure. The total cost is \$6.5M and the fiscal constraint offset will be 100% State Rail Capital (SRC) 23/24. *Motion to initiate a 30-day public review: Svilokos/Boser. Approved.*
 - f. PIN 5764.98 Plaza Dr/Bergholtz Creek – New Project – This is a NYSDOT request to add a 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 the offset comes from a \$2,299,817 award of federal funds through the BRIDGE NY program (Bridge Formula Off-System) and a 5% local match by Town of Wheatfield of \$121,043. The scheduled let date is 10/15/2025. *Motion to initiate a 30-day public review: Allen/Hill. Approved.*
 - g. PIN 5764.91 Marshfield Rd/N Branch Clear Creek – New Project – This is an Erie County request to add a 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. Fiscal constraint is maintained as the project was awarded \$2,288,075 Statewide Bridge Formula Off-System and includes the required 5% local match of \$120,425. The scheduled let date is 11/14/2025. *Motion to initiate a 30-day public review: Svilokos/Roth. Approved.*

3. Old Business

- a. NYSAMPO call on BRIDGENY process to begin soon. Local agencies to be emailed soon about program along with the new TAP/CMAQ/CRP information.
4. New Business
- a. RPPM Change Report – 1. PIN 5763.93 Cars on Main St; Exchange St – Church St: Moved Detailed Design from FFY23 to FFY24. Approved on 9/22/2023. 2. PIN 5268.55 NY 240; Cazenovia Creek – Ellicott Rd: Moved Detailed Design from FFY23 to FFY24. Approved on 10/4/2023. 3. PIN 5268.54 NY 240 (Orchard Park Rd) @ Fisher Rd; Erie Co; Intersection Improvements: Moved Detailed Design and ROW Acq from FFY23 to FFY24. Increased ROW Acq by \$0.056M, funding transferred from Const Phase. Approved on 10/4/2023. 4. PIN 5209.67 NY 78 (Transit Rd); Roll Rd/Klein Rd – N FrenchRd/County Rd; Towns of Amherst & Clarence: Moved Detailed Design from FFY23 to FFY24. Approved on 10/13/2023. 5. PIN 5764.22 Maple St; Rt 20 – East Aurora Village Line: Advanced PreDes and DetDes FFYs from FFY25&26 to FFY24. Approved on 11/2/2023.
 - b. Public Review Status – PIN 5764.88 Hammond Hill Road/Cattaraugus Creek: This is a 2022 BRIDGE NY project awarded to Erie County. 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 and 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 \$4.75M Statewide Bridge Formula Off-System (with the 5% local match of \$250K) and \$873K of Erie County Capital Funds. Project let date will be 11/14/2025. ICG has concurred with conformity exemption (A19). Public review will end at COB 11/21/2023. This project will be voted on at December PCC.
 - c. FRA Northeast Corridor Passenger Rail Projects Announcement – On November 6, FRA announced it has awarded \$16.4B for 25 passenger rail projects along the Northeast Corridor (NEC), a railroad line running between Boston and Washington, D.C. This particular line is one of the highest volume passenger rail corridors in the world and the busiest in the United States, with hundreds of thousands of daily riders. It also supports billions of dollars in annual economic activity, making it key to the national economy. Projects were selected through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (Fed-State NEC). New York Projects (3): 1. East River Tunnel Rehabilitation (Up to \$1,261,851,977) Amtrak. 2. Pelham Bay Bridge Replacement (Up to \$58,272,368) Amtrak. 3. Penn Station Access (Up to \$1,643,579,904) New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).
 - d. Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Program – Call for Projects – The goal is to fund needed planning efforts for trail and bikeway projects that improve bicycling accessibility and safety in the Buffalo Niagara region. Approximately \$100,000 available for planning initiatives in 2024 with additional funding anticipated in future years. Current contract with GObike to assist local municipalities and others with bicycle and trail related planning activities consistent with the RBMP. Call for Projects Schedule: 1. Issue a Call for Projects (10/6/23), 2. Call for Projects Webinar (10/18/23), a. Regional Bicycle Master Plan overview, b. Online resources available, c. Eligible project tasks, Project application form(online), Project evaluation criteria, and Selection process schedule. 3. Online project application form due (11/8/23). Technical Assistance: Preparation of preliminary concept plans for review and presentation. Conceptual plans may include renderings, cross sectional drawings, costs estimates and phasing for recommended alternative(s). Trail Project Development/Feasibility Study, On-Road Bicycle Facility Treatment Recommendations, and Intersection Improvement Recommendations. Public Outreach and Stakeholder Coordination: Assistance with outreach to residents, community groups and key stakeholders to promote and build consensus around projects. Funding Package Development: Assistance with identifying funding opportunities, including but not limited to federal, state, and foundation grant programs. Tasks could include assistance with preparing grant proposals for bicycle infrastructure and trail projects. Applications received so far include Niagara County Communities Joint Trail Outreach and Feasibility Study, Town of Pendleton, Parker Blvd and Parkview Neighborhood Trail, Town of Tonawanda, Peanut Line Trail, Town of Amherst, Eighteen Mile Creek Greenway Trail, Town of Hamburg, and South Park Ave, Town of Hamburg. Evaluation Criteria: 1. Regional Bicycle Master Plan consistency: Project identified in the Regional Bicycle Master Plan. 2. Connectivity and Accessibility: Connects to other existing bicycle facilities in the network and/or meaningful destinations. 3. Geographic Equity: Invests in disadvantaged communities or improve the accessibility of these communities. 4. Community and Political Support: Demonstrated community and/or political support for the proposed project. Existing financial resources committed to the proposed project (planning and/or capital). Next Steps: Member agencies interested in scoring applications should reach out to Amy Weymouth at the GBNRTC. Evaluation period November 20, 2023 to December 1, 2023. GBNRTC staff will present recommendations for project(s) selection at December PCC meeting.
 - e. 2024 PCC Meeting Schedule – The 2024 PCC meeting host and location schedule was distributed and discussed. PCC meeting locations will resume rotation among member agencies as it did pre-COVID. Per updated Public Participation Plan, all meeting locations must be accessible to all and provide WiFi access for the Facebook Live stream.
 - f. Committee Membership and Voting List – Updated list was distributed to members and discussed.
 - g. 24-26 UPWP Planning – The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) defines the MPO staff work. MPO staff work builds towards the goals of the MTP and support member agencies. Work Plan Development will include MPO Federal and State requirements, MTP initiatives, Member initiative, and Call for Projects? Schedule: Nov 29, 2023 – Draft released to members for review. Jan 3, 2024 – PCC authorize release for public review. Feb 7, 2024 – PCC Approval. Feb 2024 (TBD) – Policy Approval. March 1, 2024 – Approved UPWP due to DOT Main Office.
 - h. Carbon Reduction Funds Programming – ~\$6M to be programmed by MPO over 5 years – \$1.2M/year. Eligible activities – see handout. Draft NYS Carbon Reduction Strategy – 3 Components: Support Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) and infrastructure: Fund projects that enable ZEV expansion and associated charging/fueling infrastructure to support light duty electric vehicles (e.g., cars), medium-heavy duty (e.g., trucks/buses) electric vehicles and/or clean hydrogen vehicles. Enhance public transportation and efficient mobility systems: Support capital projects that improve transit services, including enhancing system connectivity and fleet modernization. Support transportation demand management strategies to encourage use of transit and other mobility options. Support intelligent

transportation projects that make transportation systems more efficient by reducing delay and lowering VMT. Expand active transportation and shared mobility choices: Fund projects that encourage and enable more bicycling, walking, and transit connections to increase access to employment centers, community amenities, and other daily services. Fund projects that support planning and implementation of micromobility (e.g., scooters), and shared mobility services.

5. Adjourn: The next TPS meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday December 20, 2023 – Format will continue to follow the hybrid model (Live and Zoom options). **Note that this date was changed to Tuesday 12/19 per discussion at the 12/6 PCC meeting.** *Motion to adjourn: Svilokos/Roth. Approved.*

Transportation Projects Subcommittee

December 19, 2023



Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council

1. Approval of 11-15-23 Minutes

2. Action Items

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

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing TAP/CMAQ TIP project
- Due to delay in the consultant procurement, let will be delayed
- Old let: 6/14/24 (FFY24)
- Proposed let: 2/26/25 (FFY25)
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as costs are unchanged
- Today's action would be to approve this let change

b. AdMod #50: PIN 5209.67 NY 78 (Transit Rd); Roll/Klein to N French Rd

- This is a NYSDOT request to modify an existing TIP project
- Additional funding needed for signal work, asphalt price increase / nighttime paving cost and signs.
- Construction and Construction Inspection phases by \$1.004M
- Fiscal constraint is maintained as funding will be transferred from three existing projects
 - PIN 581430 – Signal Replacement; SFY 23/24 (\$0.500M)
 - PIN 5B1555 – Pavt. Maint. Block Fund (0.223M)
 - PIN 5B2011 – HSIP CARDS/Ped Signal Block Fund (0.046M) & 100% SDF (0.235M)
- Today's action would be to recommend this cost increase to PCC for approval at the 1/3/24 meeting

3. Old Business

a. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) - Call for MPO Projects

- There is approximately \$1.6 M per year (for a total of approximately \$8M) in CRP funds available for programming region-wide (including Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties) for the current TIP period
- NYSDOT R5 has suggested that primary consideration be given to utilizing the CRP funds to address funding needs on existing TIP/STIP projects, rather than to program new projects
- NYSDOT R5 has recently identified approximately \$26 M in expected funding shortfalls for CRP-eligible projects on our current NYSDOT Region 5 five-year program
- This strategy is expected to help in obligating the funding more quickly, within the current program period, and in helping to mitigate current inflationary pressures

a. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) - Call for MPO Projects

NYS DOT R5 has proposed the following CRP funding plan:

Region 5 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Planning Target Funding:	\$8,090,190	5-Year Program Allocation
Goal of 40% programming in Disadvantaged Communities	\$3,236,076	
Note total allocation is for CRP LG URBAN (Population => 200,000)	\$1,618,038	Per Year (SFY 22/23 - SFY 26/27)

Identified TIP/STIP projects which are CRP-Eligible, and are in need of supplemental funding						
PIN	Project Description	Forecasted/Target Let Date	TIP/STIP Amount (Uninflated)	Current Estimate	TIP/STIP Shortfall	NYS DOT Proposed CRP Funding
526854	NY 240 (ORCHARD PARK RD) @ FISHER RD. INTERSECTION	8/8/2024	\$1,474,000	\$3,650,000	(\$2,176,000)	\$2,176,000
518110	NY 270 (CAMPBELL BLVD); N. FRENCH RD - NIAGARA COUNTY LINE	10/24/2024	\$4,476,000	\$6,500,000	(\$2,024,000)	\$2,024,000
581546	NY 952J ARMOUR DUELLS RD @ MURPHY- DUERR RD INTERSECTION	1/23/2025	\$2,038,000	\$3,300,000	(\$1,262,000)	\$0
581466	GOODELL ST, TUPPER & PEARL; NY 33 (KENSINGTON EXPWY) - NY 5 (MAIN ST)	5/8/2025	\$4,400,000	\$6,000,000	(\$1,600,000)	\$1,600,000
530844	US 62 (NIAGARA FALLS BLVD); MAVIS DR - SY RD	9/17/2026	\$12,886,000	\$15,500,000	(\$2,614,000)	\$654,114
505118	US 62 (NIAGARA FALLS BLVD) @ I-190 INTERCHANGE (TAP-CMAQ 2022)	5/6/2027	\$5,800,000	\$18,300,000	(\$12,500,000)	\$1,636,076
506437	NY 394 SUSTAINABILITY, VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD, NY 474-JAMESTOWN WCL	1/23/2025	\$5,637,000	\$9,475,000	(\$3,838,000)	\$0
Total					(\$26,014,000)	\$8,090,190

Geographical Breakdown of NYSDOT Proposed CRP Funding	
Disadvantaged Communities in MPO Area	
581466	GOODELL ST, TUPPER & PEARL; NY 33 (KENSINGTON EXPWY) - NY 5 (MAIN ST) \$1,600,000
505118	US 62 (NIAGARA FALLS BLVD) @ I-190 INTERCHANGE (TAP-CMAQ 2022) \$1,636,076
Subtotal Disadvantaged Communities \$3,236,076	
Other Projects in MPO Area	
518110	NY 270 (CAMPBELL BLVD); N. FRENCH RD - NIAGARA COUNTY LINE \$2,024,000
526854	NY 240 (ORCHARD PARK RD) @ FISHER RD. INTERSECTION \$2,176,000
530844	US 62 (NIAGARA FALLS BLVD); MAVIS DR - SY RD \$654,114
Subtotal Other Projects in MPO Area \$4,854,114	
Subtotal - Projects in MPO Area \$8,090,190	
Non-MPO Area Projects	
Subtotal Non-MPO Area Projects \$0	
Total CRP Programing \$8,090,190	

- Listed projects are all DOT-sponsored projects, but they each have a strong local stakeholder component – they include work on the local system, or the project is addressing long standing goals of the community where the project is located.
- This plan as presented also meets the 40% benefits goal for Disadvantaged Communities, and is expected to fully comply with the state’s CRP strategy, currently in draft form.
- Note also that at this time, based on a number of considerations, the current proposal would invest all of the available funding within the MPO area, despite there being funding needs on CRP-eligible non-MPO-area STIP projects.

4. New Business

a. RPPM Action Report

1. PIN 5764.15 Abbott Rd, Fisher Rd to City Line

- PREDES and ROWINC Obligation Date Slip from FFY 23 to FFY 24
- No cost change
- **Approved 11/27**

2. PIN 5308.42 US 62; Green Acres to ECL

- ROW-A increased by \$0.027M
- \$0.027M offset transferred from ROW-I of same project
- **Approved 11/29/23**

3. PIN 5V24.42 NY ROUTE 391; from NY ROUTE 277 to Sunnyside Drive

- Increased C by \$0.118M.
- \$0.118M offset transferred from PIN 5V2411 Chip Seal NY ROUTE 98, from NY ROUTE 16 TO NY ROUTE 243, in Cattaraugus County
- **Approved 12/18/23**

b. Public Review Status

- Three items completed public review on 12/16
 1. Amendment #10 – Four (4) State Rail Capital funded transit projects – New Projects
 2. Amendment #11 – PIN 5764.98 BNY Plaza Drive @ Bergholtz Creek – New Project
 3. Amendment #12 – PIN 5764.91 BNY Marshfield Rd @ N. Branch Creek – New Project
- Two items are currently in public review until 1/6/24
 1. Amendment #13 – Lockport Road Bridge @ CSX – New Project
 2. Amendment #14 – BNY Seven (7) Bridge Projects – New Projects

UPWP 24-26 - Revenue

- Revenue – Core Funds

• FHWA 24-25 Funding	2.6M*
• FHWA Carryover funds	<u>3.3M</u>
• Total FHWA	5.9M
• FTA 24-25 Funding	0.6M
• FTA Carryover funds	<u>0.9M</u>
• Total FTA	1.5M

- Revenue – Other Sources

• TMIP/EMAT Grant	300k
• SS4A Grant	560k
• FHWA Complete Streets	195k
• EPA CCAP Grant	<u>1,000k</u>
• Total Grant/Other	2.05M

*Host agreement estimate for FY2425 – 2.9M

UPWP 24-26 Budget

	FHWA	FHWA CS	FTA	Total
Carryover frm 23-24	3.3M	129k	775k	4.2M
24-25 allocation	2.6M	66k	663k	3.3M
24-25 Total	5.9M	195k	1,438k	7.5M
24-25 expense	(3.0M)	(195k)	(993k)	(4.19M)
Carryover frm 24-25	2.9M	0	445k	3.31M
25-26 allocation	2.6M	66k	663k	3.3M
25-26 Total	5.5M	66k	1,108k	6.61M
25-26 expense	(3.2M)	(66k)	(745k)	(4.01M)
Carryover to 25-26	2.3M	0	363k	2.66M

UPWP 24-26 - Grants

Grant	Exp 24-25	Exp 25-26	Exp 26-27	Exp 27-28	Total Exp
SS4A	450,000				450,000
TMIP/EMAT	240,000	60,000			300,000
CCAP	220,896	258,025	260,555	260,524	1,000,000
	910,896	318,025	260,555	260,524	1,750,000

UPWP 24-26 Scope of Work

- MPO Compliance & Perpetual Work
- Required work – non-perpetual
 - New TIP Development
 - MPO Recertification
 - IT System Upgrade & Data Management Upgrade
 - NFTA On-Board Survey

UPWP 24-26 Scope of Work

- MTP Priority Implementation
 - SEMA Corridor Planning
 - Active Transportation Plan
 - Develop new regional transportation data
 - Regional Signal Communication Study
 - Bike Master Plan Implementation
- Member priority
 - Exit 50 PEL Study
 - NF Road Scoring
 - Buffalo ADA Transition Plan - PM

UPWP 24-26 Scope of Work

- Grant Execution
 - Regional Climate Action Plan Development
 - SS4A
 - TMIP/EMAT



Regional Bicycle Master Plan Implementation
Call for Projects – Scoring Summary



RBMP Implementation Program Call for Projects

- The goal is to fund needed planning efforts for trail and bikeway projects that improve bicycling accessibility and safety in the Buffalo Niagara region.
- Approximately \$100,000 available for planning initiatives in 2024 with additional funding anticipated in future years.
- Current contract with GObike to assist local municipalities and others with bicycle and trail related planning activities consistent with the RBMP.



Call for Projects Schedule

1. Issue a Call for Projects (10/6/23)
2. Call for Projects Webinar (10/18/23)
 - Regional Bicycle Master Plan overview
 - Online resources available
 - Eligible project tasks
 - Project application form(online)
 - Project evaluation criteria
 - Selection process schedule
3. Online project application form due (11/8/23)

Niagara County Communities Joint Trail Outreach and Feasibility Study

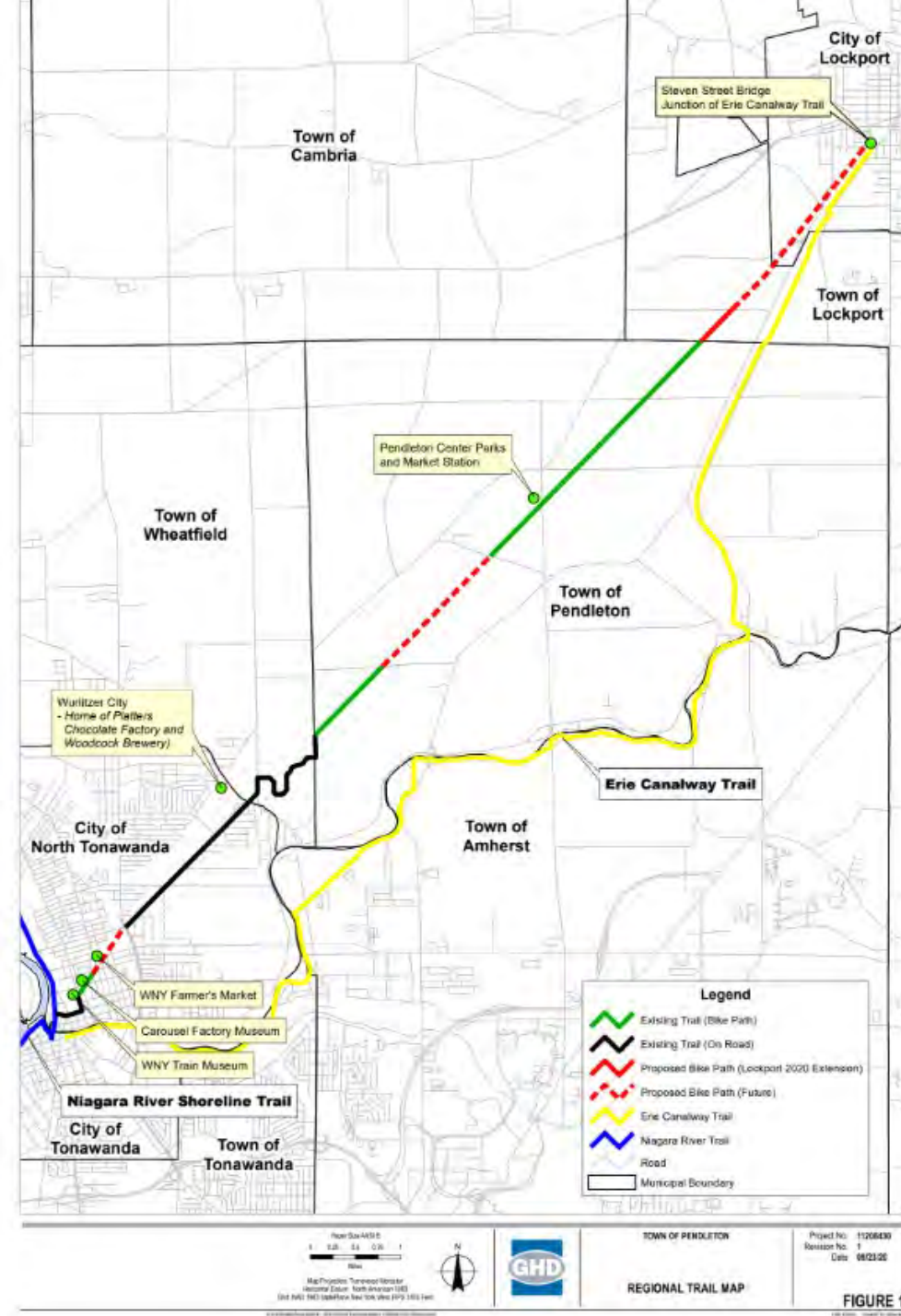
Requesting Agency: Town of Pendleton

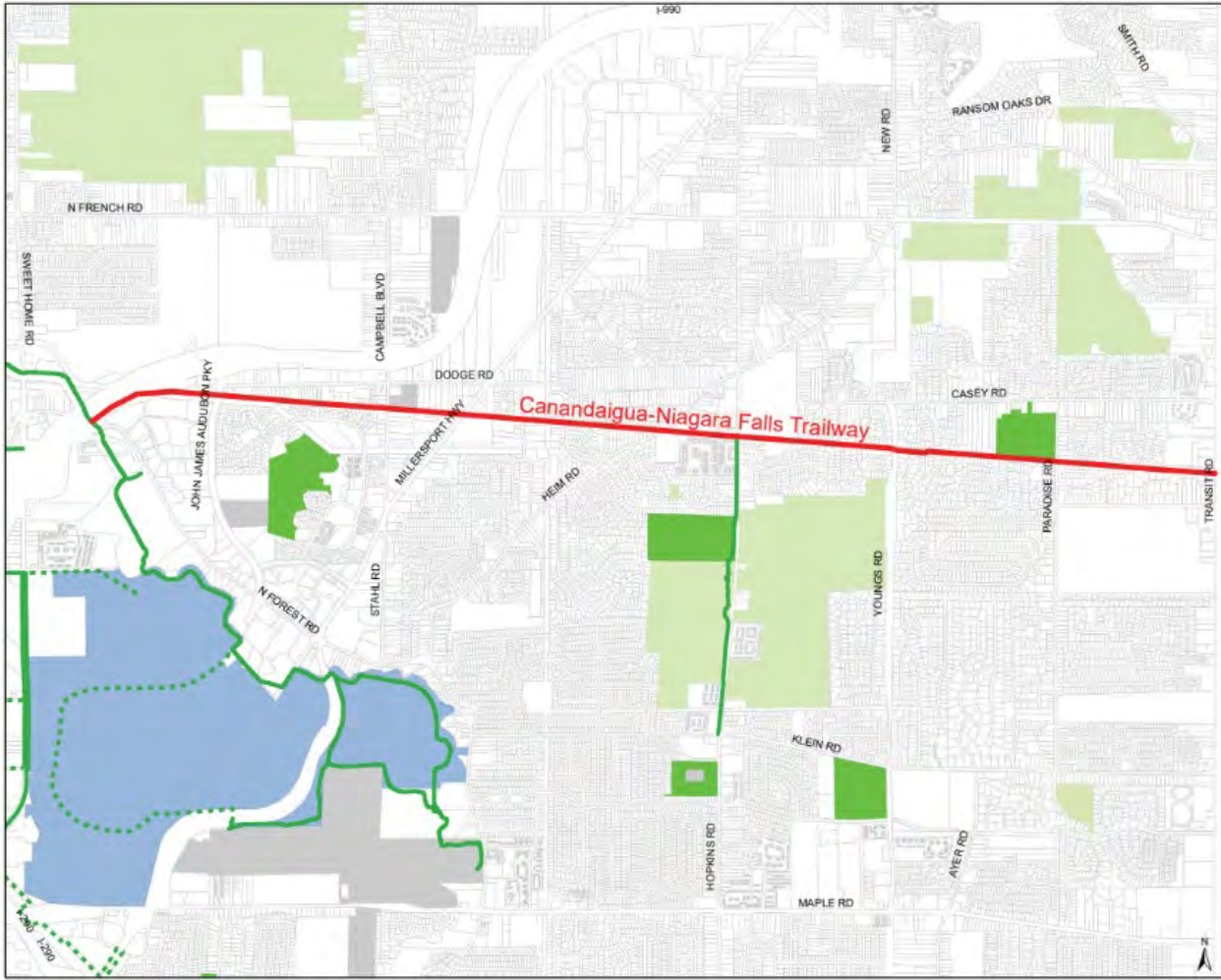
Project Type: Combination of both on-road and off-road

Project Limits: Empire State Trail and Canalway Trail at the City of Lockport Stevenson Street Bridge

Project Summary:

- Existing trails are partially developed in North Tonawanda, Wheatfield, Pendleton and Lockport, but current gaps prevent a cohesive, connected trail network from the Niagara River to the City of Lockport.
- Several opportunities exist along on-road segments and abandoned railroad corridors that are highly feasible for planning and development of a connected corridor accessible to all.





Prepared by the Town of Amherst Planning Department

Peanut Line Trail

Requesting Agency: Town of Amherst

Project Type: Off-road

Project Limits: Transit Road to North Forest Road in an existing/abandoned railway corridor in the northern part of Town

Project Summary:

- Trail would connect to the Clarence Pathway Trails on the east and Tonawanda Rails to Trails on the west.
- Is a regional gap that would connect to the Empire State and Shoreline Trails that extend to Albany and Erie, Pennsylvania.

Parker Blvd and Parkview Neighborhood Trail

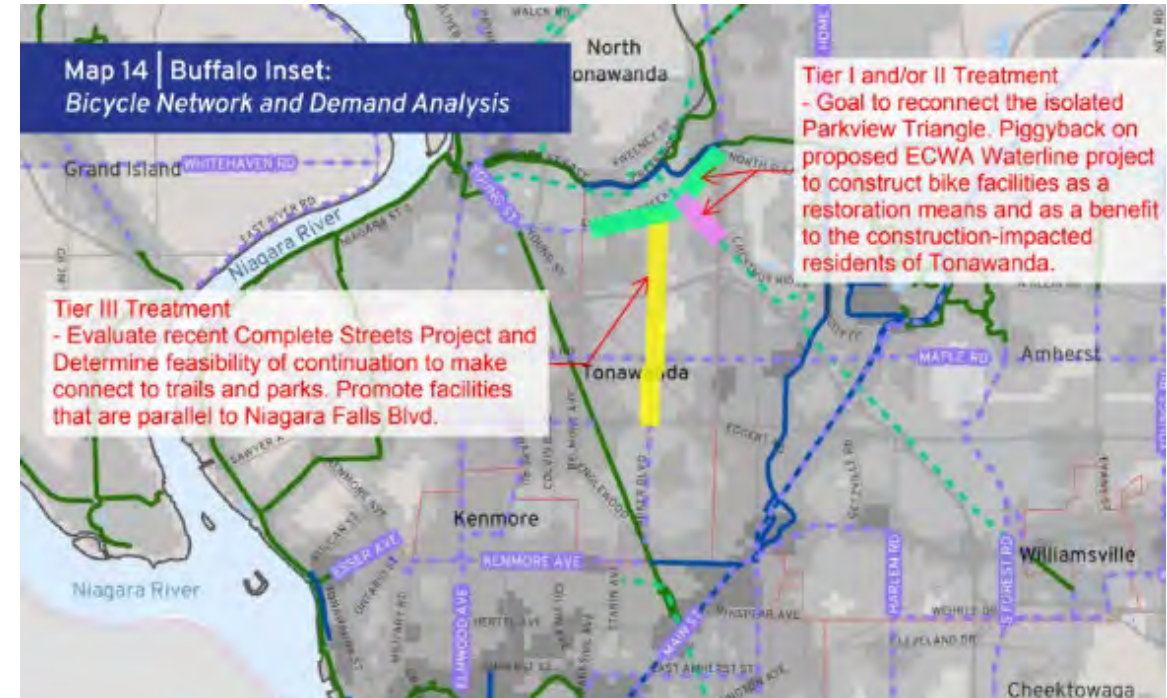
Requesting Agency: Town of Tonawanda

Project Type: Combination of both on-road and off-road

Project Limits: Sheridan Drive, Ellicott Creek, Town of Amherst.

Project Summary:

- Provides a parallel and comfortable route to Niagara Falls Blvd connecting to businesses along the vehicle oriented neighborhood.
- Connection from Tonawanda Trail, through the Parker Blvd Complete Street Project to Ellicott Creek, connecting Lincoln Park, Brighton Park and Ellicott Creek Park.
- Re-connect an isolated Parkview Triangle by initiating the I-290 Path and providing a starting connection to the I-290 Path at Ellicott Creek Road.



Eighteen Mile Creek Greenway

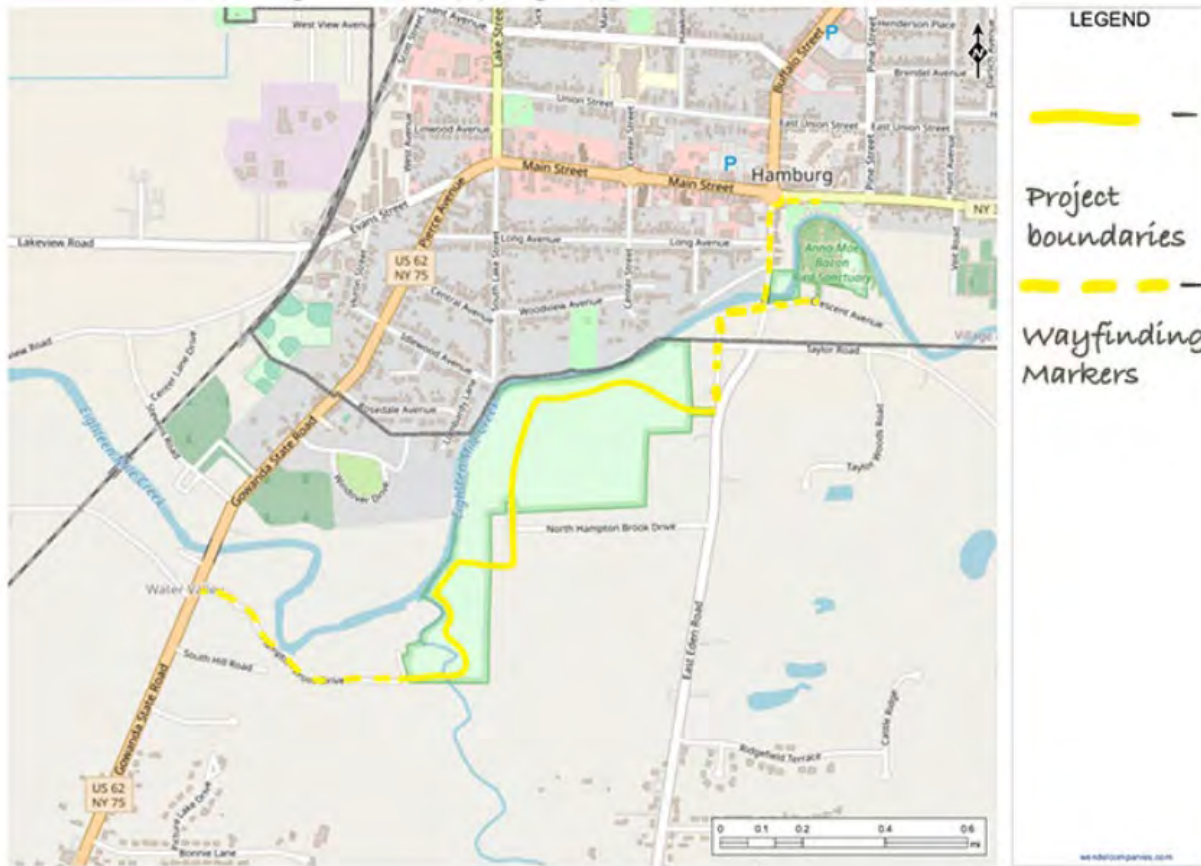
Requesting Agency: Town of Hamburg

Project Type: Off-road

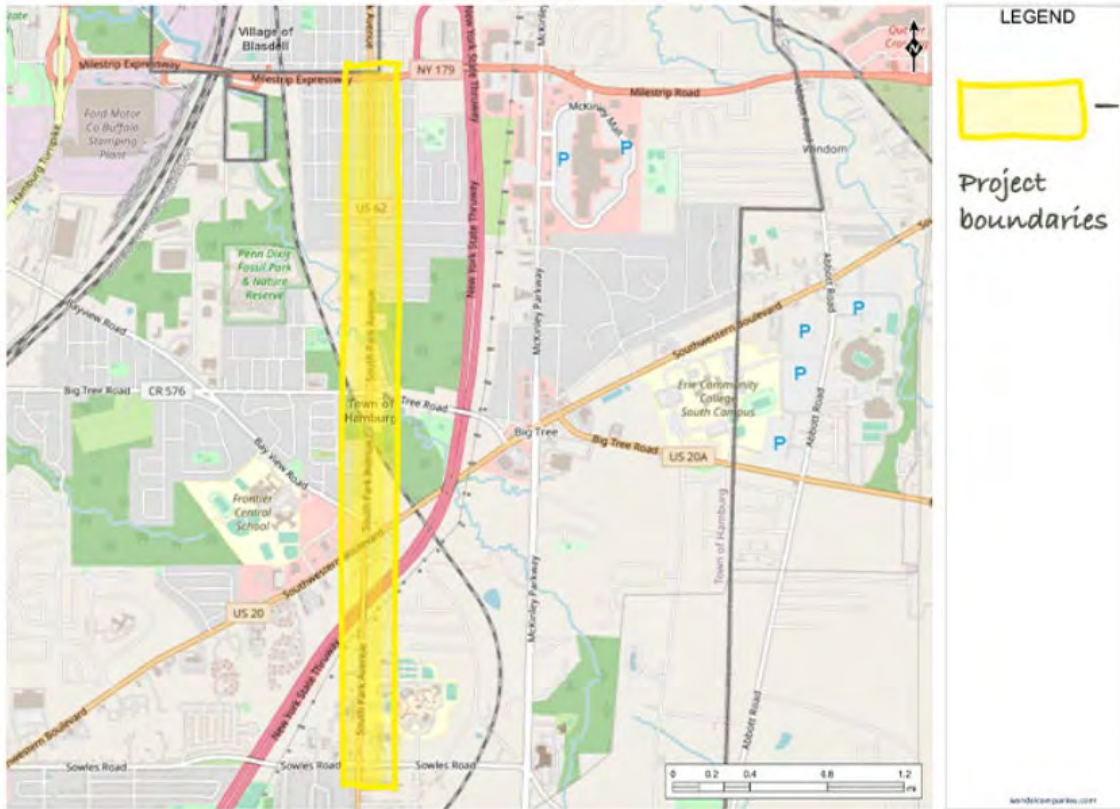
Project Limits: Eden Road to North Hampton Brook Drive and end at Hampton Brook Drive.

Project Summary:

- Trail would expand on the substantial transportation improvements made in the Village of Hamburg in recent years, connecting the Village and the Anna Mae Bacon Bird Sanctuary to Eighteen Mile Creek.
- Most residents do not have an easily accessible vantage point to the Creek so this path will provide residents and visitors with an excellent way to navigate along the Creek.



South Park Ave



Requesting Agency: Town of Hamburg

Project Type: On-road

Project Limits: South Park Ave from Sowles Road to Milestrip Road

Project Summary:

- The Town is applying for a TAP grant to construct the portion of South Park stretching between Sowles and Legion Drive/Clark Street.
- Recently completed a study for recommendations that would better connect the Village to shopping centers, Hilbert College, and up to the Village of Blasdell.
- Improve connectivity and create safer road conditions for the pedestrians and bicyclist along South Park Ave.



Evaluation Criteria

Regional Bicycle Master Plan consistency

Project identified in the Regional Bicycle Master Plan

Connectivity and Accessibility

Connects to other existing bicycle facilities in the network and/or meaningful destinations

Geographic Equity

Invests in disadvantaged communities or improve the accessibility of these communities

Community and Political Support

Demonstrated community and/or political support for the proposed project



Scoring Summary

- Niagara County Communities Joint Trail Outreach and Feasibility Study, Town of Pendleton (10/10)
- Peanut Line Trail, Town of Amherst (9.5/10)
- Eighteen Mile Creek Greenway Trail, Town of Hamburg (8/10)
- Parker Blvd and Parkview Neighborhood Trail, Town of Tonawanda (7.5/10)
- South Park Ave, Town of Hamburg (7.5/10)



Next Scheduled TPS Meeting

- Wednesday January 17th @ 9:00 AM