

MINUTES
ECTC PLANNING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the ECTC Planning Committee was held at 01:00 AM on Thursday October 8, 2020 via video conference. The following individuals were present:

Planning Committee Members

A. Avery, City of Elmira
N. Wagoner, Chemung County Planning Department
S. Grabosky, NYSDOT
S. White, Chemung County Transit
C. Martel, Chemung County DPW

MPO Central Staff

M. Perry, ECTC
A. Wood, ECTC
C. Taylor, ECTC

FHWA

C. Gonzalez

NYSDOT Staff

J. Roloson, NYSDOT
C. Rundell, NYSDOT

1. **Communications, Introductions, Public Participation** – Introductions made, with roll call. There was no public present at the meeting.
2. **Approval of the May 14, 2020 Planning Committee meeting minutes** – A motion to accept the minutes was made by N. Wagoner and seconded by S. Grabosky, all in favor, the motion carried.
3. **ECTC:**
 - a. N. Wagoner –20-T5 – Revision of the FFY 2020-2024 TIP to Add Funds to FTA 5339 Capital Funding for PIN 6821.59. Motion to approve and send to Policy Committee made by N. Wagoner, 2nd by S. Grabosky, all in favor, the motion carried.
 - b. 20-T6 – Establishing Safety Performance Targets for 2021 Based Upon Agreeing to the NYSDOT Safety Performance Targets. Motion to approve and send to Policy Committee made by S. Grabosky, 2nd by N. Wagoner, all in favor, the motion carried.
 - c. 20-T8 – Revision of the FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to Add FTA Section 5311 Projects. Motion to approve and send to Policy Committee made by A. Avery, 2nd by N. Wagoner, all in favor, the motion carried.
 - d. 20-T10 – Revision of the FFY 2020-2024 TIP to Add PIN 6806.23 – Wrong Way Driving Countermeasures Statewide. Motion to approve and send to Policy Committee made by A. Avery, 2nd by S. Grabosky, all in favor, the motion carried.
4. **Central Staff Quarterly Reports/Project Updates:**
 - a. Task 1: Asset Management – M. Perry
We have been working with Chemung County, Aaron Dowd, IT and Courtney Cornell, who does work on GIS support through Southern Tier Central contracted with Chemung County. We have been reviewing the ESRI Enterprise License Agreement that has come due again, this costs \$50,000

annually for Chemung County. Looking at other tools with GIS that may help reduce costs in other areas instead of using ESRI in order to help save money, such as Mobile 311.

Courtney Taylor –

High Crash Road Segment Intersection Report - High crash areas have been identified and a summary of the findings will be presented at the Policy meeting in November.

Road Scoring – We started early this year. We road scored City, County and Federal Aid eligible roadways in Chemung County. The report will be completed as soon as some roads are finished up. We have fulfilled mapping requests for various agencies, crash data for an additional PSAP project, Elmira Downtown Development Maps with updated walking routes, and Flood Plain Data Requests.

M. Perry –

ITS architecture – I received a database, Regional Architecture Development for Intelligent Transportation (RAD-IT) from FHWA and got some input from John Sterbentz from Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation and have input some information that I am aware of in our county.

b. Task 2: Mobility Enhancement – M. Perry –

Working with Gary Patelunas, Councilman, Village of Elmira Heights. They needed a comprehensive review of their truck routes and signage. The truck routes map has been updated and now their signage will be updated.

N. Wagoner –

FHWA Freight - we are looking into way to better utilize the air cargo capacity at the Elmira – Chemung County Regional Airport. Looking to expand the stakeholders or create a focus group for businesses to talk about how to better use the air cargo. The 3rd webinar for this will be next week.

c. Task3: Transit Enhancement – A. Wood –

Two applications have been submitted for additional state funding for current Capital projects, one for the MET Grant to increase the amount we can use for the Transportation Center Rehab Project, that is all state dedicated funding. The other one for the ATC Grant in order to increase the amount for garage repairs at the C-Tran Building. This is all state funding.

The Title 6 Plan has been submitted to the FTA. There are still some things that need added that I will be doing.

Working on the 2020-2021 Fiscal Reconciliation between First Transit and Chemung County.

S. White –

Ridership for April, May and June were down significantly due to COVID-19. Fix Route is down 38.8% YTD January – June 2020.

No accidents or injuries for this period.

Complaints were mainly due to routes that were shut down due to zero ridership.

Maintenance was 100% on time and C-Tran maintained a 100% pass rate for NYSDOT inspections from April-June 2020.

We are still currently not collecting fares until further notice.

The 511NY continues to meet virtually.

d. Task 4: Long-range Planning and Performance Data – N. Wagoner –

Economic Development - Starting the UPWP for next year. We will be talking to the County Executive and Deputy County Executive about some priorities.

West Water Street and Chemung River Crossing projects are already in progress.

Lake Street Bridge will open in 2021.

2021 priorities – looking to expand on some trail planning, to look at the gateways for Water Street and Church Street, would like to do a sidewalk survey for the City of Elmira next year depending on the budget next year.

e. Task 5: Transportation Alternatives – N. Wagoner –

Mini grants applied for through Creating Healthy Places and Communities.

A bike lane on West Church Street, that cars were using as a right turn lane, has been painted by the Elmira Public Works with bright green paint and stencils and bike lane sign.

The cross walk on North Main Street and Grey Street was also painted with the bright green paint.

One of the mini grants was used to put footprints on downtown sidewalks to show where a walking path is downtown, it is a mile loop.

Eastern Metal made eight signs, one for each side of the overpasses where the Lackawanna Trail crosses Elmira City streets. These will be installed soon.

Trail plans – The goal is to connect the Lackawanna Rail Trail and the Catharine Valley Trail to the Village of Horseheads and the piece between Grand Central and Memorial Park. The RFP will be sent to do a feasibility study to connect these trails.

f. Task 6: Public Participation and Admin – N. Wagoner –

Working on the UPWP and will need to be approved during the next round of meetings.

5. DOT Region 6:

S. Grabosky –

Finishing up this year –

- County Route 56 over I-86 Bridge Rehab is finishing up this year.
- The Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Project is experiencing some delays and may not be completed this year.
- Route 367 over Bentley Creek will be completed.
- NY 34 Tioga County Line to Van Etten is completed.

Entering construction next year is going to be –

- A region wide Bridge Joint Project that includes NY 13 over New Town Creek in the Town of Horseheads.

- Element Specific Repairs that will include NY 961A over Norfolk Southern in the Town of Chemung.
- 2 Paving Projects – One on Route 414 from Post Creek to Chambers Road and one on Route 328 from the Pennsylvania boarder to NY 14.

6. City of Elmira:

A. Avery – We have expanded our use of the digital Work Order System and are able to do Daily, Weekly, Monthly, and Annual Reports from it.

- Long Range Planning Projects – Nearing completion of the 2020 Road Program. All of the major streets have been completed, these are locally funded projects.
- We are doing a few overlays this week and possibly into next week. Some work was deferred due to COVID-19.
- 6755.77 - N. Main St. Cultural Connector Roundabout – The construction is done. We are in the wrap up of close out for financial paperwork and such.
- 6755.90 & 6755.31 – Main St. Bridge I & II – We are looking to advertise it this month with a Bid opening slated for November 3, 2020.
- 6754.68 – W. Water St. – Sealand is the contractor. Working to finish the water line part of the project and that work is to be done by the end of October. Sealand will be opening the road back up for two-way traffic for the winter and winter maintenance. In the Spring they will be doing the curbing, road work and sidewalk work. This will be completed in 2021.
- 6754.98 – Madison Ave. Bridge is completed.
- 6754.99 - Walnut St. Bridge is slated to open the end of October. The project has faced delays due to staffing issues and utility work.
- 6755.09 – Lake Street Pedestrian Bridge – The project was awarded to R. Devinentis. Construction began in September 2020. A lot of demolition will be done this fall. There will be a winter shutdown with restarting the project in the spring. Completion will be the end of the summer next year.
- 6755.30 – NYSDOT managed Industrial Park culvert was bid out and the low bidder was Silverline Construction. NYSDOT awarded this to Silverline last week.
- Riverfront Park – Hunt E-A-S design was completed in June 2020. We faced major delays in advertising due to abnormally long NYSDEC permit review process and are still waiting on the permit.
- Clemens Center Square – Streeter Associates is the contractor and work is nearing completion.
- Parking Garage – All the bids exceeded the budget and were rejected 5/11/2020. New bids were opened late September and are currently under review and we will likely be awarding it to Crane Hogan Construction. Construction is slated for 2020 and 2021.
- North-South Bicycle Corridor – County Managed Project. IPP/Smart Growth completed – RFP Completed – will advertise in 2021.

7. County Public Works:

C. Martel –

- 6754.12 & 6755.19 – Horseheads Connector – The Levee is in nice shape. There are a few items to be finished, culverts will be lined and a gate to be installed at the end of Alex Drive. Verizon has held this up due to having to put in their lines. The Highway/Bridge is scheduled for 2021/2022 construction. The Right of Way continues. There are approximately 19 acres that need to be acquired, a few of those will have to be by Eminent Domain, approximately three parcels.

- 6754.88 – CR08 Bridge over Chemung River (Lowman Crossover). Fisher Associates have completed the redesign for rebid. Two bids were received that exceeded the project budget and rejected by the County Legislators. The project will be rebid this fall for a 2021 construction.
- 6754.91 – CR 61 Coleman Ave. – Phase I has been completed. Phase II has been deferred. A temporary asphalt overlay was applied late Spring of 2020.
- Bridge NY2 – We were awarded 2 bridges and 1 culvert – County Rt 69 over Bird Creek, CR 69 over Seeley Creek and Rt 03 trib. over Wyncoop Creek. We were looking at either bidding both bridges as one or separately. Labella was selected as consultant and design continues. Pennsylvania Ave., CR 69/Bride Creek will be constructed in 2021. This bridge has been red flagged and has been reduced to a one lane bridge and will remain as such until the new construction is in place. CR 69/Seeley Creek will be constructed in 2022. The CR3/Wyncoop culvert is currently in the award process to Silverline Construction and is being administered by NYSDOT.
- 6755.21 - PSAP – Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
Consultant is Barton & Loguidice. The Design continues and they are currently completing the Design Report.
- 6755.12 – Phase I of Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvements. Erdmann Anthony is the design consultant. Preliminary Plans have been submitted for review.
- 6755.46 – North/South Bicycle Corridor- The County was awarded the project for on-road N-S Bicycle Corridor. The RFP has been completed and will advertise for consultation in 2021
- The Local Roads Safety Plan final report was sent to the County Executives for review.
- Nearing completion of work on Chemung County 2020 Highway & Bridge Programs.
- Several projects have been deferred due to COVID-19 funding concerns and NYS CHIPS reductions.

S. Grabosky - For clarification the CR3/Wyncoop Creek Culvert was awarded this week along with the Industrial Park Culvert.

8. Other Business:

Next Policy Committee Meeting is November 12, 2020 at 10 AM. It will be a WebEx meeting.

Next round of meetings has been scheduled for:

TIP Sub-Committee Meeting – January 7, 2021

Planning Committee Meeting – January 28, 2021

Policy Committee Meeting – February 25, 2021

These meetings will all be at 10 AM via WebEx.

A. Avery - Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Stauring, Acting RPPM
Acting Secretary, Planning Committee