



## July 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER**– Chair Joseph Hauryski called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM in the STC conference room.

### ATTENDANCE

**Chemung County** – Ted Bennett; Donna Draxler; Thomas Tranter

**Schuyler County** – Phil Barnes; Dennis Fagan; Judy McKinney Cherry; Timothy O’Hearn; Kristin VanHorn

**Steuben County** – Amy Dlugos; Joe Hauryski; Jack Wheeler

**STC Staff** – Marcia Weber; Maggie Costello; Susan Cratsley, Victoria Ehlen; Brittany McKerlie; Chelsea Robertson; Stephanie Yezzi

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – On a motion duly made (Wheeler/Dlugos) and carried, the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting were approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. **Request for Proposal (RFP) for Audit Services** – Since the STC auditor’s contract expired this year, STC will put out a Request for Proposal for preparation of the STC Audit for the next three years.
2. **Other** – Maggie Costello, STC’s newest planner, was introduced to the board.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. **Abstract of Claims** – the audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$21,585.36. On a motion duly made (Tranter/Draxler) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

#### 1. DDAA Board Meeting

- a. **What is DDAA?** The Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA) is a membership organization that consists of 13 states and works directly with the Local Development Districts (LDD) and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). Marcia Weber was recently elected to the DDAA board of directors, which met earlier this week in Corning.
- b. **NADO Legislative Update** – Marcia presented the NADO Legislative Update, which had been a part of the DDAA board of directors meeting, to the STC board. It outlined the FY2018 budget proposed by the President, pointing out agencies slated for elimination and the shifting of federal programs and functions to state and local governments. It included FY18 budget action in Congress and noted that the House’s level of defense spending was well above the Budget Control Act cap, which would trigger across-the-board cuts known as sequestration. The board discussed several

topics included in the presentation, and, on a motion duly made (O’Hearn/Tranter) and carried, directed Marcia to draft a resolution and a letter on behalf of STC to House member Tom Reed. The resolution and letter will oppose the proposed reduction and elimination of federal funds for the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission and request continued funding at no less than the FY2017 congressionally approved levels.

- c. **Visit with Earl Gohl and STN** – Earl Gohl, ARC Federal Co-Chair, met this week with the Southern Tier Network CEO to discuss the STN fiber network and how it benefits the region.

## **REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

1. **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Update** –Victoria Ehlen met with several municipalities to encourage them to participate in the ARC application process. Any municipality or organization interested in submitting an ARC application should contact STC as soon as possible before the due date of September 6.
2. **Resolution in Support of Completion of I86** (in packets)--Ted Bennett presented a resolution requesting that NYS advance funding and expedite completion of I-86 projects. On a motion duly made (Draxler/O’Hearn) and carried, the I-86 resolution (attached) was approved.
3. **Intergovernmental Review**

### **New York State**

#### **1711 Rural Home Preservation Project – Housing Preservation Grant**

Project Applicant: Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation Inc.

Description: 8 owner-occupied single family homes will receive housing rehabilitation grants to correct health and safety hazards as well as energy inefficiency caused by substandard housing.

Federal Agency: US Dept. of Agriculture, HPG Program

Cost: Federal: \$35,000 State: \$75,000 Other: \$5,000 Total: \$115,000

Marcia Weber gave a brief description of this project. On a motion duly made (Tranter/Wheeler) and carried, the intergovernmental review was approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Board Member Retirement** – Randy Olthof, Chemung County Planning Department, is retiring in August and will no longer be a member of the STC board. The board asked Marcia to send a letter of appreciation to Randy.
2. **Cancellation of August Meeting and the Next Board Meeting** – with no objections from board members, the August board meeting was cancelled. The next board meeting will be on September 28, 2017 (change in regular schedule).
3. **Other** – Ted Bennett distributed the I-86 Travel Guide.

**ADJOURN** – on a motion duly made (Draxler/Dlugos) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cratsley  
Executive Assistant

**Southern Tier Central**  
Regional Planning & Development Board



**RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON PROPOSED FY2018 FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS**

WHEREAS, the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board (STC) represents Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties in the Southern Tier of New York, and

WHEREAS, STC is a designated Economic Development District through the U.S. Economic Development Administration and a designated Local Development District through the Appalachian Regional Commission, and

WHEREAS, through STC's work with those two federal agencies, millions of dollars in funding through the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission have been awarded to Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties over the past 51 years, and

WHEREAS, the Administration proposes to eliminate funding for those federal agencies for fiscal year 2018, and

WHEREAS, funding for those federal agencies is now being considered by Congress for fiscal year 2018,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board strongly opposes the proposed reduction and elimination of federal funds for the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Commission and requests continued funding at no less than the FY2017 congressionally approved levels.

Adopted by the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board at its regular meeting on July 20, 2017.

  
Joseph Hauryski, Chair

7/20/2017  
Date

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**RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR CUOMO AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADVANCE FUNDING AND EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF THE “DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN” INTERSTATE 86 PROJECTS IN BROOME, DELAWARE, SULLIVAN, AND ORANGE COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, Governor Pataki committed to a ten-to-twelve-year construction program to complete the Route 17 conversion to Interstate 86 (“I-86”) beginning with the first designation (177 miles Chemung County West to Pennsylvania) on December 3, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the designation of New York State Route 17 to I-86 provides a superhighway with connection to every Interstate Highway located within New York State and Interstate Highways leading into Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the upgrade and designation of Route 17 as I-86 will make the region more competitive and able to attract substantial growth in business, industry, and tourism as well as improve the safety of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the New York I-86 Economic Development Benefit Study, issued in January 2000, which was widely accepted and quoted at all levels of government, called for an aggressive eight-year construction period that would result in a 3.2-billion-dollar direct economic benefit to communities along the I-86 Highway Corridor once the conversion has been completed; and

WHEREAS, with proper funding and resources (Fast Track/Design Build) for the remaining projects in Broome, Delaware, Sullivan, and Orange Counties, the conversion of Route 17 to I-86 could be completed many years sooner than on the present schedule providing vast economic benefits to the Hudson Valley, Southern Tier, and Western New York regions and would yield significant economic benefits for the nation by facilitating national freight flows, reducing travel times, improving safety, enhancing access to markets, creating new jobs and greater value-added activity; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of funding the current Administration has been unable to commit to a timetable for completing the conversion of Route 17 to Interstate I-86; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for state infrastructure projects, specifically the modernization of roads and bridges, may be forth coming from the Federal Government; and

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WHEREAS, the primary economic development agencies in Orange and Sullivan Counties have formed a Coalition to promote the widening of Route 17 to six lanes over the 47 miles between Harriman and Monticello; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board does hereby request that Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature advance funding (Fast Track/Design Build) expediting completion of the projects in Broome, Delaware, Sullivan, and Orange Counties on New York State Route 17 so that the same may be converted to I-86; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Honorable John Flanagan, Honorable Carl Heastie, Honorable Christopher Friend, Honorable Thomas O'Mara, Honorable David Gantt, Honorable Catherine Young, Honorable Fred Ashkar, Honorable David Carlucci, Honorable John Bonacic, Honorable William Larkin, Honorable Joseph Giglio, Honorable Kenneth Zebrowski, Honorable Philip Palmesano, Honorable Karl Brabenec, Honorable Donna Lupardo, Honorable Aileen Gunther, Honorable Andy Goodell, Honorable Thomas Santulli, Inter-county Association of Western New York, New York State Association of Counties, Schuyler County, and the I-86 Corridor Counties (Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Allegany, Chemung, Steuben, Tioga, Broome, Delaware, Sullivan, Orange).

  
Joseph Hauryski, Chair

7/20/17  
Date