



Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board

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Paul W. Pinckney, Chairman David V. Bottar, Executive Director

MINUTES

**Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board
Board of Directors Meeting
June 24, 2026**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Jonathan Anna, Pamela D. Caraccioli, Patrick Clune, Elaine Daly, Elaine Denton, Edward Gilson, Trisha Hiemstra, William McGovern, Mary Ann Messinger, Stephen Selvek, Scott Steve, Kari Terwilliger, Melanie L. Vilardi, and Stephen Zabriskie

Guests: Mario Colone, Julie Fleck, Jeremiah Thompson

Staff: David Bottar, James D'Agostino, Sophia Fisher, Erica Herman, Carrie Hollis, Bruce Keplinger, Amanda Mazzoni, Aaron McKeon, Lindsay Speer, Isabel Willson

1. CALL TO ORDER

David Bottar called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at the offices of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board in Syracuse, New York. Mr. Bottar noted the meeting included a zoom link and that several members were participating in the meeting via the link.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda and minutes from the April 29, 2026 meeting as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. SMTC – NYS Route 31 Transit Corridor Assessment Study

Mario Colone, Assistant Director to the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council was introduced and provided a power point presentation regarding a special consultant study that was recently completed to assess the feasibility of establishing an enhanced transit corridor along NYS Route 31 to support the Micron project and other community initiatives in the region.

Mr. Colone initiated his remarks by noting the lead consultant on the transit study was Stantec and the Study Advisory Committee consisted of representatives from CENTRO, NYSDOT, CNY RPDB, Onondaga County, Lysander, Clay, Van Buren, Cicero, and Baldwinsville.

Mr. Colone continued his remarks by noting the study area went along NYS Route 31 from Van Buren/Baldwinsville to the Cicero area. Mr. Colone noted the study review the state of Route 31 today and explored where Route 31 could be in the future with an enhanced transportation and transit network. It was noted that the principal goal of the study was to develop a plan that outlines the feasibility of, and required conditions for, future enhanced public transportation services that support existing and anticipated centers of development identified in Onondaga's comprehensive plan – Plan Onondaga.

Mr. Colone noted the transit planning study goals included establishing a multimodal corridor framework, prepare Route 31 for transit-oriented communities, foster regional growth to support communities, identify strategies for long-term corridor success, and to build community support for plan initiatives. Mr. Colone noted the study includes a transit corridor assessment, appendix with analysis and documentation, and a four-station area design “flip books”.

Mr. Colone continued his remarks by noting the consultant evaluated five transit service options along the Route 31 corridor including on-demand bus, enhanced fixed-route bus, bus rapid transit, streetcar, and light-rail transit. It was noted that this evaluation included detailed transit supportive density design options, capital and operating cost information, and illustrative station area visualization for three options including enhanced fixed-route bus, bus rapid transit, and light-rail transit service. Mr. Colone concluded his remarks by noting that staff will be meeting with community representatives in the months ahead to explore more closely that options addressed in the plan and steps that can be taken to enhance the Route 31 corridor.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bottar provided a brief report summarizing program activities the office is currently working on including plans to move forward with rolling out and implementing the community forestry initiative. Mr. Bottar also noted that work has been initiated on updating the CNY Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, which is a document the agency is expected to update every five years for the federal Economic Development Administration. Mr. Bottar concluded his remarks by noting the next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 22th and the next Board meeting is set for August 26th.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

It was noted there was no old or new business presented to the Board for discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was introduced and seconded to adjourn the meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Bottar, Executive Director