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AGENDA AND MEETING NOTICE

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 P.M.

Location: Transit Center, 737 Willow Ave. Ithaca, N.Y.

Meeting is being held in-person; Zoom Meeting link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86990074518?pwd=TgEh1kLaPYdn946Fbanbuld2Q9H9aG.1>

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| I. | Public Comment | |
| II. | Approval of September 16, 2025, Joint Planning/Policy Committee Action Summary | Planning Committee Chair |
| III. | Director's Report | Thomas Knipe |
| IV. | ITCTC Software and Data Presentation and Discussion | Jay Lambrix /Thomas Knipe |
| V. | Member Reports | Committee Members |
| VI. | Adjournment | |

Two hours have been set aside for this meeting, but we will aim to cover the agenda for this meeting in one hour.

The meeting will be recorded.

ITEM I

Public Comment

Report: This agenda item is provided for the purpose of allowing members of the public to comment on issues of concern.

Action Requested: This item is for informational purposes only.

ITEM II

**Approval of Action Summary –
September 16, 2025**

Report: The September 16, 2025 Action Summaries are attached to the end of this meeting packet.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the September 16, 2025 Action Summary.

ITEM III

Director's Report

Report: This agenda item is provided for the purpose of informing committee members regarding any updates on the actions of the ITCTC director and staff.

Action Requested: This item is for information purposes only.

ITEM IV

**ITCTC Software and Data
Presentation and Discussion**

Report: This agenda item is provided for the purpose of showcasing the ITCTC's software and data inventory capacity.

Action Requested: This item is for information purposes only.

ITEM V

Member Reports

Report: This agenda item is provided for the purpose of allowing members to discuss issues of common concern. Examples might include: UPWP-related activities, local implementation of actions identified in the LRTP or construction updates.

Action Requested: This item is for information purposes only.

ITEM VI

Adjournment

The next ITCTC meeting:
ITCTC Joint Policy and Planning Committee, December 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Action Summary

JOINT PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

September 16, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Planning Committee:

In Person: Katie Borgella (Tompkins County), Ray Burger (Town of Dryden), Kelly Chapman (Tompkins County), C.J. Randall (Town of Ithaca), David Roth (NYSDOT), Trevor Jensen (TCAT), Timothy Logue (City of Ithaca), Shannon Hart (Tompkins County).

Remote: Ronny Hardaway (Vil. of Lansing), Joel Gagon (Town of Danby).

Policy Committee:

In Person: Rod Howe (Town of Ithaca), Ray Burger (Town of Dryden), Dave Roth (NYSDOT), Jennifer Biloski (Vil. of Cayuga Heights), Tim Logue (City of Ithaca), Laura Lewis (TCAT),

Remote: Ronny Hardaway (Village of Lansing), Joel Gagnon (Town of Danby).

Excused:

Planning Committee:

Jason Leifer, Vice Chair (Town of Dryden), Brent Cross (Village of Cayuga Heights), John Licitra (City of Ithaca), Curt Parrish (TCAT), David O'Shea (Town of Ithaca), Reed Huegerich (Cornell University), Kate Supron (Cornell University), John Courtney (Vil. of Lansing), Katrina Bergan (NYSDOT), Kate Kelley-Mackenzie (Town of Caroline), Greg Hutnik (Town of Danby), Ellard Keister (Town of Groton), Ruth Groff (Town of Lansing), John Zepko (Town of Lansing), Michael Allinger (Town of Newfield), Niels Tygensen (Town of Ulysses), Joe Slater (Town of Ithaca), Julie Baldwin (NYSDOT), Megan McDonald (Tompkins County), Stephanie Redmond (Town of Enfield), Michael Allinger (Town of Newfield), Matthew Rosenbloom (TCAT).

Policy Committee:

Rich DePaolo (Town of Ithaca), Jason Leifer (Town of Dryden), Michael Lane (Tompkins County), Randy Brown (Tompkins County), Linda Woodard (Vil. of Cayuga Heights), Robert Cantelmo (City of Ithaca), Matthew Rosenbloom (TCAT), Reed Huegerich (Cornell University), Stephanie Redmond (Town of Enfield), Don Scheffler (Town of Lansing), Ruth Groff (Town of Lansing), Michael Allinger (Town of Newfield), Benjamin Fischer (FHWA), Ayla Schermer (FTA).

Staff:

MPO: Thomas Knipe, Jay Lambrix

Dept. Planning & Sustainability: Frank Doldo (Chief Transportation Planner, T.C. Planning & Sustainability),

Guests:

Regan Parshall (Member of the Public), Jason Youngblood (Member of the Public), Jane Bowman Brady (Director of Golthaca)

I. Public Comment Period

Report: There were no public comments.

Action: This item is for informational purposes. No action required.

Joint Committee Items:

II. Staff Transition Update

Report: Final report of the staff transition committee.

Action: This item is for informational purposes. No action required.

III. Approval of Policy Committee Action Summary – July 15, 2025

Report: The July 15, 2025 Action Summary is attached to the end of this meeting packet.

Action: Moved by **David Roth**, seconded by **Jennifer Biloski**, and unanimously approved by the Policy Committee.

IV. Adding Tompkins County as signatory to the 2018 Performance Management Agreement

Report: In 2018, following federal regulation requirements, the ITCTC, NYSDOT and TCAT signed a Performance Management Agreement that described each agency's responsibility to developing and sharing performance management data and targets. The document was included as an email attachment to ITCTC committee members.

During the recently implemented FTA triennial review, the FTA determined that Tompkins County, as the designated recipient of federal transit funds, should also be a signatory to the Performance Management Agreement.

Action: Moved by **David Roth**, seconded by **Jennifer Biloski**, and unanimously approved by the Policy Committee.

V. Updating Statewide Safety Performance Measures

Report: Federal rules require the State to set targets for five safety performance measures in coordination with MPOs. NYSDOT worked with the NY State Association of MPOs and its working groups to develop a set of targets. The Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State targets or establish its own targets. The ITCTC, along with other NY State MPOs, has opted to support the State targets. Starting in 2017 the ITCTC has passed resolutions annually supporting NYSDOT's targets for safety performance measures. These targets have been updated in the TIP each year.

NYSDOT has developed 2026 targets for highway safety performance measures and this agenda item seeks to formalize support for these targets and amends the TIP to add the 2026 targets. Below is draft Resolution 25-09: *Supporting New York State Department of Transportation's 2026 Targets for Safety Performance Measures*, as well as a TIP amendment form describing how the new figures will be added to the TIP text.

Action: Moved by **David Roth**, seconded by **Jennifer Biloski**, and unanimously approved by the Policy Committee.

1. Resolution 2025-09: *Supporting New York State Department of Transportation's 2026 Targets for Highway Safety Performance Measures (included below)*, and

2. 2026-2030 TIP amendment: *Updating Highway Safety Performance Targets for 2026-Text Amendment* (included below after the resolution).

RESOLUTION 2025-09

SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TARGETS FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

WHEREAS, the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Urbanized and approved Metropolitan Planning Areas; AND

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set initial targets for five safety performance measures by August 31, 2020; AND

WHEREAS, As required by 23 CFR Part 490, New York State must set annual safety performance targets (5 year rolling averages) for five safety performance measures; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has established year 2026 targets based on five year rolling averages for the following performance measures:

- (1) Number of Fatalities,
- (2) Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
- (3) Number of Serious Injuries,
- (4) Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and
- (5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries, AND

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in New York through the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO), AND

WHEREAS, the Governors Traffic Safety Committee has adopted safety targets for number of fatalities, rate of fatalities and number of serious injuries as set forth in the Highway Safety Strategic Plan (HSSP), and NYSDOT has officially adopted identical 2026 safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report dated August 31, 2025, AND

WHEREAS, the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State targets, or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ITCTC Policy Committee has agreed to support NYSDOT's 2026 targets for the five highway safety performance targets as attached herein, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Committee directs the ITCT Staff Director to update the 2026-2030 TIP to include the 2026 highway safety targets, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Committee will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

This resolution having been considered and approved on September 16, 2025.

Resolution 25-09
Attachment

2026 HIGHWAY SAFETY TARGETS	
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET 2026
Number of Traffic Fatalities	1,005.9
Fatality Rate per 100 million VMT*	0.877
Number of Serious Injuries	10,978.4
Serious Injury Rate per 100 million VMT**	9.509
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries***	2,602.0

* Fatality Rate computed using VMT from FHWA Highway Statistics Series, Table VM-2.

** Serious Injury Rate computed using VMT from FHWA Highway Statistics Series, Table VM-2.

*** Based on combined total of Pedestrian Fatalities and Bicyclist and Other Cyclist Fatalities from FARS.

2023-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

****Amendment****

Updating Highway Safety Performance Targets for 2026 - Text Amendment

The Policy Committee of the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (ITCTC) approved an amendment to the text of the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) during a joint meeting with the Planning Committee on September 16, 2025. The action on the 2026-2030 TIP is described below.

Description:

Federal rules require the State to set targets for five safety performance measures in coordination with MPOs. NYSDOT worked with the NY State Association of MPOs (NYSAMPO) and its working groups to develop a set of targets. The Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State targets or establish its own targets. The ITCTC, along with other NY State MPOs, has opted to support the State targets. Starting in 2017 the ITCTC has passed resolutions annually *supporting New York State Department of Transportation's Targets for Safety Performance Measures*. These targets have been updated in the TIP each year.

NYSDOT has developed 2026 Targets for safety performance measures. These targets are supported by the ITCTC per Resolution 25-09: *Supporting New York State Department of Transportation's 2026 Targets for Safety Performance Measures*.

This text amendment to the 2026-2030 TIP follows a format as agreed by NYSDOT and FHWA in coordination with NYSAMPO. The amended text serves to update performance measure safety targets to 2026 as shown in Attachment A (underlined/strike through text) below. The TIP and STIP will remain fiscally constrained.

Attachment A
September 16, 2025

Addressing Performance Targets

Background

Unchanged

Highway Safety

The FHWA Highway Safety (PM1) rule established the five performance measures for safety on all public roads. The performance measures are calculated as five-year rolling averages.

The 2023 New York Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is intended to “promote best practices and strategies that, implemented, could have a substantial impact on reducing fatal and serious injuries crashes.” The SHSP was developed through a collaborative process involving federal, state, local, and tribal safety partners. It guides NYSDOT, the MPOs, and other safety partners in addressing safety and defines a framework for implementation activities to be carried out across New York State. The NYSDOT HSIP Annual Report documents the statewide performance targets.

Performance Targets

In August 2024~~5~~, NYSDOT set 2025~~6~~ statewide highway safety targets. Those targets are shown in

Table 1. The ITCTC agreed to support the NYSDOT statewide 2025~~6~~ targets for the following safety measures on ~~February 25, 2025~~ September 16, 2025, via Resolution 2025-03-09: Supporting NYSDOT's 2025~~6~~ Targets for Safety Performance Measures.

The ITCTC agreed to support the NYSDOT statewide targets for Safety PM measures as shown in the table below, based on five year rolling averages per Title 23 Part 490.207 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Resolutions agreeing to support statewide targets have been approved annually since 2017, with the most recent as follows:

2025 HIGHWAY SAFETY TARGETS	
PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET 20256
Number of Traffic Fatalities	1,011.0 <u>1,005.9</u>
Fatality Rate per 100 million VMT	0.881 <u>.877</u>
Number of Serious Injuries	11,034.1 <u>10,978.4</u>
Serious Injury Rate per 100 million VMT	9.557 <u>9.509</u>
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	2,615.2 <u>2,602.0</u>

Anticipated Effects

Safety is a critical component of the ITCTC's mission, and the projects on the TIP are consistent with the need to address safety. Safety is a primary consideration in the selection of projects to be included in the TIP. "To improve the safety of the overall transportation system" is an overarching goal of the ITCTC Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In addition, the LRTP includes goals and policies prioritizing safety as a base component of all infrastructure design. The Initial Project Proposal utilized during TIP development requires a description of each project's safety benefits regardless of funding source. HSIP funded projects include additional safety analysis. The TIP includes projects programmed with HSIP funds and other fund sources that are expected to materially benefit the safety of the traveling public on roadways throughout the metropolitan planning area. The anticipated effect of the overall program is that it will contribute toward achieving NYSDOT's safety performance targets.

VI. Member Reports

Report:

1. Katie Borgella (Tompkins County)

- She wanted to give credit to TCAT, Gadabout, and the Dept. of Planning and Sustainability for a very successful Triennial Review.

Question: Rod Howe

Who is in charge of the Triennial Review?

Response: Katie Borgella

FTA runs it and State DOT participates and hires consultants for a third-party review. It's a deep dive into everything associated with transit in the community.

2. Frank Doldo (Tompkins County)

- The final report will be presented soon.
- They got a lot of positive feedback from the regional administrator, Michael Collata.

3. Laura Lewis (TCAT)

- She just wanted to echo the comments from Frank and Katie.
- TCAT Fall service has begun.
- The new TCAT electric buses have arrived, five of which are onsite. One of them is doing an exhibition tour.

4. David Roth (NYSDOT)

- The end of the Federal Fiscal Year is rapidly approaching, but all the needed authorization has been achieved.
- The last project on the table was the City Stewart Ave. Project.
- There are no updates regarding the Rt. 13/34/96 project. There is no meeting until December.

5. Trevor Jensen (TCAT)

- There will be new updates to the fareboxes allowing people using credit cards to limit their daily bus expenditures to \$3 in total.
- This program should start in October.

Question: Jennifer Biloski

What happens with people who do not have credit cards?

Response: Trevor Jensen

As of right now, only people with apps or credit cards can access this program.

Question: Jay Lambrix

Will it be like the Rochester system where people can purchase an all day \$3 pass

Response: Trevor Jensen

You can already purchase an all-day \$3 pass, but this program allows people to automatically get their fares capped without having to worry about buying an all-day pass.

Question: Katie Borgella

Can people use debit cards?

Response: Trevor Jensen

Yes.

6. C.J. Randall (Town of Ithaca)

- Forest Home Improvement Association, along with Cornell University, has been working with the Town to develop a traffic calming plan update, the first update since 2007. This time, they are looking at more through an active transportation lens. They are putting out a request for

qualification for design/planning firms.

- The South Hill Traditional Neighborhood Development – They are putting out an RFQ for consultants in the next few weeks for this project.
- The Town has draft design reports almost ready for East Shore Drive.
- The design approval document under review for the Town Line Road Bridge.
- They are almost ready to convey to the State of New York the three final parcels for the Black Diamond Trail connection to Treman Park and Buttermilk Falls. They should be wrapping that up within the next few weeks.
- The Town passed the Vision Zero resolution that accompanied the Safe Streets for All final report (this report will be posted to the website shortly). They are looking to start looking at implementation of the Safe Streets for All plan.

7. Kelley Chapman (Tompkins County)

- There are multiple road projects in progress

8. Tim Logue (City of Ithaca)

- No updates as of this moment.

9. Jennifer Biloski (Vil. of Cayuga Heights)

- T.G. Miller is continuing to work on the easement maps for the Cayuga Heights Road project.
- The Grenwood Creek culvert project design is being worked on by T.G. Miller. The culvert needs replacement.

10. Ray Burger (Town of Dryden)

- Dryden Rail Trail Update – The work plan design grant of \$11,000 has been awarded for the middle stretch of the trail.

11. Rod Howe (Town of Ithaca)

- Coddington Valley Trail Update – They will be sending out a request for proposals shortly. Stay tuned. This is for the stretch from Burns Road to Middaugh Road.

12. Ronny Hardaway (Town of Lansing)

- Lansing Trail Update –
- The DPW crew recently upgraded Lansing Trail by widening the paths and built a new path over a culvert. They are waiting for the surface to cure, but it should be ready in a few days.
- Lansing is planning on installing a sidewalk along the north side of Kraft Rd. from Triphammer to curve at Leap's Way.
- They will be putting in a left-turn signal at the southbound Triphammer Rd. intersection before Graham Rd.

13. Thomas Knipe (Tompkins County)

- Notification of Fernando's retirement party this Friday at 4:30 at Personal Best's Brewing.
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14. Natalie Motl (City of Ithaca)

- Cambridge Systematics will get the data from DOT, refine it, and then send it to the County to upload to the SS4A dashboard.

VII. **Adjournment**

The next scheduled ITCTC meetings:

No meeting scheduled for October.

ITCTC Planning Committee, November 18, 2025 at 10:00 p.m.

ITCTC Joint Committee meeting December 16, 2025 at 1:00p.m.

Policy Committee Action on Sept. 16, 2025 for approval of 07/15/25 Action Summary.

ATTEST: _____
David Roth, ITCTC Policy Committee Secretary

The 2025 Meeting Schedule can be viewed on the ITCTC website:

<https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Ithaca-Tompkins-County-Transportation-Council/Meeting-Schedule>

*If you are unable to attend, please inform the ITCTC Office and arrange for your alternate to be in attendance.
Meetings may be cancelled in advance due to a lack of sufficient action items on the agenda.*