



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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Chairman

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2025

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on March 13, 2025, at 3:00pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Sam Trapani, citizen member; Andrew Hollister, citizen member; Orlando Rivera, citizen member; Dave Watson, citizen member; Millie Sefranek, citizen member; Robert Colby, Legislator (via zoom, joined 3:17); Rachel Barnhart, Legislator (via zoom, through 4:00); Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety; Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Mgmt Dept. of Environmental Services

Alternates Present: Adrienne Green, Law Dept. (for Deputy Co. Exec. Jeff McCann) (via zoom); Conor McMahon (for Asst. Co. Exec. Amy Grower); Joe Taddeo, Finance (for Robert Franklin, Dir. of Finance); Kristina Daugherty, Public Safety

Planning Staff Present: Patrick Gooch, Sr. Assoc. Planner; Yixuan Lin, Sr. Planner, Secretary to the Board; Lisa Huntoon, Asst. to the Secretary to the Bd.

**Others Present
(In person):**

Dept. of Public Safety: Tim Henry
Dept. of Parks: Patrick Meredith
Dept. of Transportation: Tom Frys
Dept. of Environmental Services: Richard Perrin
Law Department: Josh Pheterson
Monroe Community Hospital: Darren Vogt
Monroe County Community College: Quent Rhodes, Antonia Custodio
Monroe County Library System: Jennifer Smathers
Monroe County Sheriff's Office: Jennifer Curley, Chief Deputy Michael Fowler, Superintendent Maurice Leone, Captain Frederick Bancroft, Robert Anderson
Monroe County Zoo: Bob Lee
Information Services: Ken Forney
Dept. of Health - Medical Examiner: Rebecca Hartman
Board of Elections: David Reilich, Rosemary Rivera

**Others Present
(Via zoom):** Town of Greece, John Catarino

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Yixuan Lin shared that an addendum to the proposed 2026-2031 CIP was emailed to board members and provided hard copies of the addendum in the meeting. The addendum provides an updated table showing the Estimated Annual Impact on the Operation Budget for each project listed in the CIP. There is no change to schedule or programs.

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion: Mr. Trapani

Seconded: Mr. Hollister

Vote: Motion Approved

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Santos opened the *Public Hearing* on the County's proposed 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and introduced Patrick Gooch, Sr. Associate Planner to start the presentation. Mr. Gooch began by going through the steps to access the CIP on the County's website and then gave a slide presentation on the CIP process and an overview of the proposed CIP (attached). The proposed CIP report can be found at <https://www.monroecounty.gov/planning-cip>

At the conclusion of the presentation, there was an opportunity for questions and/or comments, below are responses:

- In regard to the large zoo projects, Mr. Gooch shared some have been moved out to 2031 therefore the maintenance numbers will move beyond that time frame. Mr. Gooch noted the numbers in the out years are soft numbers so they will be refined in the coming years as the projects move through the cycle.
- Mr. Murphy from DES replied regarding a question on the jail improvements as they are managed by the division of engineering. They are working closely with the Sheriff's office and are still in the process of learning what the needs are for these projects and evaluating the changes in regulations. These major projects are not reflected in the CIP until they can make those determinations.
- Ms. Curley from MCSO explained that the number in the CIP for the MCSO body worn cameras is just a portion of the overall cost, other funding comes from grants and cash capital.
- Mr. Frys from MCDOT explained that bicycle lanes can be considered as long as there is enough space in the roadway. For example, if there are four lanes and we can possibly reduce that to three (one lane in each direction, center two-way left turn lane) and then provide for wider shoulders. Bicycle lanes will be considered in cases like those. However, based on the volume of traffic we cannot always do that because we do not want to create gridlock either. Once we determine whether or not we have enough space we do reach out to the towns as we need their support for the bicycle lanes. Additionally, the town has to agree to and pass parking ordinances to restrict parking on the shoulders.
- Mr. Gooch replied to a question regarding interest in potential multi-use trails in Monroe County Parks. Current information gathering would not be in the CIP as they are considered planning studies. Those would be paid for with operating costs through the department. However, if the infrastructure is proposed to be built, they could potentially be in the CIP.

Chairman Santos notified the Board that they had received two public comments from Genesee Regional Off-road Cyclists (GROC):

1. Support for Budget Allocation to Implement Irondequoit Bay Area Trail Improvements
2. Concerning the "environmental" issues that are happening within the parks in the I-Bay area

Chairman Santos read the comments to the Board. The print copies of the comments (attached) were also shared with the members who were present. Chairman Santos mentioned that the Genesee Transportation Council might have grant funding that supports the trail connections. The Board will get responses from the relevant departments for the next Planning Board meeting on March 20th.

Chairman Santos stated that the closing date for submitting public comments and/or questions is March 19, 2025.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion: Mr. Rivera

Seconded: Mr. Wiedemer

Vote: Motion Approved

The Public Hearing was closed at 4:04 pm by Chairman Santos.

APPROVAL OF THE March 6, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Watson

Seconded: Ms. Sefranek

Vote: Motion Approved

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION:

a) Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Presenter: Jennifer Curley, Chief Deputy Fowler, Superintendent Leone, Captain Bancroft, and Robert Anderson

Discussion:

Ms. Curley provided an overview of the MCSO CIP projects, including Vehicle Replacement Project, Body Worn Cameras, Jail General HVAC and MEP Site Improvements, Jail General Building Envelope and Site Improvements, Active Shooter Firearm and PPE Replacement Project, Marine Unit Vessel Replacement Project, Hall of Justice Plaza Level Security, SPEC OPS Building Upgrade, Jail Records Management System, Radio Communication Infrastructure for Jail and Court Bureaus, and Special Team Equipment Vehicle Replacement.

The MCSO provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- This 10-year contract includes a five-year replacement - in five years, they will give us new equipment under the same purchasing agreement.
- The battery for the body worn camera will last a shift but if overtime or a double shift, they will not get the full 16 hours out of it. They do have magnetic trickle charging cables in the car.
- If the State does not accept the inmate after 10 days, they have to start reimbursing the County on a per-day basis. The reimbursement is not fair, as it costs the County significantly more per inmate each day compared to the State reimbursement rate.
- Regarding the marine unit vessel, what determines whether MCSO or the Coast Guard responds to a lake emergency is how calls are dispatched. If the call comes in through 911, it will come to the Monroe County Sheriff and if it comes through the radio frequency, it will go directly to the Coast Guard. There is also mutual aid that occurs when the vessels help out other counties, such

as Sodus Point and Conesus Lake. MCSO scuba team will take the boat down to support them and they will come up to support us too.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECT PRIORITY VOTE:

Mr. Gooch reviewed the instructions on the Priority Vote which can be done online or by paper ballot. The instructions and paper ballots were handed out to any Board member present who wanted one. Digital copies were also emailed to the Board members after the meeting. Mr. Gooch asked the Board members to have their voting completed by Wednesday, March 19th, so that he can tally the results which will then be reviewed at the next Planning Board meeting on March 20th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Gooch shared information from the Monroe County Water Authority pertaining to questions from the Board in the previous meeting on March 6, 2025. Mr. Gooch provided the below:

- MCWA supplies all of Monroe County, with the exception of the City of Rochester.
- Approximately 15% of the water produced at MCWA's treatment plants are supplied to counties outside Monroe County.
- Water Quality Report

Mr. Gooch also shared information regarding inflation pertaining to the 6-Year CIP Cycles from 2007-2012 up to the current 2026-2031 CIP vs. inflation over the same time period. He then provided Capital Budget year over year vs. inflation from 2007 – 2026. Additionally, he provided a graph on Estimated Debt Service by Capital Budget 2007 – 2026.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

March 20, 2025 at 3:00 pm DOT Department Presentation, CIP Votes, and several regular action items
March 27, 2025 at 3:30 (tentative)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Mr. Hollister

Seconded: Mr. Rivera

Adjournment: 5:07 pm

