



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

William Santos
Chairman

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, April 30, 2026

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on April 30, 2026, at 3:30 pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair (via zoom); Dave Watson, citizen member; Tyrese Bryant, citizen member; Elizabeth McDade, citizen member; Milton Pichardo, citizen member; Victor Sanchez, citizen member (joined 3:35); Robert Colby, Legislator (via zoom) (joined 3:36); Rachel Barnhart, Legislator; Jennifer Cesario, Dir. of Finance, Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety (joined 3:41); Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Mgmt. Dept. of Environmental Services

Alternates Present: Conor McMahon (for Deputy Co. Exec. Amy Grower); Joe Leathersich (for Asst. Co. Exec. Adrienne Green); Joe Taddeo, Finance; Kristina Daugherty, Public Safety; Andy Fraser, DES

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

Others Present: Dept. of Transportation: Henry Herdzik, Chief of Highway & Bridge Engineering
Information Services: Ken Forney, Supervisor of Microcomputer Svcs.
Law Dept: Bridget Cook, Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE March 19, 2026 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Pichardo

Seconded: Mr. Sanchez

Vote: Motion Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

- Ms. Yixuan Lin explained that the Board received a public comment after the CIP public comment period concluded. The comment has been shared with the Board via email and Planning reached out to relevant departments. Chairman Santos read a few statements from the letter. Ms. Lin then shared the response from the Department of Parks regarding the comment.
- Ms. Yixuan Lin provided a CIP status update. The Planning Board Recommended 2027-2032 CIP will be introduced to the County Legislature on May 12, 2026, with a public hearing scheduled for the June 9, 2026 Legislature meeting. Also, the public hearing and vote for adoption are anticipated to take place at the full Legislature meeting on July, 14, 2026.
- Ms. Yixuan Lin shared information on the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan the County currently has was adopted in 1979. At that time the Monroe County government

structure did not include a county executive. The new plan which is currently in process was initiated in 2020. At least 50 public events and two types of focus group meetings have taken place. The Plan is in the final stages and currently data is being compiled and is expected to be presented to the Board in the summer.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. **Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to increase the project authorization in the amount of \$720,000, from \$1,715,000 to \$2,435,000 for a total project authorization of \$2,435,000, for the Walker Road Bridge Project in the Town of Hamlin.**

Presenter: Henry Herdzik, Dept. of Transportation

Discussion: Mr. Herdzik explained the bridge was built 1935. DOT applied for Bridge NY funding (85% federal share, 15% state share, and 5% local share). The current project was estimated in 2022 but costs have increased due to inflationary factors.

Mr. Herdzik provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- The rating of the bridge is between 4-5, a new bridge rating is 7. The 1935 construction was built to different standards and the bridge needs overall work and is past its useful life.
- There will be a road closure for approximately 3-4 months.
- The old bridge had a 33-foot span and this will be updated to almost double the span due to hydraulic needs.
- NY State has a bridge rating system of 2 through 7. NYS DOT inspects every two years; County inspects every four years.

Motion: Mr. Watson

Seconded: Ms. McDade

Vote: Motion Approved

- b. **Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to increase the project authorization in the amount of \$775,000, from \$1,439,000 to \$2,268,000 for a total project authorization of \$2,268,000, for the Mile Square Road Bridge Replacement over Irondequoit Creek Project in the Town of Mendon**

Presenter: Henry Herdzik, Dept. of Transportation

Discussion: Mr. Herdzik shared that this bridge was originally built in 1933. It is also past its useful life. The bridge has exposed rebar and maintenance issues on a regular basis. It is also built on a curve and was not built for today's road banking (superelevation) standards. DOT also applied for and is receiving Bridge NY funds and is also facing inflationary factors since the original estimates.

Mr. Herdzik provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- The old materials are recycled frequently (i.e. stone, asphalt, rebar, concrete).
- Projects are bid to a contractor then it is up to them to recycle the materials.
- The County does not get a credit for the recycling as it is already factored into the overall unit price of the bid.

Motion: Legislator Barnhart

Seconded: Mr. Pichardo

Vote: Motion Approved

- c. **Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to increase the project authorization in the amount of \$1,585,000, from \$2,575,000 to \$4,160,000, for a total project authorization of \$4,160,000, for the Highway Preventive Maintenance #12 Project in the Towns of Brighton and Henrietta.**

Presenter: Henry Herdzik, Dept. of Transportation

Discussion: Mr. Herdzik shared that this is a milling and resurfacing project on Elmwood Avenue from Winton Road to Clover Street in the Town of Brighton and Hylan Drive from Calkins Road to Jefferson Road in the Town of Henrietta. Elmwood Avenue and a portion of Hylan Drive, from 390 to Jefferson Road, are eligible for Federal funding (80%) and State funding (15%). Additionally, the traffic signal at Marketplace Drive and Hylan Drive will be replaced. The cost increase is due in part to higher asphalt prices, which for a project of this type can be 75% of the overall cost.

Mr. Herdzik provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- The traffic signal being replaced at Marketplace is due to age and was first installed in the 1980s.
- Work should begin approximately June 1 and should take about a month and a half per road.
- The majority of work at Hylan Drive will be completed at night but a small section near homes will be worked on during daytime hours.

Motion: Mr. Sanchez

Seconded: Ms. Cesario

Vote: Motion Approved

- d. **Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to add a Project entitled “Server, Storage and Network Equipment” in the amount of \$3,750,000.**

Presenter: Ken Forney, Information Services

Discussion: Mr. Forney stated this project is a new CIP project for closet switch replacements. There are 350 closet switches around the County. They have been repairing them thus far but the ability to do so will not be available starting next year due to their age.

Mr. Forney provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- All of the network equipment is Cisco.
- The project will be bonded for approximately 5-years.
- The current closet switches are 13 years old.
- Some have been replaced as needed over the years but that will not be an option soon as they will no longer be supported.

Motion: Mr. Murphy

Seconded: Mr. Watson

Vote: Motion Approved

- e. **Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to add a Project entitled “Replacement of Mobile Data Terminals and Related Infrastructure” in the amount of \$3,500,000.**

Presenter: Richard Tantalo

Discussion: Mr. Tantalo explained this project is to replace and refresh the mobile data terminals (MDTs). Every first responder unit in the County uses this. A benefit of doing the refresh for all first responders collectively is that all have the ability to communicate effectively among police, fire, EMS, etc. Information coming out of the 911 dispatch center is consistent with all the partners allowing everyone to get the same information, ability to respond much quicker, or the ability to communicate with each other if happens to be dual response.

Mr. Tantalo provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- They are in almost every vehicle and will be deploying 925 units.
- They have about a 5-year lifecycle.
- If a vehicle is out of service for a length of time the MDT will be removed and moved to another vehicle.
- This will be a bonded project.

Motion: Legislator Barnhart

Seconded: Mr. Bryant

Vote: Motion Approved

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- May 21, 2026 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ms. Cesario

Seconded: Mr. Tantalo

Adjournment: 4:26 pm

