



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

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Chairman

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2026

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on March 19, 2026, at 3:00pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Dave Watson, citizen member; Tyrese Bryant, citizen member; Elizabeth McDade, citizen member (joined 3:06); Milton Pichardo, citizen member; Victor Sanchez, citizen member; Robert Colby, Legislator; Rachel Barnhart, Legislator (via zoom); Adrienne Green, Assistant Co. Exec.; Jennifer Cesario, Dir. of Finance, Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety; Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Mgmt Dept. of Environmental Services

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

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

Others Present: Monroe Community College:

- Craig Ross, CFO & VP, Administrative Services
- Quent Rhodes, Assoc. VP – Facilities;
- Antonia Custodio, Director of Facilities, Downtown Campus Operations and Engineering Svcs

Dept. of Transportation: Tom Fry, Director
Law Dept: Bridget Cook, Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE March 12, 2026 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Wiedemer

Seconded: Mr. Pichardo

Vote: Motion Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

- Ms. Yixuan Lin welcomed Joe Leathersich, the new designated alternate for Adrienne Green.
- Ms. Yixuan Lin shared that during the Public Comment period, from March 6-18, no questions or feedback on the Proposed CIP were received. There are approximately 26 views of the CIP Public Hearing meeting via YouTube.
- Chairman Bill Santos thanked Josh Pheterson from the Law Department for his work with the Planning Board, and noted he has left his position with the County. Chair Santos welcomed Bridget Cook to the meeting who will be representing the Law Department going forward.

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION:

a) Monroe Community College

Presenter: Quent Rhodes, Associate Vice President – Facilities

Discussion: Mr. Rhodes presented an update to the MCC 2021 Facilities Master Plan (FMP). He noted that it was an update to the 2021 Plan, not a replacement. The 2021 FMP successfully and effectively informed the projects that were included in the CIP from 2021 – 2026. It was created to be adaptive and flexible, with the ability to move projects around as needed based on needs and funding. The 2026 update integrated refreshed data and new initiatives undertaken by MCC since the 2021 plan was approved. The updated FMP will be used to strategically incorporate capital projects into the CIP for the next five – ten years. The updated FMP is aligned more with the MCC Vision 2027 Strategic Plan and other initiatives which have emerged since its creation in 2022. Mr. Rhodes shared how they performed a reassessment of the 2021 initiatives and set priorities. No new projects were added for the downtown campus as the strategy is still evolving.

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

- Most of the MCC projects will go through the CIP. They are funded by both SUNY and Monroe County dollar-for-dollar. There are some smaller capital projects handled out of the school's operating budget.
- Every CIP project aligns with the Strategic Initiatives.
- They have not determined what project will be added next to the CIP as property preservation money is the biggest need.
- Whenever they do a renovation, especially capital projects, they try integrate infrastructure upgrades as much as possible to make it more cost effective.

Response to Board Questions from Prior CIP Meetings

Mr. Patrick Gooch shared some data he compiled about how the Monroe County CIP compares to 10 similar counties in New York state. Not all counties have the same data available so it was intended as a general overview.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE PROPOSED 2027-2032 CIP

Motion: Mr. Bryant

Seconded: Mr. Watson

Vote: Motion Approved

VOTE TO RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED 2027-2032 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Motion: Mr. Wiedemer

Seconded: Mr. Pichardo

Vote: Motion Approved

Chairman Santos thanked Board members and staff for their participation and hard work on the CIP.

2027 CAPITAL BUDGET YEAR PROJECT PRIORITY VOTE

Motion: Mr. Watson

Seconded: Ms. McDade

Vote: Motion Approved

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

- a. **Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Irondequoit Fire District Emergency Signal” in the amount of \$260,000**

Presenter: Tom Frys, Dept. of Transportation

Discussion: Mr. Frys explained the DOT was contacted by the Ridge-Culver Fire Station in the Town of Irondequoit. They had concerns because when they exit the station for emergency calls, traffic was not stopping. One issue they discovered was a preemption button that can be pushed to change a light that was not currently working. That has been repaired but a better overall solution for this busy area is needed. DOT received the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant through Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for \$260,000 to install an emergency traffic signal. The signal will be installed in 2028.

Motion: Mr. Tantalo

Seconded: Mr. Murphy

Vote: Motion Approved

- b. **Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Bridge Preventive Maintenance 2028” in the amount of \$241,500**

Presenter: Tom Frys, Dept. of Transportation

Discussion: Mr. Frys shared this project is being added because the Transportation Improvement Schedule (TIP) differs from the CIP schedule. The majority of costs will be paid by federal aid, the County will have to cover only about 5% of the cost. The project includes rehabilitating three bridges including concrete repairs, water membranes, painting the girders, etc. Locations are North Main Street over Black Creek in the Village of Churchville, Crittenden Road over Red Creek Tributary in the Town of Brighton, and Woolston Road over Irondequoit Creek in the Town of Perinton.

Mr. Frys provided the below information in response to a question from the Board:

- Not likely that detours will be needed.
- State inspects the County bridges every two years and the county inspects every four years.

Motion: Mr. Wiedemer

Seconded: Legislator Colby

Vote: Motion Approved

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Yixuan Lin concluded the CIP meetings and thanked the Board for their time and for engaging in discussions. Chairman Santos agreed and thanked the Board as well.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- March 26, 2026 at 3:30 pm – tentative, only if needed.
Chairman Santos noted currently there are no agenda items for the March 26th meeting and Ms. Yixuan Lin, the Secretary to the Board, would send out a Cancellation Notice 2 days prior to the scheduled meeting date if no agenda items arise for the Board to approve.
- April 30, 2026 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ms. Cesario

Seconded: Mr. Wiedemer

Adjournment: 4:02 pm