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Town Board Member Report
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- I attended the Joint Policy/Planning Committee meeting of the ITCTC
 - The resolution to support NYSDOT's 2023 targets for highway safety performance measures was approved
 - 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 aforementioned State targets or establish its own targets. The ITCTC, along with other NY State MPOs, has opted to support the State targets.
 - Other items voted on were simply administrative modifications, generally moving timelines and funds to future fiscal years, none of which affected Lansing
 - The Director made several announcements:
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant – update – application deadline Sept.15. A group of ten municipalities, plus Tompkins County and NYSDOT as partners will apply for a grant to develop a Safety Action Plan. The municipalities include: City of Ithaca, Towns of Dryden, Lansing, Danby, Newfield, Caroline and Ithaca and, Villages of Lansing, Cayuga Heights and Dryden. The City of Ithaca will be lead applicant, others will be joint applicants.
 - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) – The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Carbon Reduction Program appropriates funds to MPOs to distribute within their jurisdictions. The purpose of the CRP is to reduce transportation emissions through the development of State carbon reduction strategies and by funding projects designed to reduce transportation emissions. The ITCTC has the responsibility to distribute \$92,771 in funds, with funding available immediately (FFY 22) and through FFY 2026 (Fund totals from FFY 23 through 26 may vary). This is a new program and staff is still learning about program requirements, particularly with regards to implementing a fund distribution/project selection process
 - There is a new bike share program starting either within the next month, or at least by the Spring. They are hoping to include outlying municipalities.
- The Capital Improvement Committee went through the details of the workbook that is being utilized to develop and establish a multiyear capital plan. Because of the delays this year in the plan's development, the committee agreed that the target for approval and adoption of the plan will be 2023. It is my goal to have the plan ready for review before the end of the year.
 - The purpose of the plan is to:
 - provide a forward-looking view of capital expenditures, including cash as you go, bond debt service, and grant funding
 - provide a basis for budgeting
 - provide a basis for decision making as new projects arise
- There was no Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee meeting this month.