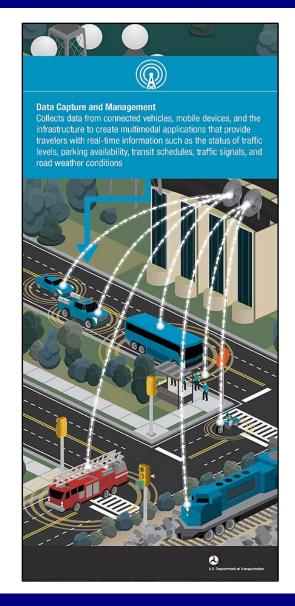
# Planning for Operations in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region



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#### **Presentation Outline**

- MPO Overview
  - Purpose & Function
  - Long Range Transportation Plan
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – TSMO strategic planning
  - □ TSMO Planning Tasks
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Challenges and Opportunities



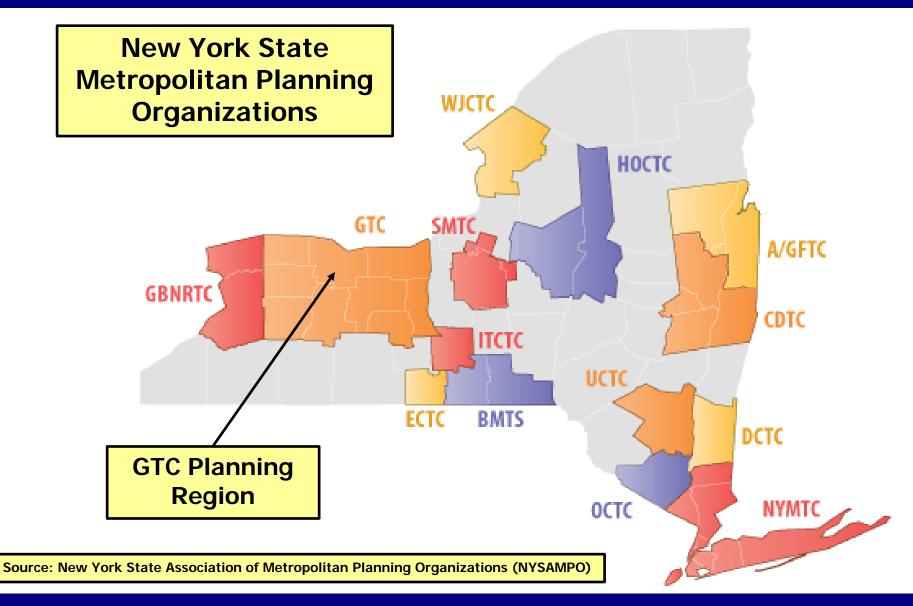
# **Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)**

- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962
  - Coordinate regional transportation planning and investment decision-making
  - □ Ensure local representation
- Federally mandated for urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000
- ➤ Metropolitan Transportation Planning "3-C" Process
  - Continuing
  - Cooperative

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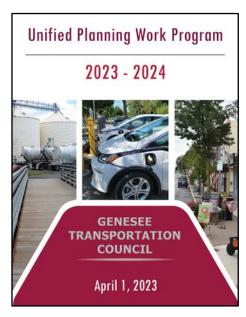
The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region

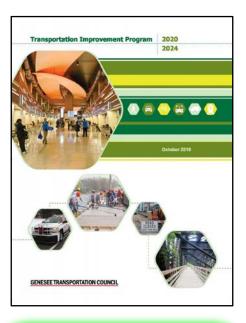
Comprehensive



# **Major MPO Work Products**







Strategic Direction (LRTP)

Concept
Development
(UPWP)

Investment Decisions (TIP)

- Adopted June 2021
  - Region and System Profile
  - □ Emerging Issues and Opportunities
  - System Needs
  - Recommendations
    - Health and Safety
    - Access and Equity
    - Management and Maintenance
    - Sustainability and Resilience
    - Economic Development



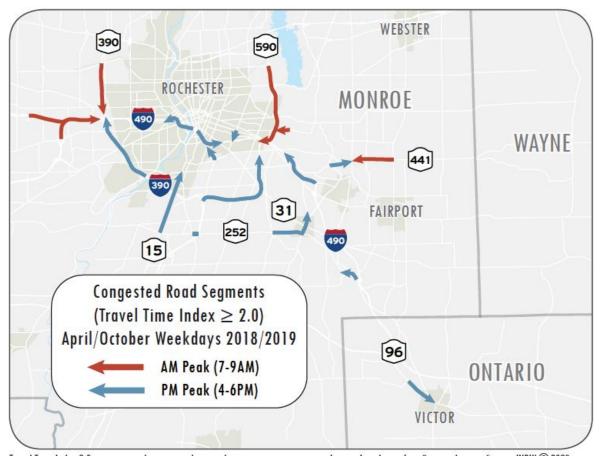
- > System Needs (Selected)
  - □ Increasing Safety for all Users
  - Ensuring Access for All to Employment, Goods, and Services
  - Expanding Mobility and Connectivity for Active Transportation Users
  - Reducing Energy Usage and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Enhancing Connectivity and Access for Freight
  - Increasing System Resiliency



- System Management and Maintenance (MM) Recommendations
  - MM-1: Implement TSMO Strategic
     Plan Recommendations
  - MM-2: ITS Integration
  - MM-3: ITS Communications
  - MM-5: Signal Synchronization
  - MM-6: Interagency Operations Coordination
  - MM-7: Traffic Incident Management
  - MM-15: ITS Asset Management



Congestion Management Process

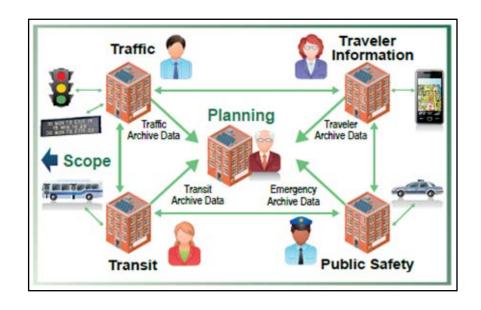


Travel Time Index 2.0 or greater indicates corridor travel time is two or more times longer than during free-flow conditions. Source: INRIX © 2020

- Transportation Operations Coordination Committee (TOCC)
  - Regional TrafficOperations Center(RTOC) Initiatives
  - Construction Updates
  - Special EventCoordination
  - Traffic IncidentManagement (TIM)

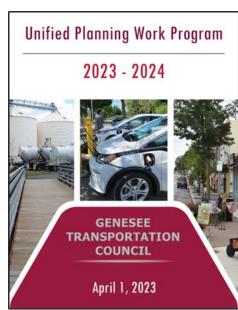


- > Regional ITS Architecture
  - Defines ITS elements and interconnections
- Components
  - Subsystems
  - Information Flows
- > Applicability:
  - Integrate & Coordinate Technology
  - □ Align Agency Efforts
  - Maximize Existing Resources



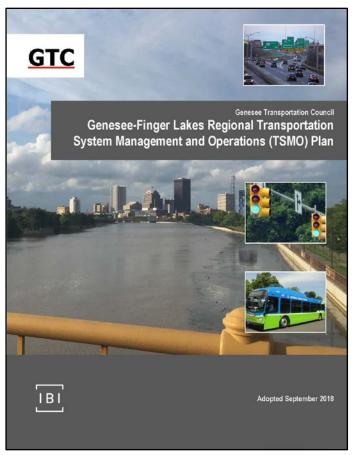
# **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

- Annual work program of federally-funded transportation planning activities
- Activities must be consistent with and advance:
  - Federal planning factors
  - Long Range Transportation Plan
  - □ Local plans and policies
- ➤ Eligible projects include concept-level planning, analysis, and design initiatives

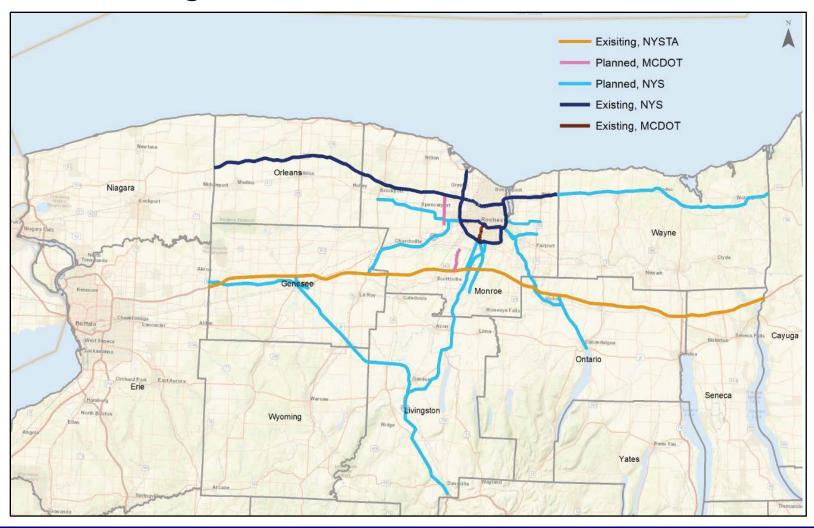


Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Strategic Plan

- Objectives
  - □ Rationale for investments in operations ("Why?")
  - □ Roles & responsibilities ("Who?")
  - Operations strategies ("What?" and "How?")
  - □ Ten-year timeframe ("When?")



# **TSMO Strategic Plan – Tier I Corridors**



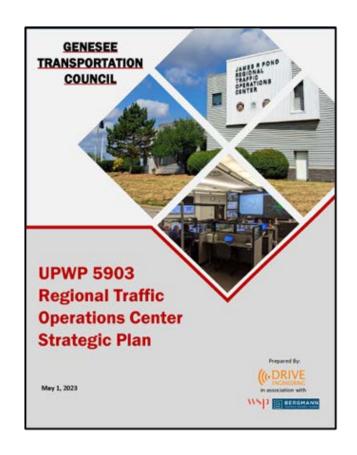
# TSMO-Supportive Planning – I-490 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM)

- Purpose:
  - Guide future ITS deployments on the I-490 corridor
  - Improve safety, minimize delay, and enhance operations efficiency
- Recommendations
  - ITS Infrastructure
  - Operations and Policy
  - Regional ITS Architecture



# TSMO-Supportive Planning – Regional Traffic Operations Center (RTOC) Strategic Plan

- Purpose: Develop a strategic plan to guide RTOC operations
- Recommendations
  - Workforce & Staffing
  - Business Processes
  - □ Systems & Technologies
  - Performance Measurement
  - Interagency Partnerships



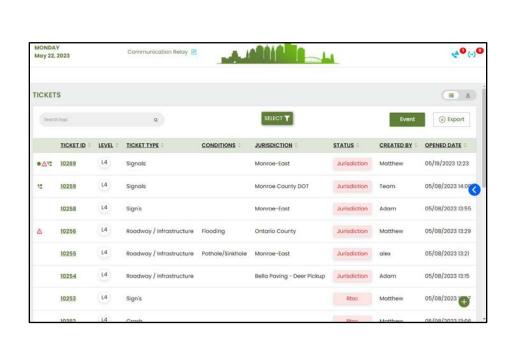
# Regional Performance Measurement Monitoring and Evaluation System

- Purpose: Establish a program for evaluating and reporting transportation operations data generated by the RTOC
- Phase I
  - Understand needs
- Phase II
  - Combine ticketing and dispatching services with performance measurement
  - Emphasis on internal data for analysis

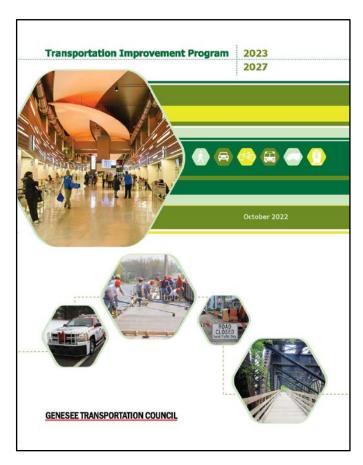


Regional Performance Measurement Monitoring and Evaluation System

- Ticketing/Dispatching
  - Track ticket resolution
  - Six ticket types
- Reports
  - Tracks number and type of tickets
  - Extract data for analysis to better understand trends in service calls



- Multi-year program of projects
- Categories:
  - Highway
  - Bridge
  - □ Transit
  - ITS/Operations
  - □ Bicycle & Pedestrian
- Schedules
- Funding sources

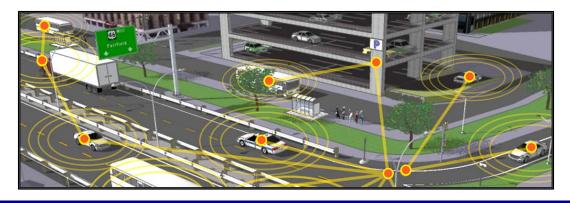


Project Evaluation – Common Criteria

Area	Criteria					
Safety	Improve safety					
Mobility	Improve efficiency and reliability					
Accessibility	Promote travel alternatives					
Community & Economic Development	<ul> <li>Support new and existing business</li> <li>Support from state, regional, or local policy</li> <li>Enhances designated freight corridor</li> </ul>					
System Continuity & Operations	<ul><li>Advance UPWP recommendations</li><li>Improve resiliency</li></ul>					
Environment	Reduce vehicle emissions					
Fiscal Responsibility	<ul> <li>Minimize lifetime maintenance</li> <li>Increased non-federal share</li> <li>Innovative funding/financing partnerships</li> </ul>					

Project Evaluation – Mode-Specific Criteria

Mode	Criteria
System Management & Operations	<ul> <li>Reduce travel times on major roadways</li> <li>Reduce incident clearance times</li> <li>Increase productivity of regional transportation agencies/providers</li> <li>Support or advance existing &amp; proposed ITS elements</li> </ul>



> 2023-2027 TIP - TSMO Project Table

2023-2027 TIP - TSMO Projects											
Project:	Federal Share:		State Share:		Local Share:		Total:				
Highway Emergency Local Patrol [HELP] (2023-2027)	\$	2,564,000.00	\$	641,000.00	\$	-	\$	3,205,000.00			
MCDOT RTOC Operations (2023-2027)	\$	3,160,000.00	\$	110,600.00	\$	679,400.00	\$	3,950,000.00			
MCDOT Traffic Signal Replacements-Group 1	\$	2,414,800.00	\$	-	\$	603,700.00	\$	3,018,500.00			
NYSDOT RTOC Operations (2023-2027)	\$	4,620,000.00	\$	1,155,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,775,000.00			
NYSDOT RTOC Staffing (2023-2027)	\$	8,500,000.00	\$	2,125,000.00	\$	-	\$	10,625,000.00			
Totals:	\$ 21	1,258,800.00	\$ 4	1,031,600.00	\$ 1,2	283,100.00	\$	26,573,500.00			

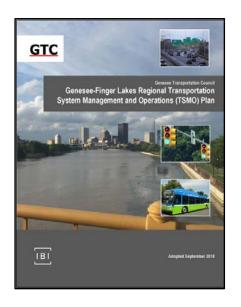
# **Challenges and Opportunities**

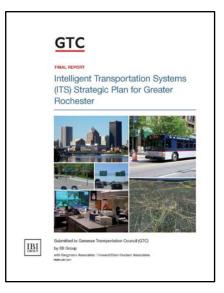
- ITS Asset Management
- Expanding Core Capabilities & Functions
- Operations Data& PerformanceMeasurement
- Future-Proofing
- Vulnerability & Resiliency



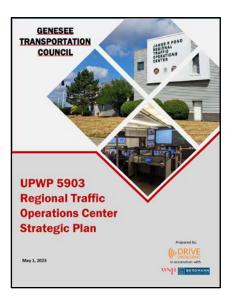
#### **GTC Plans and Studies**

Available: <a href="https://www.gtcmpo.org/plans-and-studies">https://www.gtcmpo.org/plans-and-studies</a>











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