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## MEMORANDUM

**To: ENRP Chairs Burmaster & Pauly**  
**From: ENRP Transportation Subcommittee Chair Samuel Ferraro**  
**Re: May, 2001 subcommittee meetings**  
**Date: June 6, 2001**

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The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Transportation Subcommittee met May 11, 2001 at Christino's at the Amherst Marriott. Present for the meeting were Subcommittee members Ferraro, Erck, Morse, Pauly, and Wendel.

The four bike trail proposals begun last year were discussed. They are the Amherst Canal Trailway (Phase III) in Amherst, the Erie Canal Recreationway in Pendleton and Lockport, the Lehigh Valley RR in the Town of Tonawanda, and Creekside Drive in the Town of Tonawanda. Funding applications are due in November, 2001. A municipality would need to be the lead agent, with support from GBNRTC. The ENRP could aid in bringing the parties together and endorsing the projects. **The ENRP Transportation Subcommittee is asking for approval to pursue the aforementioned bike trail projects by initiating discussions with the municipalities involved to apply for federal funding in November, 2001.**

The Bi-National Committee was also discussed. The Committee — comprised of Erie, Niagara, Monroe, Orleans, and Genesee Counties and Southern Ontario — is developing a MOU which would set them up as a lead agent for bi-national projects. There will be a financial contribution involved in this as well.

Subcommittee member Wendel discussed his desire to see better coordination in corridor plans, noting that we need to think more about creating a regional network, with a lead agent like the proposed Erie-Niagara Planning Board. Other topics discussed included the Route 531 West Corridor, the Cross Border Transportation Planning Coordination Subcommittee, and Western New York corridor studies.

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