

MINUTES
 JOHNSTOWN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES
 January 21, 2015

A meeting of the Johnstown Area Transportation Study Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on January 21, 2015 at 9:30 AM, at the Cambria County Transit Authority, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Coordinating Committee

Tom Prestash	PennDOT District 9-0	(P)
Larry Shifflet	Program Center Director, PennDOT Manager, City of Johnstown	(A) Dean Roberts Open Position
Renee Daly	Johnstown Comm. & Econ. Dev.	Present
Mark Wissinger	Cambria County Commissioner	(A) Tom Chernisky
Ron Rovansek	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Rose Lucey-Noll	Cambria County Transit Auth.	Present
RaNell Fenchak	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	Present
Adam Henger	Regional Transportation Comm. Johnstown COC	(A) Bob Layo

Technical Committee

Larry Shifflet	PennDOT Program Center	Present
Vince Greenland	PennDOT District 9-0	Present
Frank D'Ettore	Johnstown Redevelopment Auth.	Absent
Renee Daly	Johnstown Comm. and Econ. Dev.	Present
Ethan Imhoff	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Chris Allison	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
RaNell Fenchak	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	Present
Lisa Layton	Cambria County Transit Auth.	Present

Non-Voting Members

Kathy Dimpsey	Federal Highway Admin.	Absent
Gail McFadden-Roberts	Federal Transit Admin.	Absent
Lori Pagnanellik	Federal Aviation Admin.	Absent
Martin Kotsch	U.S. Environmental Prot. Ag.	Absent
William Costello	U.S. Dept. of HUD	Absent
Wick Havens	PA Dept. of Environmental Prot.	Absent
William Lundquist	PA Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways	Absent

Guests

David Lybarger	PennDOT District 9-0
Anne Stich	PennDOT District 9-0
Jim Pruss	PennDOT District 9-0

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tom Prestash, PennDOT District 9-0. Mr. Chris Allison, Cambria County Planning Commission, polled the members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMBINED JATS TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES MEETING ON NOVEMBER 11, 2014.

The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Ms. Renee Daly of the City of Johnstown made a motion that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015-2018 HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Dave Lybarger of PennDOT reviewed the modifications to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), all of which were administrative actions not requiring a vote. Mr. Bob Layo of the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce raised a question regarding the locations of the various projects, and asked if maps could be provided. Cambria County Planning Commission and PennDOT staff agreed this would be a good idea, and said they would investigate ways of providing maps in the future.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS/ MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2015-2018 PUBLIC TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll provided an update on two administrative changes to the Public Transit TIP, related to funding sources. The changes did not require a vote.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO ROADWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS IN CAMBRIA COUNTY

Ms. Anne Stich of PennDOT District 9-0 gave a presentation to the committee members regarding changes to the roadway functional classifications in the county. In a combined effort, staffs of the Cambria County Planning Commission (CCPC) and PennDOT District 9-0 reviewed the County's current Functional Classifications, and are recommending a few road sections have their classifications upgraded to "Other Principal Arterial" and added to the National Highway System (NHS). This would allow those road sections to be part of the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), and provide dedicated funding for them, while also presenting a more logical NHS network throughout the county.

Roadway sections proposed to be added were:

- PA Route 271 from the Johnstown urban area boundary to US Route 22
- PA Route 756 (Ohio Street) from Central Avenue to the US 219 Elton Rd. Interchange
- A short section of Main Street in Johnstown
- Also submitted for the committee's consideration was a section of Eisenhower Boulevard from PA Route 403 to PA Route 56.

Mr. Allison and Ms. Stich explained that, once the committee made their official recommendation, it would be forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration, who would make the final determination. Also noted was that further recommendations and changes could be made in the future, if the committees so desired.

After some further discussion, the committee members decided to recommend all but the Eisenhower Boulevard section for addition to the NHS, considering that section and possibly other roadway sections for future recommendations. A motion for such was

made by Mr. Ron Rovansek of the Cambria County Planning Commission, seconded by Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll and passed unanimously.

Additionally, Mr. Bob Layo requested copies of the Functional Classification Maps, as well as traffic volume maps. PennDOT and CCPC staff agreed to provide the maps, as well as links to PennDOT's MPMSiq project information website.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2014-2016 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Allison gave a presentation to the committee members regarding an amendment to the UPWP, which would add a subtask related to the Long Range Transportation Plan update. The subtask would allow funding to be transferred from other subtasks, so that payments could be made to the consultant hired to assist with the plan development. After a brief discussion, Mr. Ron Rovansek made a motion to add subtask 1.10, Long Range Transportation Plan Supplemental, and transfer the required funds for fiscal years 2015 and 2016. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll of CamTran and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Several discussion items were then presented for the committee's review. Those items included the following:

- Discussion of the Long Range Transportation Plan Update: Mr. Allison updated the committee members on the progress of the LRTP update, noting that since the previous JATS meeting, Gannett Fleming was selected as the consultant to assist the Planning Commission with the plan development, and that a project kick-off meeting and initial steering committee meeting were scheduled for February 25th and 26th, respectively. Mr. Allison noted that the steering committee membership had yet to be determined.
- Status Report on Ongoing Transportation Projects: Mr. Vince Greenland of PennDOT District 9-0 reviewed the status report. The committee members again asked that maps for the project locations be provided for future meetings, and PennDOT staff agreed to provide the maps.
- Johnstown Train Station Rehab. Project: Mr. Ethan Imhoff from the Cambria County Planning Commission mentioned that the Johnstown Area Heritage Association received a letter from PennDOT indicating that the funding they were awarded through the multimodal program for their train station project had been changed. Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll indicated that the funding source had changed and that the funds would be passed through CamTran. Ms. Noll and Mr. Dean Roberts of PennDOT indicated that the project would not be adversely affected by the funding change.
- Public-Private Partnership Compressed Natural Gas refueling station: Ms. Noll gave a brief update on the effort to install a station at the CamTran facility.
- Sunset Road Project: Commissioner Tom Chernisky of Cambria County asked about the project, and indicated that the residents of Northern Cambria Borough are against the road being designated as a Route 219 alternate. Mr. Layo indicated that more outreach could be done to help ease their concerns. Mr. Prestash responded that more outreach will be part of the project as it develops.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.