

MINUTES
 CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
 February 14, 2017

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on September 20, 2016 at 9:30 AM, at the Cambria County Transit Authority, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Technical Committee

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| Vince Greenland | PennDOT District 9-0 | (A) Jim Pruss |
| Chris Allison | Cambria County Planning Comm. | Present |
| Dean Roberts | PennDOT Program Center | Present |
| Renee Daly | Johnstown Comm. and Econ. Dev. | Absent |
| Ethan Imhoff | Cambria County Planning Comm. | Present |
| RaNell Fenchak | Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority | Absent |
| Lisa Layton | Cambria County Transit Auth. | (A) Rose Lucey-Noll |
| Clifford Kitner | Cambria County Conservation And Recreation Authority | Present |
| Joseph Matthew Sernell | Geistown Borough | Absent |
| Jim Melnyk | Cambria Township Supervisors | Absent |
| Open Position | Chamber of Commerce Transportation Commtee | -- |

Non-Voting Members

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| Matt Smoker | Federal Highway Admin. | Absent |
| Timothy Lidiak | Federal Transit Admin. | Absent |
| Lori Pagnanellik | Federal Aviation Admin. | Absent |
| Gregory Becoat | 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

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| Dave Lybarger | PennDOT District 9-0 |
| Ralph DeStefano | PennDOT District 9-0 |

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chris Allison, Cambria County Planning Commission, who also polled the members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF
 SEPTEMBER 16, 2016.**

The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Rose Lucey-Noll of CamTran made a motion that they be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ethan Imhoff of the Cambria County Planning Commission, and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on Critical Freight Corridor designation:

Mr. Allison said that PennDOT Central Office and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are asking the MPOs and RPOs throughout the State to review their highway network and nominate Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) and Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCs). Mr. Allison stated the criteria that PennDOT and FHWA have established for designating these routes, and showed the attendees a GIS map of the County, which had been developed by PennDOT for CUFC and CRFC designation. Mr. Allison noted that there was one area near the Johnstown Airport, along Route 219 that was designated by PennDOT as a top freight generator for the State, and also an intermodal facility located in Johnstown. It was suggested that Route 22 and Route 219 could be designated, however it would require designating a lot of mileage to connect them to a freight network route; either I-99 or I-76, in other MPO and RPO regions. The group asked the PennDOT representatives present whether US 219 and US 22 would be designated as CRFC or CUFC by respective adjoining regions. Mr. Roberts said he would look into it and report back. There was also a question about the freight data, and truck movements in the County. Mr. Allison noted that a freight study for the County would be beneficial. The attendees decided that no decisions could be made at this time, and Mr. Allison agreed to further investigate the matter and present his findings at the next CCMPO meeting.

Discussion on selecting the next corridor plan:

Ms. Allison said that the Cresson Admiral Peary Highway corridor study was winding down, and that the Cambria County Planning Commission was looking for a corridor to study next. Mr. Allison noted that one idea so far was to do a study of the downtown Johnstown area. He asked the attendees if they had any other recommendations. The attendees agreed that studying the downtown Johnstown area would be a good idea. Mr. Jim Pruss of PennDOT District 9-0 mentioned doing a Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan, and Mr. Allison responded that the Planning Commission was expecting to also begin such a plan soon. Mr. Roberts said he thought a County freight plan would be beneficial. Mr. Allison said the Planning Commission would take all of the attendees input into consideration.

Discussion on prioritizing local bridge projects for the 2019 Transportation Program Update:

Mr. Allison said that he reviewed the top 25 most critical local bridges, as identified by the PennDOT District 9-0 risk assessment. Some of the bridges are already programmed for repair or replacement. Repairs to several County-owned structures are also being addressed through the County's \$5 local use fee. Mr. Ralph DeStefano of PennDOT District 9-0 asked whether the Jamestown Road Bridge was a priority for Portage Township. Norfolk Southern is responsible for 55% of any repair costs, but the Township would have to file a claim with the Public Utilities Commission to force them to pay their share. Mr. Allison said he would speak to Portage Township about the issues. Mr. Allison also asked why some bridges under 20ft are included on the risk assessment list, but others are not. Mr. DeStefano responded that if the owner has the bridge inspected and forwards the report to PennDOT, they can include it on the list. The attendees agreed that further information regarding bridges under 20ft was needed. The attendees discussed a grouping of non-composite box-beam bridge structures, all requiring similar repairs throughout the County and agreed it would be a good idea to group them under a single repair

contract. Mr. Allison agreed to gather further information and cost estimates for the necessary work, and report back at a future meeting.

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