

MINUTES
JOHNSTOWN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES
April 13, 2016

A meeting of the Johnstown Area Transportation Study Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on April 13, 2016 1:00 PM, at the Cambria County Transit Authority, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Technical Committee

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

Guests

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

DISCUSSION OF JATS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Allison began the discussion by explaining that that Planning Commission staff had been reviewing the membership for the JATS Technical and Coordinating Committees, and suggested it might be necessary to make some changes, in order to hopefully increase attendance at the meetings, as well as providing representation for certain interested parties, including municipalities and agencies representing other modes of transportation, such as bicycle, pedestrian, and rail. Mr. Allison explained that he had reviewed the structure of similar planning agencies, such as Blair County (Altoona MPO) and Lebanon County (Lebanon MPO). Mr. Allison directed the members to comparison tables of these organizations, Included in the meeting packet.

The members discussed adding a municipal representative to each committee, including how this person would be appointed, and how long their term would be. It was suggested that the representatives should be appointed by the County Township and/or Borough Association. Mr. Allison agreed to research and contact those associations.

The committee members discussed adding a bicycle/pedestrian representative to one or both of the committees. Again, they questioned how the person should be appointed, who should select the representative, and how long their term should be. It was suggested that a representative from

the Laurel Highlands on and off Road Biking Association (LHORBA), or the County Conservation and Recreation Authority should be considered.

The Committee members discussed adding a member representing an economic development agency, such as Johnstown Area Regional Industries. Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll of CamTran suggested a person from the Northern Cambria Community Development Corp. The members discussed the matter further, and determined that the economic development interests were already well represented on the committees by the Greater Johnstown, Cambria County Chamber of Commerce.

The Committee members briefly discussed adding a rail representative.

The Committee members also discussed whether or not existing membership seats should be removed. Mr. Allison, and Mr. Imhoff from the Cambria County Planning Commission noted that, since the departure of Ron Repak from the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, the person holding that seat had rarely attended meetings. The group also noted low attendance for the airport representative, and the Johnstown City manager, but agreed that those positions are critical, and that those representatives should be encouraged to attend the meetings, rather than removed.

Finally, Mr. Imhoff suggested that the name Johnstown Area Transportation Study is misleading, since the group represents the entire County, and suggested the group consider changing the name of the MPO along with any changes to the Committees.

After some further discussion, Mr. Allison made a motion to recommend the following to the Coordinating Committee:

- 1: Add a Borough and a Township representative to the Coordinating Committee and the Technical Committee; these will be nominated by the Borough and Township Associations and approved by the Coordinating Committee for a two-year term.
- 2: Replace the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority's seat on the Technical Committee with a bicycle/pedestrian representative; this person will be nominated by the Technical Committee and approved by the Coordinating Committee for a two-year term.
- 3: Change the name of the MPO

Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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