

MINUTES
 JOHNSTOWN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES
 May 5, 2015

A meeting of the Johnstown Area Transportation Study Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on May 5, 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	Present
Ron Rovansek	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Rose Lucey-Noll	Cambria County Transit Auth.	Present
RaNell Fenchak	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	Absent
Adam Henger	Regional Transportation Comm. Johnstown COC	(A) Bob Layo

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.	Present
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.	Present

Non-Voting Members

Kathy Dimpsey	Federal Highway Admin.	Present
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

David Lybarger	PennDOT District 9-0
Anne Stich	PennDOT District 9-0
Jim Pruss	PennDOT District 9-0
Brandon Carson	Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission
Joe Mangarella	Hastings Area Industrial Development Association
Richard L. Stewart	Hastings Area Industrial Development Association
Andrew Kasper	Greater Johnstown Little League

John Dubnansky

Cambria County

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 JANUARY 21, 2015.

The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Mr. Ron Rovanseck of the Cambria County Planning Commission made a motion that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Renee Daly of the City of Johnstown and passed unanimously.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Johnstown West End Ballfields Sidewalk Project (Lower Yoder Township): Mr. Andy Kasper of the Greater Johnstown Little League gave a brief presentation regarding his proposed project to rebuild sidewalks on D Street in front of the little league ball fields. The little league had previously partnered with Lower Yoder Township to submit an application for the project through the Transportation Alternatives Program. After listening to Mr. Kasper's presentation, the committee members agreed that it was a very good project. Mr. Chris Allison of the Cambria County Planning Commission noted that the main reason why the project was passed over in favor of other projects for TAP funding was due to the sponsor not being able to commit to supplying funds to complete the design work for the project, as this is a requirement of any TAP project. After some discussion, the committee members advised Mr. Kasper to seek funding through the next round of the TAP, but to make sure his application included the required commitment of matching funds.

Hastings Area Industrial Park Access Road Project: Mr. Joe Mangarella of the Hastings Area Industrial Development Association (HAIDA) gave a presentation on two proposed access road projects within the Hastings Area Industrial Park. The first project is to connect roads within the park, and has been funded through the Appalachian Regional Commission's access roads grant program. The second project, was a proposal to build an access road from PA Route 36 to service the Industrial Park from the East. HAIDA has submitted this project for funding through the Johnstown MPO. After listening to the presentation, Mr. Allison said that the project is still listed on the long range transportation plan, but has been passed over due to not having sufficient funding, and other projects receiving higher priority. Mr. Vince Greenland of PennDOT District 9-0 noted the roads that HAIDA were proposing to improve may not be eligible for surface transportation funds because they are not on the Federal Aid System. The consensus of the committee was that this was a worthwhile project, but funding constraints meant that it could not be completed without additional funds beyond the County's normal allocation. Mr. Dean Roberts of PennDOT suggested Mr. Mangarella investigate applying for funds through the State's multimodal project funding program.

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.

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

Ms. Lisa Layton of CamTran distributed and reviewed a one-page listing of detailing several adjustments and amendments to the Public Transit TIP, detailed as follows:

- Project #95553; Cable Replacement – Incline: Increase funding from \$120,000 - \$210,000, based on revised costs.
- There were five projects proposed to be moved from FFY 2015 to FFY 2016: # 90532: Replacement of a service truck; #90107: Bus Replacement, Rural Division; #64896: Inclined plane and crosswalk rehab, #90116: Inclined plane track ties; #90102: Bus Replacement, Urban Division. The latter project cost was also increased from \$2,020,000 to \$2,080,000.
- Project #70579: Change from Operating Assistance Urban Division to Operating Assistance and Security, Urban Division, to satisfy Federal Transit Authority requirements. The mix of State and Federal funding for this project was also changed.
- Project #70582; Capital Projects Urb, Rural, IP: Add \$215,000 of federal funding.
- Project #77244; Facility Improvements: Add \$125,000 of Federal Funds
- Project (no MPMS #); Facility Improvements – Urban: Add as new project, in the amount of \$1,200,000. Project will include adding solar panels to the main CamTran facility.

After a brief discussion, and a question about whether a vote will be required or not, the committee members present determined to hold a vote. A motion was made by Mr. Chris Allison of the Cambria County Planning Commission, to add the Facility Improvements – Urban project for \$1,200,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Rovanseck of the Cambria County Planning Commission and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT EXTENSION TO THE 2012-2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

Mr. Allison explained that, in order to be in compliance with federal regulations, the current LRTP needed to be updated or extended by July, 2015. Since a complete update of the plan was currently underway, and would not be finished by the deadline, Mr. Allison requested a motion to extend the current plan, until the complete update could be finished. Mr. Allison noted that the committee would be approving a draft of the plan, and that the plan was essentially unchanged except for the addition of the latest twelve-year project listing, in order to cover any gaps in the project listings. The draft would then be posted for public review, following which, the committee would have to vote to approve the final plan, and that final approval could likely be done by an electronic memo vote. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll of CamTran, and was seconded by Mr. Mark Wissinger of Cambria County. The motion 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 the plan was in the public outreach phase of development, and that an outreach session focusing on economic development was held on April 29, 2015, with good attendance and participation. Mr. Allison further noted that additional outreach sessions were to be held on May 13 and May 20, 2015.
- Update on Title VI compliance review by PennDOT Bureau of Equal Opportunity: Mr. Ethan Imhoff of the Cambria County Planning Commission gave a summary of the recent review, noting that it went well, and that the MPO and the Planning Commission were found to be in compliance with Title VI guidelines for public participation and environmental justice procedures. Mr. Imhoff noted that the reviewers requested only a few corrections, such as drafting a Limited English Proficiency Plan, posting the Title VI complaint policy, and creating a Title VI complaint log. Mr. Imhoff noted that the suggested corrections were in the process of being implemented.
- Status Report on Ongoing Transportation Projects: In a change from previous procedure, instead of reading the status report, Mr. Vince Greenland of PennDOT gave a brief presentation of project highlights, focusing on only a few projects but providing more detailed information, pictures, and drawings of each.
- Paperless Meetings: Following the progress report, Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll inquired about the possibility of having future meetings paperless; projecting all meeting materials onto the screen and not printing large amounts of handouts. The committee members all agreed this would be a good idea, and Mr. Allison agreed to move to a paperless process for future meetings.
- National Highway System changes review: At the previous JATS meeting, the committees voted on several changes to the County's roadway functional classifications, potentially adding several sections to the National Highway System. The changes were then forwarded to PennDOT and FHWA for review and final approval. PennDOT District 9-0 staff present noted that only one of the proposed sections, PA 271 from the Johnstown urban boundary to US 22, was approved. Mr. Rovanseck inquired about the small section of Main Street that was approved, and PennDOT staff said that section was not approved, but noted that if the committee feels strongly about any section that wasn't approved, they could resubmit. After a brief discussion, the committee determined that they should resubmit for the Main Street section, clarifying that it specifically serves the transit center. A motion for such was made by Mr. Ron Rovanseck of the Cambria County Planning Commission and seconded by Ms. Renee Daly of the City of Johnstown, and passed unanimously. Mr. Dave Lybarger of PennDOT District 9-0 agreed to contact CamTran for the necessary information and make the resubmission.