

MINUTES  
 JOHNSTOWN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES  
 August 11, 2016

A meeting of the Johnstown Area Transportation Study Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on August 11, 2016 at 9:30 AM, at the Cambria County Transit Authority, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Coordinating Committee

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

Technical Committee

Dean Roberts	PennDOT Program Center	Present
Vince Greenland	PennDOT District 9-0	Present
Open Position	Johnstown Redevelopment Auth.	
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

Dave Lybarger	PennDOT District 9-0
Jim Pruss	PennDOT District 9-0
Ralph DeStefeno	PennDOT District 9-0
Daniel Ligda	CamTran
Michelle Brummer	Gannett Fleming
Paul C. Rinker	Resident, City of Johnstown

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 THE 2015-2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

Mr. Prestash stated that, due to time constraints, the LRTP approval should be moved to the first item on the agenda. Mr. Allison gave a brief overview of the plan and then introduced Ms. Michelle Brummer of Gannett Fleming, the project consultant. Ms. Brummer gave some further details about the contents of the Plan. Mr. Allison also noted that the plan approval included approval of the air quality conformity determinations. After a brief discussion, Ms. Renee Daly of the City of Johnstown made a motion to approve the plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Rovanssek of the Cambria County Planning Commission, and passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMBINED JATS TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2016.**

The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Mr. Chris Allison of the Cambria County Planning Commission made note that there was a typographical error; a name was spelled wrong and would be corrected. Ms. Renee Daly of the City of Johnstown made a motion that the minutes be approved with the noted correction. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lisa Layton of CamTran, and passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Anne Stich 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 a one-page summary of changes to the 2017-2020 public transit TIP.

Ms. Layton reviewed the amendments as follows: Deferment of several projects from 2017 to 2018 due to funding constraints. These included two bus replacements, three service vehicle replacements, and computer hardware/software Updates. Also urban bus rehabilitation and farebox system projects were deferred from 2017 to 2020. Two projects had their funding types changed. Finally, the amounts for operating assistance were adjusted. Mr. Dean Roberts of PennDOT stated that amendments to the 2017-2020 TIP could not be made at this time, because the draft of the plan has not been approved by FHWA. Mr. Roberts suggested that any amendments that were approved would be under the condition that they would not go into effect until after the TIP draft had been approved on October 1, 2016.

Following this discussion, Mr. Chris Allison of the Cambria County Planning Commission made a motion to approve the amendments as presented, effective October 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Ms. Renee Daly, and was approved unanimously.

## **REPORT ON TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPURPOSING EARMARK FUNDS**

Mr. Prestash introduced the topic and stated that the technical committee was asked to meet and determine a recommendation for use of the \$946,000 in old earmark funds available in Cambria County. Mr. Prestash noted that the committee asked if the funds could be made available to projects outside of the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP). PennDOT District 9-0 determined that the funding type could not be changed. Mr. Prestash said there was good discussion at the meeting, but a decision on a recommendation was not reached. Mr. Imhoff stated that the committee did meet on August 2, 2016 and discussed options for the funds. The funds must be used on the NHPP, and the committee consensus was that the funds should be used in the northern part of the County, since the original earmark projects were in that area. The committee discussed about five (5) new projects, as well as adding funds to a couple existing projects. Mr. Allison noted that another technical committee meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2016, to further discuss the issue, now that there is more information available on the type of funding required as well as project cost estimates.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Transportation Project Highlights Presentation: Mr. Vince Greenland of PennDOT District 9-0 gave an overview of the Ebensburg Borough sidewalk improvement project, which was funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program, as well as the Moxham Stonycreek Bridge replacement project. Ms. Daly asked if the former Coal Tubing building was being purchased because the alignment of the bridge was changing. Mr. Greenland responded that the new bridge may be slightly wider, but that the roadway alignment would remain the same. The extra right of way was needed for channel access during construction. Mr. Allison noted that it is phased construction, so there will not be a detour. Mr. Greenland confirmed this.

Update on committee representation and bylaw changes: Mr. Imhoff reviewed a draft of the bylaw changes, and asked the committee members to read through it and submit comments. The draft will be presented for approval at the next MPO meeting.

Update on the Cresson Admiral Peary Corridor Study: Mr. Imhoff gave a brief review of the project, including the results of the recent public forums and focus groups.