

MINUTES
JOHNSTOWN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
September 16, 2016

A meeting of the Johnstown Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee was held on September 16, 2016 1:00 PM, at the Cambria County Transit Authority, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Technical Committee

Larry Shifflet	PennDOT Program Center	(A) Frank Hampton
Vince Greenland	PennDOT District 9-0	Present
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.	(A) Rose Lucey-Noll
Adam Henger	Regional Transportation Comm. Johnstown COC	(A) Bob Layo

Guests

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2016 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Mr. Allison made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Renee Daly of the City of Johnstown. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON REPURPOSING OLD EARMARK FUNDS

Mr. Greenland began the discussion by reviewing the projects suggested at the previous meeting, and providing further information about each, as follows:

Realignment of curve on Route 219 at former Sheetz location in Northern Cambria: This project would cost approximately \$500,000. The road would be widened slightly, in order to keep large trucks from crossing into the oncoming lane.

Realignment of an s-curve on Route 219 just North of Carrolltown: This project would straighten the curve to increase safety, at a cost of approximately \$2 million.

Sidewalk, parking, and streetscape improvements on Route 219 in Northern Cambria: Mr. Greenland noted that this project would cost around \$120 per linear foot.

Sidewalk, parking, and streetscape improvements on Route 219 in Carrolltown: Mr. Greenland noted that this project would also cost around \$120 per linear foot. A \$3 million dollar project is currently programmed. The additional funds could be used to close sidewalk gaps, do some curve straightening, and additional paving.

The committee members discussed the relative advantages and disadvantages of each project. Mr. Ethan Imhoff, Cambria County Planning Commission, asked about crash data at the curve in Northern Cambria; Mr. Greenland responded that there was not a significant number of crashes there. Mr. Imhoff noted that there was not any interest expressed from Northern Cambria Borough about doing any of the proposed projects.

Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll of CamTran asked what the timeframe would be for the 219/Carrolltown project. Mr. Greenland responded that construction would be done in 2019.

After some further discussion, the committee members reached a consensus that the \$947,00 in unused earmark funds would be best used by adding them to the Route 219/Carrolltown project. Mr. Imhoff made a motion to recommend that the Coordinating Committee take this course of action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Renee Daly of the City of Johnstown, and was passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Imhoff gave a brief overview of his progress with drafting new bylaws for the Johnstown Area Transportation Study.

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