

MINUTES
 JOHNSTOWN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES
 December 15, 2015

A meeting of the Johnstown Area Transportation Study Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on December 15, 2015 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 Manager, City of Johnstown	(A) Dean Roberts
Renee Daly	Johnstown Comm. & Econ. Dev.	Open Position
Mark Wissinger	Cambria County Commissioner	Absent
Ron Rovanseck	Cambria County Planning Comm.	(A) Ethan Imhoff
Rose Lucey-Noll	Cambria County Transit Auth.	Present
RaNell Fenchak	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	Present
Adam Henger	Regional Transportation Comm. Johnstown COC	Absent
		(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.	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.	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
Edward Cernic	Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission
Giles Dumm	Barr Township
Brad Clemenson	Lift Johnstown
Paul Rinker	Resident

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 OF AUGUST 5, 2015, AS WELL AS THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2015.

Mr. Allison noted that there were two sets of meeting minutes to approve; one from the previous combined JATS committee meeting of August 5, 2015, and one for the November 17, 2015 meeting of only the Technical Committee. The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Mr. Ethan Imhoff of the Cambria County Planning Commission made a motion that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lisa Layton of CamTran and passed unanimously.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR THE 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) UPDATE

Mr. Brad Clemenson of Lift Johnstown gave a brief presentation regarding the Johnstown Connectivity Project, which is an effort to link several trails and points of interest within downtown Johnstown, providing better pedestrian access. Mr. Clemenson noted that Lift Johnstown is currently seeking about \$150,000-\$200,000 for a project feasibility study, which would hopefully lead to preliminary engineering.

Mr. Giles Dumm of Barr Township, Cambria County, gave a brief presentation about the Amadei Bridge. The bridge, which is owned by Barr Township, is weight-restricted, badly deteriorated, and in need of replacement. Mr. Dumm noted that the Township is requested the bridge be added to the TIP as a project for replacement. Mr. Dumm further noted that the Township has pledged to pay the required matching funds as soon as the project can be moved forward. Mr. Tom Prestash of PennDOT District 9-0 remarked that the project has been added to the draft TIP being presented for approval later in the meeting.

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 reviewed the list of proposed amendments and modifications, as follows: Two projects for facility improvements at the Inclined Plane, totaling \$2.1 million, were pushed-back to FFY 2017 and 2018 due to funding constraints; several new projects were also proposed, including bus replacements for urban and rural routes, facility improvements to the CamTran rural and urban facilities, bus rehabilitations, security and technology improvements, a replacement of the bus wash in the rural facility, shop tools and equipment replacements, fare box upgrades, and communications upgrades. Ms. Layton noted that the total cost increase for the amendments presented was \$4.15 million. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Chris Allison of the Cambria County Planning Commission to approve the amendments as

presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bob Layo of the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce, and was approved unanimously.

2017 TWELVE YEAR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (TYP) UPDATE: OVERVIEW, SCHEDULE AND FUNDING CHANGES

Mr. Prestash gave a presentation to the group, explaining the funding available for the program update, including carry-over and new projects. Mr. Prestash noted that there was a 20% reduction in funding from the previous program.

Mr. Vince Greenland then gave a brief presentation regarding PennDOT's investment priorities, its strategies for meeting goals, and how these determine the mix of projects listed on the draft TIP.

LOCALLY-OWNED BRIDGE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2017 TYP UPDATE

The committee decided to discuss this item as part of the draft TIP approval item below.

APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (TIP)

Draft 2017-2020 Highway and Bridge TIP: After completing his overview presentation on investment priorities, Mr. Greenland continued directly into reviewing the draft TIP for the committee. Mr. Greenland briefly mentioned each respective project listed on the draft. There was a brief discussion regarding the various projects.

Mr. Chris Allison of the Cambria County Planning Commission then gave the Committee members an overview of the County local bridge priorities, directing them to a listing of possible bridge projects, noting that the Amadei Road bridge project was listed on the draft TIP document, because the Technical Committee had previously voted in favor of adding the project. Mr. Allison further noted that there were \$1.4 in additional funds available for another local project. Mr. Allison noted that a list of candidate projects could be presented at the next meeting.

Following the discussion, Mr. Bob Layo made a motion to approve the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program for highways and bridges. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Rovanseck of the Cambria County Planning Commission, and passed unanimously.

Draft 2017-2020 Public Transit TIP: Ms. Lisa Layton of CamTran reviewed the one-page Public Transit TIP draft, briefly mentioning each respective project. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Allison to approve the 2017-2020 Public Transit Transportation Improvement Program as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rovanseck, and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Transportation Project Highlights Presentation: Due to the length of the meeting, the members present decided to forego the usual presentation.

Ms. Kathy Dimpsey of the Federal Highway Administration gave a brief explanation of the new Federal transportation legislation (FAST Act) and how it might affect funding in the region.