

MINUTES
 CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES
 October 30, 2018

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on October 30, 2018 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	-
Jonathan Rosenthal	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.	Present
Open Position	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	-
Amy Bradley	Regional Transportation Comm. President and CEO, Regional COC	Present
Open Position	Borough Representative: North	-
Bob Heffelfinger	Township Representative: South	Present

Technical Committee

Dean Roberts	PennDOT Program Center	Present
Vince Greenland	PennDOT District 9-0	(A) Anne Stich
Jonathan Rosenthal	Johnstown Comm. and Econ. Dev.	Present
Ethan Imhoff	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Chris Allison	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Open Position	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	-
Lisa Layton	Cambria County Transit Auth.	(A) Rose Lucey-Noll
Clifford Kitner	Cambria County Conservation And Recreation Authority	Present
Open Position	Borough Representative South	-
Open Position	Township Representative North	-

Non-Voting Members

Michael Sherman	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

Harry Conzo	Dean Township
John Brooks	Dean Township
Aimee Willett, Esq.	Dean Township Solicitor
Aaron Keim, PE	The EADS Group; Dean Township Engineer
Nicki Donahoe	PennDOT District 9-0
Josh Yoder	CamTran
Katie Kinka	Cambria County Planning Commission

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 JUNE 6, 2018.

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. Rose Lucey-Noll of CamTran, and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY DEAN TOWNSHIP: KOUGH ROAD BRIDGE

Aimee Willett, Dean Township Solicitor, as well as Aaron Keim, Township Engineer, presented information on T-605 Kough Road Bridge in the Township. The bridge was damaged in 2018 and a resulting inspection revealed critical and high priority deficiencies. A three-ton weight limit was posted, meaning that emergency vehicles and heating oil trucks could not service the two residences connected by the bridge. Temporary measures were taken, but the engineer recommended a deck replacement project at a cost of \$92,000. This project would not remove the three-ton weight restriction. The Dean Township Supervisors asked how the weight limit was established and if PennDOT could remove the restriction. Mr. Prestash replied that the engineer inspecting the bridge set the weight limit based on the structural integrity of the bridge and that PennDOT could not remove the weight limit. The Supervisors said that they did not have the revenue to pay for the project themselves. The Solicitor asked if any funds were available to fix the bridge immediately to a standard that would remove the weight restriction. Mr. Allison responded that such a project could not be completed in the time requested, and that the bridge would have to be evaluated along with others as to suitability for funding. Mr. Dean Roberts of PennDOT suggested that the Township look into a Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) loan in order to complete the project as quickly as possible, and then possibly have the funds paid back to them through the TIP. It was agreed that Mr. Allison would follow up with the Township on the project.

REVIEW OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2017-2020 HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE FFY 2019-2022 HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE TIP

Ms. Anne Stich of PennDOT District 9-0 reviewed the modifications to the 2017-2020 TIP that were done since the previous meeting in June, none of which required a vote. She then reviewed an amendment to the 2019-2022 TIP: The US 219 Plank Road Curve Improvement Project. The US 219 Carrolltown Improvement Project was split into two projects, which required an approval vote. This was necessitated by the requirement for an additional permit for part of the project, and PennDOT District 9-0 decided to separate that portion of the overall project. Also requiring a vote was the addition of \$600,000 in Appalachian Regional Commission funds for a project on Walters Avenue. Finally, the addition of funds to the PA 56 Point Stadium Bridge Project also required a vote, but the MPO approval would only be conditional on further approval by the Pennsylvania Management Commission (PMC). After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the measures was made by Ms. Lucey-Noll. It was seconded by Ms. Amy Bradley of the Cambria Regional Chamber of Commerce, and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS/ MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2017-2020 PUBLIC TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

There were no modifications or amendments to the Public Transit TIP.

APPROVAL OF PM2 (PAVEMENT/BRIDGE CONDITION) AND PM3 (TRAVEL RELIABILITY/CONGESTION/AIR QUALITY) PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

Mr. Allison reviewed the PM2 and PM3 performance targets, explaining that they were intended to quantify pavement and bridge condition, as well as travel reliability, congestion, and air quality. Mr. Allison provided data showing where the Cambria County MPO fell in regard to complying with the statewide targets for both measures. Mr. Allison stated that the MPO was required to adopt targets for the PM2 and PM3 measures, and recommended adopting the statewide targets, as every other MPO across the State was expected to do. After a brief discussion, Mr. Mark Wissinger, Cambria County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the statewide targets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rovanseck, and passed unanimously.

CONFIRMATION OF EMAIL VOTE APPROVAL: MOU FOR 2019-2022 STIP AND TIP MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Allison stated that the Federal Highway Administration, requested changes to the MOU that was approved at the June 6, 2018 MPO meeting. The changes were approved by email vote, but the MPO bylaws required a confirmation at a public meeting. Mr. Allison then made a motion to confirm the email vote. It was seconded by Mr. Rovanseck, and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019

Mr. Allison stated that terms for the Municipal representative seats on both the Technical and Coordinating Committees were up, and reappointments or new appointments were necessary. Also, there were several other open positions that could be filled by new individuals. Mr. Allison recommended reappointing Mr. Bob Heffelfinger, Richland Township Supervisor, to fill the

Township representative on the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Allison also recommended Mr. George Hayfield to fill the Johnstown City Manager seat on the Coordinating Committee, Mr. Jonathan Rosenthal to fill the Johnstown Economic Development Director seat on the Coordinating Committee, and Mr. Thomas Keyes to fill the seat of the Cambria County Airport Manager on both the Coordinating and Technical Committees. Mr. Allison further noted that there would still be open seats for the Township representative on the Technical Committee, as well as the Borough representatives on both committees. Mr. Allison said he would work with the Borough and Township Associations to find suitable candidates for appointment at a future time. Mr. Rovanseck made a motion to approve Mr. Allison's recommendations. It was seconded by Ms. Lucey-Noll, and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan: Ms. Lucey-Noll reviewed the plan: A requirement of the FAST Act, the TAM Plan establishes objectives for a state of good repair (SGR) and assists in the strategic planning of funding and future development of public transit assets. Ms. Lucey-Noll asked for official MPO approval of the plan. A motion was made by Mr. Wissinger to approve the plan, seconded by Mr. Heffelfinger. The motion passed unanimously.

Cambria County Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan status update: Ms. Katie Kinka from the Cambria County Planning Commission gave a presentation summarizing work on the plan, including data analysis, public outreach, and steering committee involvement. The plan is expected to be completed in early 2019.

Update on the Franklin Street Improvements Project: Ms. Nicki Donahoe, PennDOT District 9-0 Project Manager, gave an overview of the project, which will improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety along Franklin Street between Southmont Boulevard and Valley Pike. Several intersections will be reconfigured, a mid-block pedestrian crosswalk will be eliminated, and landscaping as well as fencing will guide pedestrians to use appropriate crossings. A bike lane will also be installed through part of the corridor. The plan was developed with extensive public and stakeholder involvement. Construction is scheduled for 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS

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