

MINUTES  
 CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES  
 January 19, 2020

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on January 19, 2020 at 9:30 AM, at the Cambria County Transit Authority, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Coordinating Committee

Tom Prestash	PennDOT District 9-0	Present (via phone)
Larry Shifflet	Program Center Director, PennDOT	(A) Michael Gismondi
Mark Wissinger	Cambria County Commissioner	(A) William Smith
Ron Rovanseck	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Open Positon	Manager, City of Johnstown	-
John Dubnansky	Johnstown Comm. & Econ. Dev.	Present
Open Position	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	-
Rose Lucey-Noll	Cambria County Transit Auth.	Present
Amy Bradley	Regional Transportation Comm. President and CEO, Regional COC	Absent
Open Position	Borough Representative: North	-
Bob Heffelfinger	Township Representative: South	Present

Technical Committee

Dean Roberts	PennDOT Program Center	(A) Michael Gismondi
Vince Greenland	PennDOT District 9-0	Present
John Dubnansky	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
Robert Callahan	Borough Representative South	Present
Open Position	Township Representative North	-

Non-Voting Members

Matt Smoker	Federal Highway Admin.	Absent
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

Anne Stich	PennDOT District 9-0
Dave Lybarger	PennDOT District 9-0
Jim Miliauskas	Senator Langerholc Staff
Melissa Komar	Johnstown Redevelopment Authority
Tom Chernisky	Cambria County Commissioner
Scott Hunt	Cambria County Commissioner
Josh Yoder	Cambria County Transit Authority
Chad Mickey	PennDOT District 9-0
Richard Burkert	Johnstown Area Heritage Association

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.

### **REORGANIZATION: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

Mr. Allison reviewed the list of members for both committees, going through each appointment individually and noting whether the position was up for reappointment, if it was vacant, or if there was a new person nominated. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the list of committee members as presented was made by Mr. Mike Gismondi of PennDOT, and seconded by Mr. John Dubnansky of the City of Johnstown. The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMBINED JATS TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Mr. Gismondi made a motion that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dubnansky, and passed unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF A JOHNSTOWN TRAIN STATION ENGINEERING STUDY**

Mr. Ethan Imhoff of the Cambria County Planning Commission gave an overview of the proposed project. The Planning Commission is assisting the Johnstown Area Heritage Association (JAHA), which owns the train station, to secure funding through the PennDOT multimodal office. The funding would be used to conduct a study on the Johnstown passenger rail station to determine the scope and cost of renovations to the building. Mr. Richard Burkert of JAHA then gave a status update on the building. Mr. Imhoff asked that the committee members approve a resolution supporting the study. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Cliff Kitner of the CCCRA, and was seconded by Ms. Lucey-Noll. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Lucey-Noll stated that there were no Public Transit TIP amendments needing approval at this time, so Mr. Prestash moved on to the next agenda item.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FFY 2021-2024 HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE TIP: SPIKE FUNDING UPDATES**

Mr. Dave Lybarger of PennDOT gave a brief overview of the draft TIP, noting that there were few changes from the draft approved by the MPO at its November 13, 2020 meeting. There were \$6 million in Secretary's Discretionary (Spike) funds added and allocated for improvements to interchanges along US Route 22. After a brief discussion, a motion to accept the updated draft 2021-2024 Highway and Bridge TIP was made by Ms. Rose Lucey-Noll of Camtran, and seconded by Mr. Allison. The motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF THE FY 2020-2022 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

Mr. Allison gave a summary of the UPWP, outlining each task and the funding associated with it. He noted that individual line items from the previous UPWP had been consolidated into fewer main tasks. He reviewed the budget summary for the program. A motion to approve the UPWP was made by Mr. B.J. Smith, Cambria County Commissioner, and was seconded by Mr. Ron Rovanseck of the Cambria County Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

Mr. Allison reviewed the safety performance measures and targets for 2020, noting that the MPO is required to reapprove them annually. He recommended once again adopting the statewide average targets. There was a discussion about reporting practices for serious injuries. Mr. Bob Heffelfinger of Richland Township said that a serious injury can be reported for a crash if any person involved is transported via ambulance, even if it is done as a precaution and the person is not actually seriously injured. After the discussion, a motion to approve the performance measures and targets as presented was made by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Dr. Robert Callahan of Westmont Borough. It passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Status report of Long Range Transportation Program (LRTP) Update: Mr. Chris Allison of the Cambria County Planning Commission gave a summary of work done so far toward development of the plan, as well as the upcoming schedule. Initial public outreach activities were underway, and the steering committee was expected to meet again in February.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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