

MINUTES
 CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES
 JUNE 24, 2020

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on June 24, 2020 at 9:30 AM, via Skype and Conference Call.

Coordinating Committee

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

Technical Committee

Dean Roberts	PennDOT Program Center	Present
Vince Greenland	PennDOT District 9-0	Present
Open Position	Johnstown Comm. and Econ. Dev.	-
Ethan Imhoff	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Chris Allison	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Chad Gontkovic	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	Present
Lisa Layton	Cambria County Transit Auth.	Present
Clifford Kitner	Cambria County Conservation And Recreation Authority	(A) Caytlin Lusk
Robert Callahan	Borough Representative South	Present
Open Position	Township Representative North	-

Non-Voting Members

Eugene Porochniak	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

Tom Chernisky	Cambria County Commissioner
Anne Stich	PennDOT District 9-0
Dave Lybarger	PennDOT District 9-0
Jim Miliauskas	Senator Langerholz Staff

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tom Prestash, PennDOT District 9-0, who noted that the online meeting was being recorded. Mr. Allison polled the members present.

REORGANIZATION: APPROVAL OF CHAD GONTKOVIC AS THE AIRPORT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COORDINATING AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Mr. Allison introduced Mr. Gontkovic and explained that he was the manager of the John Murtha Cambria County Airport, and if approved he would serve as the airport representative for both committees. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Lucey-Noll, seconded by Mr. Rovanseck, and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMBINED JATS TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2020

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

APPROVAL OF THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REPORT AND RESOLUTION

Mr. Allison explained that an air quality analysis was performed on the 2021-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) draft. The report indicates that the LRTP was determined to be within conformity, and the resolution confirms that the CCMPO is in compliance with air quality conformity regulations. Mr. Allison requested a motion to approve both documents. The motion was made by Ms. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Dubnansky. It passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2019-2022 HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Dave Lybarger of PennDOT District 9-0 reviewed the modifications to the 2019-2022 TIP. None of the modifications required a vote for approval.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS/ MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2019-2022 PUBLIC TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. Layton reviewed the modifications: First was the addition of \$46,000 in funds through the CARES program for the 2022 federal fiscal year. Second was an adjustment of \$31,000 from one type of federal funding to another, to be used for at the Johnstown Inlined Plane, and finally there was an addition of \$1 million to implement a touchless fare card system; this funding also came through the CARES program, and required no local matching funds. After a brief discussion, Mr.

Allison made a motion to approve the modifications. It was seconded by Mr. Gismondi and passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2045 CAMBRIA COUNTY LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Allison gave an overview of the LRTP development process and a general summary of the contents of the plan. He noted the new federal and state requirements for the plan, such as the inclusion of performance measures for highway and bridge condition and safety. He also gave an overview of the public involvement period and noted that the Planning Commission worked closely with PennDOT and FHWA to ensure that all requirements for the plan were being met. The final public comment period did not yield any suggestions or recommended changes to the plan. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the plan was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Dr. Callahan, and approved unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FFY 2021-2024 TIP FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Mr. Allison explained that the TIP was essentially the first four-years of the LRTP, and that the draft being presented for approval was unchanged from the one approved at the January 29, 2020 MPO meeting. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the 2021-2024 TIP for Highways and Bridges, along with the associated documents, was made by Ms. Layton, and seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FFY 2021-2024 TIP FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

Ms. Layton gave an overview of the public transit TIP. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Gismondi, and approved unanimously.

TIP SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Mr. Allison stated that there were a few documents that required MPO approval along with the highway/bridge and public transit TIPs. He went through the list of supporting documents giving a brief explanation of each, as follows:

- Procedures for STIP and TIP modifications: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which the MPO, PennDOT, and FHWA agree to the rules by which changes can be made to the TIP.
- Self-Certification documentation and resolution: A list of various requirements the MPO must meet. The resolution attests that the MPO has met the requirements, and the documentation explains how it did so.
- Public Transit Financial Capacity Report: An analysis of CamTran's revenue and proposed expenses over the four-year TIP period. The Cambria County Planning Commission performs the analysis and produces the report. Mr. Allison noted that the report indicates CamTran is within their financial capacity.

Following Mr. Allison's explanation, Ms. Lucey-Noll noted that her name was spelled incorrectly on the MOU document. Mr. Allison apologized for the error and agreed to make the change. Mr.

Roberts noted that a funding threshold for TIP amendments requiring a vote was set on the MOU at \$2 million. A motion to approve the documents with the noted correction was made by Ms. Lucy-Noll, and seconded by Ms. Bradley. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Callahan commented about traffic and pedestrian issues at the Westmont middle school and asked about the status of any improvements. Mr. Prestash agreed to follow up with Dr. Callahan.

Mr. Roberts noted that TIP submittal would be done electronically, and Mr. Allison agreed to coordinate the gathering of electronic signatures for the required documents.

Commissioner Chernisky noted that there would be a groundbreaking ceremony on June 29, 2020 for a new section of the Ghost Town Trail.

Mr. Tusing asked if the January 29, 2020 meeting minutes should be changed to show that he was appointed to the coordinating committee. Mr. Allison agreed to check the meeting recording and make any necessary changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Roberts stated that there was a total of \$979,000 in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) local access road funds awarded to the Jackson Township Industrial Park, which required MPO approval in order to be added to the 2019-2022 Highway and Bridge TIP. After a brief discussion, Mr. Allison made a motion to approve the funding addition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

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