

MINUTES
 CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES
 NOVEMBER 18, 2020

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on November 18, 2020 at 9:30 AM. The meeting was held online via Skype.

Coordinating Committee

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

Technical Committee

Dean Roberts	PennDOT Program Center	Present
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
Chad Gontkovic	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	Absent
Lisa Layton	Cambria County Transit Auth.	Absent
Clifford Kitner	Cambria County Conservation And Recreation Authority	Absent
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

Randy Hillegass	PennDOT District 9-0
Dave Lybarger	PennDOT District 9-0
Josh Yoder	CamTran

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 SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Ms. Lucey-Noll made a motion that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Callahan, and passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE FFY 2019-2022 HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE TIP

Mr. Lybarger gave an overview of the funding modifications that had been performed since the last MPO meeting, with the accompanying spreadsheets displayed. There were nine fiscal adjustments that were provided for the committee's information, as well as two amendments requiring a vote. The adjustments involved projects that had either a cost increase, or decrease since they were added to the TIP.

The first amendment requiring a vote was for the Johnstown Urban Industrial Park Project, which required a vote because it was a new project and utilized federal funding. Federal funds allocated were \$100,000 for preliminary engineering, \$67,000 for final design and \$1.2 million for construction. All of the funding was from the Appalachian Regional Commission, denoted as APL funds. There were no questions about the action; a motion to approve was made by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Rovanseck, and passed unanimously.

The next amendment for approval was for the SR 3008/756 project. The vote was required in this case because the funding type was being changed from state to federal. In addition to the \$1 million previously programmed to the project, \$421,000 was added, and all funds were converted from state (581) to federal (STP). All of the funding changes were done via reserve line items; federal funds were drawn from the federal line item, and state funds were returned to the state line item. A motion to approve the amendment as presented was made by Mr. Tusing, and seconded by Mr. Allison. It passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS/ MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2019-2022 TIP FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

Ms. Lucey-Noll stated that there were no Public Transit TIP amendments requiring a vote, however there was an administrative change she wanted to make the group aware of: The funding amount for the purchase of five small buses was changed from \$433,000 to \$500,000. Mr. Rovanseck asked what the difference in CO2 emissions was between traditional fuel and compressed natural gas powered buses. Ms. Lucey-Noll responded that the CNG buses emitted less CO2, but she didn't know the exact amount. She said she would follow up with the actual data. Dr. Callahan asked her if electric buses were a possibility in the future, she responded that

they were being used in large scale transit systems in the western part of the US, but infrastructure cost is very high, making it difficult for smaller systems to switch over.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Cambria County BUILD Grant Application Overview: Ms. Lucey-Noll gave a summary of the BUILD grant application status. CamTran applied to the 2020 program for the “Johnstown Junction” project, which included renovations to the Johnstown Inclined Plane, as well as pedestrian improvements throughout the downtown area. The application made it to the group of highly recommended projects, but was ultimately not funded. A new round of funding is expected to be opened in 2021, but has not yet been announced. Mr. Allison will facilitate a committee to resubmit the application. Mr. Yoder noted that the most challenging aspect of the re-application will be identifying suitable projects, because the inclined plane renovations have now been largely funded through other sources. Possible projects to be included in the application could include Main Street transit center renovations, Johnstown passenger rail station renovations, and Main Street Greenway improvements. It was suggested that the committee meet with officials from Erie, who were successful in securing a grant in 2020.

William Penn Avenue (Prospect) Corridor Study: Mr. Allison gave a summary of the project; the Planning Commission is taking on the plan with internal staff; the goal of the project is to identify implementable projects, prioritize future investment in the area, and provide local officials with the tools they need to complete the projects. Public outreach will be conducted in early 2021, with the plan scheduled to be completed by mid-summer.

Transportation Project Update: Mr. Greenland gave a presentation on the SR 3015, Little Paint Creek Bridge project in Scalp Level Borough. The project involved replacing the bridge, but also realigning the roadway and removing another bridge while providing alternate access.

OTHER BUSINESS

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