

MINUTES  
 CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES  
 APRIL 29, 2021

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on April 29, 2021 at 9:30 AM. The meeting was held online via Zoom.

Coordinating Committee

Tom Prestash	PennDOT District 9-0	Present
Larry Shifflet	Program Center Director, PennDOT	(A) Michael Gismondi
William Smith	Cambria County Commissioner	Present
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	Present
Rose Lucey-Noll	Cambria County Transit Auth.	(A) Lisa Layton
Amy Bradley	Regional Transportation Comm. President and CEO, Regional COC	Present
Doug Tusing	Borough Representative: North	Present
Paul Pioli	Township Representative: South	Present

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.	Present
Clifford Kitner	Cambria County Conservation And Recreation Authority	Present
Robert Callahan	Borough Representative South	Present
Open Position	Township Representative North	-

Non-Voting Members

Eugene Porochniak	Federal Highway Admin.	Present
Chelsea Beytas	Federal Transit Admin.	Present
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

Jim Pruss	PennDOT District 9-0
Randy Hillegass	PennDOT District 9-0
Chris Hull	PennDOT District 9-0
Katie Kinka	Cambria County Planning Commission
Shanna Murphy-Sosko	Cambria County Planning Commission
Josh Yoder	CamTran
Tom Chernisky	Cambria County Commissioner
Debra Orner	Cambria Regional Chamber of Commerce
Josh Yoder	CamTran
Jim Miliauskas	PA Senator Wayne Langerholc Staff

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.

### **APPOINTMENT OF PAUL PAOLI, TO THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Allison introduced Mr. Paoli. He is an Upper Yoder Township supervisor, and volunteered to fill the Township slot on the Coordinating Committee. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Rovanseck, and passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMBINED JATS TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2021**

The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Commissioner Smith 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 2021-2024 HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE TIP**

Mr. Lybarger reviewed the relevant fiscal chart detailing an amendment to the SR 3016 Lulay to Demuth project. Excess Federal funds resulting from a lower than estimated bid amount were to be transferred to the bridge and highway reserve line item. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Rovanseck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

CamTran requested an amendment which would add a project to rehabilitate the public transit center in Johnstown, at an estimated total cost of \$10,000,000. The funding is not yet secured, however partial funding would be requested through the RAISE program. Ms Beytas of the Federal Transit Authority said the addition of the project would be appropriate. Mr. Allison made a motion to approve the amendment. It was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF FEDERAL EARMARK REQUESTS**

Mr. Imhoff gave an overview of the list of Johnstown Community projects generated by a collaborative effort of local stakeholders facilitated Vision Together 2025. A list of potential highway and bridge projects, prepared by PennDOT District 9-0, was also reviewed.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONNECTING CAMBRIA 2.0: CAMBRIA COUNTY BIKE-PED PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Katie Kinka of the Planning Commission gave an overview of the plan update. This is a minor update to the plan which was originally completed in 2019, and a final draft was now completed. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kitner made a motion to approve the plan as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Cambria County RAISE Application Update: Mr. Allison gave the update: The group of local stakeholders continues to meet regularly and is finalizing the scope and cost estimates for the projects to be included in the application. Additional meetings had been held with Amtrak and PennDOT to discuss train station renovations. Application deadline is July 12, 2021.

William Penn Ave (Prospect) Corridor Plan: Mr. Allison updated the group on the status of the plan: A stakeholder meeting was held, and a resident survey was conducted with good results. The project team will look to conduct an in-person public meeting if it can be done safely within COVID social distancing guidelines.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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