

MINUTES
 CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES
 AUGUST 26, 2021

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on August 26, 2021 at 9:30 AM. The meeting was held at the Upper Yoder Township Municipal Building, 110 Sunray Drive, Johnstown, PA and 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 Rovansek	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Open Positon	Manager, City of Johnstown	-
John Dubnansky	Johnstown Comm. & Econ. Dev.	(A) Jacob Zerby
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	(A) Debra Orner
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.	(A) Jacob Zerby
Ethan Imhoff	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Chris Allison	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Open Position	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

Tom Chernisky	Cambria County Commissioner
Scott Hunt	Cambria County Commissioner
Randy Hillegass	PennDOT District 9-0
Chris Hull	PennDOT District 9-0
Josh Yoder	CamTran
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Jim Miliauskas	PA Senator Wayne Langerholc Staff
Nolan Richie	PA Senator Wayne Langerholc Staff
Mike Tedesco	Vision Together 2025

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 APRIL 29, 2021

The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Mr. Rovansek 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

Ms. Stich reviewed fiscal charts detailing the TIP modifications. One of the modifications was the transfer of \$2 million from the SR 3016 Lulay to Demuth St. project to the bridge and highway reserve line item, resulting from bids which came in lower than estimated. Mr. Porochniak from FHWA noted that this modification met the requirements to require a vote. A motion to accept the modification was made by Mr. Rovansek. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS/ MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2021-2024 TIP FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

Ms. Lucey-Noll reviewed a chart detailing the proposed modifications to the transit TIP. These included a \$4 million funding increase for the Inclined Plane rehabilitation project, and the addition of several smaller projects. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the changes. It was seconded by Mr. Rovansek and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update: Mr. Allison gave an overview of the TIP update process and schedule. A draft project list will be prepared by January, 2022. The MPO, PennDOT, and FHWA will then work to refine the draft. Once a final draft is done, air quality analysis will be performed, and supporting documentation will be drafted, including the public transit financial capacity analysis, public participation plan update, etc. A thirty day public review and comment period will be conducted in May, 2022 for all of the draft documents. Any final changes will be made and the MPO

committees will approve the final documents by June 30, 2022. The new TIP will then go into effect at the beginning of the 2023 Federal Fiscal Year on October 1, 2023.

Transportation Funding/Legislation Update: Mr. Roberts gave a brief overview of news related to negotiations on the proposed Federal transportation funding legislation. Mr. Allison noted that the annual funding amount for the 2021-2024 Cambria County MPO TIP was around \$17 million, and the new TIP was expected to have a 1.4% reduction per year.

William Penn Ave (Prospect) Corridor Plan: Mr. Allison updated the group on the status of the plan: A resident survey was conducted with good results, and an in-person public meeting was held in June. The next steps are to convene a project steering committee meeting to review the public input, and begin writing a draft plan.

Cambria County RAISE Application Update: Mr. Alison gave a brief update: The RAISE application was submitted in July, 2021. Award announcements are expected by the end of the year (2021).

Ms. Wheelchair Event: Mr. Imhoff reported that the Cambria County Planning Commission is collaborating with the Ms. Wheelchair Pennsylvania competition, as well as PennDOT District 9-9-0 staff, to conduct a transportation planning/wheelchair accessibility workshop during this year's event, which is being held in Richland Township on October 8, 2021. The goal of the workshop will be for planners, engineers, and public officials to gain a better understanding of the challenges faced by wheelchair users, in the hope that pedestrian facilities can be better designed to accommodate them and allow them to travel more safely and easily. Ms. Lucey-Noll said that CamTran would like to be involved. Mr. Prestash and Mr. Roberts indicated that PennDOT District 9-0 and central office would like to be involved as well. Finally Mr. Miliauskas said that Senator Langerholz office would also like to participate. Mr. Imhoff agreed to send all of them further information on the event and coordinate event planning with them.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rovanseck asked if was possible to have US 219 designated as an Interstate highway. Mr. Prestash noted that he will look for further information and forward it to the group

Mr. Rovanseck also asked for a status update on the Franklin Street improvement project, noting rough pavement in front of the medical center, as well as a sink hole nearby on Osborne Street. Mr. Prestash responded that the Franklin Street project was scheduled for paving next year, but he was unaware of the Osborne Street issue, and it was outside the limits for the Franklin Street project. He agreed to look into the issue and share any additional information he could find.

Dr. Callahan asked for an update to the emergency slope stabilization project on D Street in Westmont. Mr. Greenland said that the slope was temporarily stabilized for now, and the road was reopened to traffic. A permanent repair project will be conducted sometime in the future.

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