

MINUTES
CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING
COMMITTEES
MARCH 24, 2022

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on March 24, 2022 at 9:30 AM. The meeting was held at the Upper Yoder Township Municipal Building, 110 Sunray Drive, Johnstown.

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
Ethan Imhoff	Manager, City of Johnstown	Present
John Dubnansky	Johnstown Comm. & Econ. Dev.	Absent
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

Vince Greenland	PennDOT District 9-0	Present
Vacant	Cambria County Planning Comm.	-
Chris Allison	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Dean Roberts	PennDOT Program Center	Absent
John Dubnansky	Johnstown Comm. and Econ. Dev.	Absent
Open Position	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	-
Open Position	Cambria County Transit Auth.	-
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
Chelsea Beytas	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

Cristy Shumac

PennDOT District 9-0

Shanna Murphy-Sosko

Cambria County Planning Commission

Jim Miliauskas

Sen. Wayne Langerholc Staff

Scott Hunt

Cambria County Commissioner

Tom Chernisky

Cambria County Commissioner

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: COMMITTEE MEMBER ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Allison explained that Mr. Imhoff had changed jobs from Planning Commission Executive Director, to Johnstown City Manager, and would therefore be changing roles from the Technical Committee to the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Imhoff's Technical Committee position would be temporarily vacant until a new Planning Commission Director is hired. Mr. Allison noted that Mr. Imhoff was also named as the Vice-Chair for the Technical Committee, and suggested electing a new Vice-Chair. Mr. Imhoff also noted that his Coordinating Committee alternate would be Assistant City Manager Alex Ashcom.

After a brief discussion, the Committee Members decided not to appoint a new Technical Committee Vice-Chair until a new Planning Commission Director was hired. Mr. Rovanseck made a motion to appoint Mr. Imhoff to the Coordinating Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pioli and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMBINED MPO TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2022

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE FFY 2021-2024 HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE TIP

Mr. Prestash presented a list of six projects to be added to the TIP, utilizing \$5.9 million in funds through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Mr. Imhoff and Mr. Chernisky noted that the project on Washington Street in Johnstown may conflict with a City sewer line project, and also asked if sidewalk rehabilitation was being considered. Mr. Prestash agreed to follow-up on the questions. After a brief discussion, Ms. Lucey-

Noll made a motion to approve the proposed amendments. Seconded by Mr. Rovansek, it passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE FFY 2021-2024 PUBLIC TRANSIT TIP

Ms. Lucey-Noll stated that there were no amendments requiring a vote. Mr. Prestash moved on to the next agenda item.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FFY 2023-2026 TIP FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

Ms. Lucy-Noll gave a brief overview of the draft TIP, noting that new projects included bus replacements and facility improvements. After a brief discussion, Mr. Rovansek made a motion to approve the draft 2023-2026 TIP for Public Transit as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

RAISE Projects Update: Mr. Imhoff gave an update on implementation of the RAISE grant funding award. Preliminary steps to initiate project management are underway, and the city is working with the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) on funding administration. Mr. Imhoff noted that expectations on the outcome of the projects should be tempered, due to increasing costs since the funding was awarded. Construction is targeted for 2023-2024.

Mr. Prestash reported that Westmont Borough had inquired about installing a traffic signal on PA 271 across from the Westmont Elementary School, in order to make it safer for pedestrians to cross there. Mr. Prestash further explained a study of the area previously concluded that a signal would not be warranted in that location, and recommended a pedestrian crosswalk with push-button flashing signs be installed. PennDOT will meet with the local Police Chief to discuss installation.

OTHER BUSINESS

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