

MINUTES
CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING
COMMITTEES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on September 26, 2022 at 9:30 AM. The meeting was held at the Cambria County Transit Authority office, 502 Maple Avenue, Johnstown.

Coordinating Committee

Tom Prestash	PennDOT District 9-0	Present
Rose Lucey-Noll	Cambria County Transit Auth.	(A) Kimberly Morley
Larry Shifflet	Program Center Director, PennDOT	(A) Michael Gismondi
William Smith	Cambria County Commissioner	Present
Ron Rovanseck	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Ethan Imhoff	Manager, City of Johnstown	(A) Alex Ashcom
John Dubnansky	Johnstown Comm. & Econ. Dev.	Present
Cory Cree	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	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
Chris Allison	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
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Dean Roberts	PennDOT Program Center	Absent
John Dubnansky	Johnstown Comm. and Econ. Dev.	Present
Clifford Kitner	Cambria County Conservation And Recreation Authority	Absent
Cory Cree	Johnstown/ Cambria County Airport Authority	Present
Kimberly Morley	Cambria County Transit Auth.	Present
Robert Callahan	Borough Representative South	Present
Open Position	Township Representative North	-

Non-Voting Members

Eugene Porochniak	Federal Highway Admin.	Absent
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

Scott Hunt

Cambria County Commissioner

Tom Chernisky

Cambria County Commissioner

Jim Miliauskas

Senator Langerholc Office

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tom Prestash, PennDOT District 9-0. Mr. Prestash noted that the meeting was being recorded through Microsoft Teams. Mr. Chris Allison, Cambria County Planning Commission, polled the members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMBINED MPO TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2022

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

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE FFY 2023-2026 HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE TIP

Amendment Vote: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Projects: Ms. Stich from PennDOT District 9-0, which involved adding federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds as a new TIP line item project, and then redistributing funds into the new project. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Dubnansky and passed unanimously.

Ms. Stich then reviewed the list of TIP modifications, noting that none of them required a vote. After her presentation, committee members asked a couple of project-related questions:

Mr. Rovanseck asked about the status of the Franklin Street corridor project; Mr. Greenland responded that repaving was set to begin on October 10, and that the project should be concluded this construction season. Mr. Ashcom relayed a question from Johnstown City Manager Ethan Imhoff regarding removal of on-street parking along the project corridor. Mr. Allison and Mr. Greenland responded that they did not believe any spaces were to be removed, but Mr. Greenland said he would confirm and follow up. There were also questions raised regarding storm water drainage on Osborne Street, as well as the placement of a fire hydrant at the corner of Osborne and Franklin Streets. Mr. Greenland again agreed to follow up with answers to the questions.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE FFY 2023-2026 PUBLIC TRANSIT TIP

Ms. Morley said that there were no amendments requiring a vote, but noted that the revised 2022 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan would be completed by Friday (9/30/22). She indicated that she would email it to Mr. Allison, who in turn agreed to forward it to the committee members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PennDOT Bike-Ped Policy Changes: Mr. Prestash noted two recent changes to statewide bicycle/pedestrian policies: First, any pedestrian crossings constructed by PennDOT will now be required to have a maintenance agreement with a municipality, nonprofits and trail groups will no longer be permitted to own the crossings. The groups will be able to establish a sub-agreement with the municipality for crossing maintenance. The new policy also allows for the PennDOT District office to include Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) requirements in some circumstances, rather than having to go through a separate HOP process.

PennDOT Project Updates: Mr. Greenland reviewed a few of the larger projects that were nearing completion, including the Franklin Street corridor improvements, PA 403 Somerset County to PA 56 improvement project, which included paving and the addition of a bike lane, and the roundabout project in Geistown at the intersection of Scalp Avenue, Belmont Avenue, and Bedford Street.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Allison noted that the next meeting would be held on December 7, 2022, at the Ebensburg Borough office, starting at 10:00 AM.

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