

**MINUTES**  
**CAMBRIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING**  
**ORGANIZATION COMBINED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND**  
**COORDINATING COMMITTEES**  
**MAY 30, 2023**

A meeting of the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical and Coordinating Committees was held on May 30, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Cambria County Transit Authority Office, 502 Maple Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

**Coordinating Committee**

Tom Prestash	PennDOT District 9-0	(A) Brad Brumbaugh
Rose Lucey Noll	Cambria County Trans. Auth.	(A) Kim Morley
Larry Shifflet	Program Center Dir. PennDOT	(A) Dean Roberts
B.J. Smith	Cambria County Commissioner	Present
Ron Rovanseck	Cambria County Planning Comm.	(A) Chris Allison
Ethan Imhoff	Manager, City of Johnstown	Present
John Dubnansky	Johnstown Comm. and Economic Dev.	Present
Cory Cree	Johnstown/CambriaCty Airport Auth.	Present
Amy Bradley	Regional Trans.Comm.	(A) Debra Orner
Doug Tusing	Borough Rep. North	Absent
Paul Pioli	Township Rep. South	Absent

**Technical Committee**

Vince Greenland	PennDOT District 9-0	Present
Chris Allison	Cambria County Planning Comm.	Present
Jacob Zerby	Transportation Planner	Present
Dean Roberts	PennDOT Program Center	Present
John Dubnansky	Johnstown Comm. and Economic Dev.	Present
Cliff Kitner	Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority	Absent
Cory Cree	Johnstown/Cambria County Airport Authority	Present
Kimberly Morley	Cambria County Transit Auth.	Present
Robert J. Callahan	Borough Rep. South	Present

**Non-Voting Members**

Eugene Porochniak	Fed. Highway Administration	Absent
Chelsea Beytas	Fed. Transit Administration	Absent
Lori Pagnanellik	Fed. Aviation Administration	Absent
Gregory Beacoat	U.S. Environ. Protection Agency	Absent
William Costello	U.S. Dept. of HUD	Absent
Wick Havens	PA. DEP	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
Brianna McConnell	
Nicolette Harper	
David Lybarger	
Debra Orner	Chamber of Commerce
Thomas Chernisky	Cambria County Commissioner

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chris Allison, Cambria County Planning Commission. Mr. Allison noted that the meeting was being recorded through Zoom, and there were a few attendees present online. He stated a court reporter from Sargent's Court Reporting was also present. Mr. Jacob Zerby, Transportation Planner, polled the members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COMBINED MPO TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2023.

The committee members reviewed the meeting minutes. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Callahan. The motion passed unanimously.

### ROTATION FOR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Vince Greenland, PennDOT District 9-0 noted that Tom Prestash has moved on to District 2 as of April 1, 2023, and in the interim, District 9's Assistant District Executive will be on a rotation as Acting District Executive until the vacancy is filled in the September/October timeframe. He noted three separate divisions include Design, Maintenance and Construction, and Mr. Greenland is the Assistant District Executive for Design. Brad Brumbaugh is the Assistant District Executive for Construction and the current Acting District Executive and Dave Kammerer is also an Assistant District Executive.

### APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED CCMPO BYLAWS

Mr. Zerby, Transportation Planner, provided a simplified version of the amended bylaws for both the Coordinating and Technical Committees. He stated position tenures were restructured. The requirement that alternates be at the previous meeting in order to vote was removed from the bylaws. A correction to the municipalities to add Franklin Borough was also made. Without further discussion, Mr. Cree made a motion to approve the amended CCMPO Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Imhoff and passed unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF THE WILLIAM PENN AVENUE CORRIDOR PLAN

It was noted a public meeting was recently held to display the final plan and to receive input from the public. There was further discussion regarding a truck pullout in Middle Taylor Township, and a suggestion was made that transportation alternatives be reviewed for some of the action items.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Imhoff and passed unanimously.

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

Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9-0 representative noted two projects on the agenda for approval, including the Dutch Road Bridge Replacement over Chest Creek on State Route 1009, on the border of Allegheny, and East Carroll Townships, which would be advertised next month. Federal funding would be utilized, but it was noted that preconstruction phases were all funded with state funding.

The second item is a resurfacing project on PA 56 from Widman Street to Walters Avenue and seeks a \$3.94 million construction increase for a total construction in the amount of \$12.14 million. The Project Management Committee (PMC) had already approved the plan. Reasons for the increase included more extensive pavement repairs than initially scoped for the project as well as additional drainage work. It was noted funding for the projects would come from the Bridge and Highway line item.

With no further discussion, Dr. Callahan made a motion to approve the two TIP amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR PM2 AND PM3.**

Mr. Allison explained PM2 is performance measures and goals for bridge and pavement condition, and PM3 is for congestion, mitigation and air quality measures. He stated these are annually adopted by the State and each MPO and RPO throughout the State and everybody except for Philadelphia adopts the statewide targets for performance measures.

Dean Roberts, PennDOT Program Center, recommended support of the statewide targets.

With no further discussion, Mr. Imhoff made a motion to approve the performance measures using the statewide target numbers as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cree and passed unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Carbon Reduction Program**

Ms. Stich noted a new program arising from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the Carbon Reduction Program. She noted allotments received for 2023, which is reduced for the remaining years. An additional allotment of funds in the amount of \$389,000 for 2023 had recently been received and \$439,000 for 2024 will be received. The funding has to be obligated by the end of August 2023. She noted that new projects can be identified for the 2025 funding.

#### **Financial Guidance Comparison**

There was discussion regarding district-wide comparisons. It was noted that the Johnstown region has \$98 million over four years which would increase to \$102 million total. How the money would be spent and match requirements would be reviewed. All state roads and bridges

would be examined for safety concerns and there would also be corridor studies. A draft TIP would be started in the fall for approval towards the end of the year.

It was noted the Planning Commission sends out municipal surveys and receives requests from municipalities for projects they are interested in pursuing. A priority list or Bridge Risk Assessment List is prepared to prioritize projects based on the condition of the structure, the detour lanes and other parameters and municipalities are required to commit to a match. An update on the Route 271 project was provided. The project is anticipated to be completed in September of this year.

Commissioner Chernisky talked about the bridge by Hinckston Run being in need of repair which he noted "nobody wants to own". There was further discussion regarding whether Cambria/Somerset, East Taylor or Middle Taylor would take ownership of the bridge.

The group had discussion regarding the ownership of three areas of D Street in the West End. It was noted there is a precast culvert at the ballfield that connects with the City, but that after inspection, the deck was found to be 9 inches and what is normal is 12. It was recommended that an overlay be placed over top to keep the water from leaking into the joints which could be costly. Mr. Zerby indicated Lower Yoder Township would be sponsoring the project. There was discussion regarding installation of a sidewalk in front of the ballfield.

The group also had discussion regarding a recent accident that occurred at a Route 22 interchange in Ebensburg and PennDOT's plans to slow traffic in that area.

Commissioner Chernisky noted a groundbreaking ceremony would be held at the Red Mill Bridge on June 12, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Greenland was thanked in advance for completion of four future bridge projects in the county.

Cory Cree, representative, Cambria County Airport, noted World War II aircraft would be present at the airport May 30 and May 31 as part of the Air Power History Tour. An Aerium Summit will also be held May 31 and June 1, 2023 to show high school students career paths in aviation. Comments were made on the number of people utilizing the airport daily.

Mr. Roberts reminded Mr. Allison about the PM2 and PM3 letters, and outstanding is the MOU and a scope of long-range plans so money can be reserved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.