

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners:
R. Jack McKernan, Chairman
Tony R. Mussare, Vice Chairman
Richard Mirabito, Secretary

Location:
Executive Plaza
330 Pine Street
Williamsport Pennsylvania 17701



“Building Partnerships”

Kurt Hausammann, Jr., AICP, Director

Voice: (570) 320-2130
Fax: (570) 320-2135
www.lyco.org

Mailing Address:
48 West Third Street
Williamsport Pennsylvania 17701

WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY COORDINATING COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2017 Coordinating Committee Public Meeting: Lycoming County Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tosca called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

MINUTES

June 19, 2017 Coordinating Committee Public Meeting

Mr. Nichols motioned for approval of the meeting minutes which were seconded by Ms. Haladay and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

TIP ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS/AMENDMENTS

Mr. King referred to the fiscal constraint spreadsheet showing 30 administrative actions that have been made to the FFY 2017 WATS TIP from 6/19/17 – 8/22/17. As none of these actions constitute a formal amendment, this handout was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken by the Coordinating Committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMONWEALTH 12 YEAR PROGRAM PUBLIC OUTREACH RESULTS

STC Commissioner George Khoury provided a summary of the public outreach survey results recently undertaken by the STC regarding priorities for future investment regarding the 12 Year Program. Commissioner Khoury highlighted the top 3 transportation priorities cited as road pavements, traffic flow and bridges. These spending priorities were consistent with the survey results for Lycoming County. The public was also asked how they feel transportation revenue

should be spent with the bike/ped mode noted as the highest percent of respondents (32%) believing more funds should be spent. Commissioner Khoury encouraged WATS members to utilize the survey data available for Lycoming County in their future planning and programming activities and added that he believes this public outreach survey effort is providing the STC with much better public feedback on transportation issues and priorities than the STC public hearings yielded which had a much more limited audience.

FHWA SAFETY PRESENTATION

Mr. Mike Castellano, FHWA showed a powerpoint presentation of safety initiatives. Emphasis was placed on the 2017 Strategic Highway Safety Plan where a goal has been established to reduce fatalities and serious injuries by 2% annually. This goal, if achieved, would reduce 120 fatalities and 305 serious injuries in PA over five years. Nationally there was an increase of over 7% in each of the last two years. The Towards Zero Deaths Vision sets a national aspiration goal to eliminate fatalities on the nation's roadways. Mr. Murawski noted the FAST Act requires safety performance measures to be established and our MPO will be establishing our targets at the next MPO public meeting in December once guidance is received by PennDOT which is expected in October.

WATS LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE STATUS

Mr. Scott Williams presented a draft of Chapter 1 – Planning Context. This chapter provides a thorough overview of the federal and state planning regulations and policy guidance. In addition, the Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan and six Multi-Municipal planning areas are outlined and major issues identified by the Planning Advisory Teams, (PAT's) are discussed. Demographic trends in terms of population, journey to work, employment, environmental justice areas are presented. Land use characteristics are mapped and economic development implications, including Marcellus Shale are highlighted. This plan chapter also inventories and maps county-wide environmental, cultural and historic resources which will be used in our plan presentation to environmental resource agencies at the Agency Coordination Meeting, (ACM).

Mr. Williams also presented a plan development schedule which will result in WATS MPO plan adoption by the December 2018 federal deadline.

LYCOMING COUNTY LOCAL BRIDGE BUNDLING PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Mr. Murawski informed the Committee that the Lycoming County Commissioners adopted the Fee for Local Use Ordinance that authorizes a \$ 5 registration fee surcharge on vehicles registered to an address in Lycoming County effective October 1, 2017. This revenue will be used to improve 40 structurally deficient, (SD) locally owned bridges in Lycoming County using a bridge bundling approach. Since fee revenue will be insufficient to improve all 40 bridges at once, the county has surveyed local municipal bridge owners to determine their overall interest in the program and what priority should be assigned to the bridges if they have multiple SD bridges. Surveys are due to the county by September 30, 2017. Under this county program, the municipality would provide a 5% local share and the county would hire the engineers and

contractors to undertake the projects with the municipality remaining the bridge owner when projects are completed.

CSVT TRANSPORTATION/LAND USE IMPACTS STUDY

Mr. Murawski said there is an opportunity for the MPO to apply for additional supplemental funds to conduct special planning studies. The County has identified through the Comprehensive Plan Update process the need to evaluate impacts from the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project as regional traffic patterns are likely to shift from the US 15 to I-180 corridor in Lycoming County once the northern section of CSVT opens in 2022. This study will evaluate growth patterns and traffic flows along the I-180 corridor which will involve a review of land use ordinances adopted by the County and local municipalities to determine if changes are needed to accommodate development, including the possibility of creating interchange overlay districts. Mr. Murawski noted that as part of ordinance review, typical interchange land uses should be examined and the municipalities should decide which uses are desirable to allow near interchanges. Additionally, infrastructure needs should be assessed at the interchanges and improvement plans developed, if warranted. Mr. Murawski concluded that CSVT may result in less traffic volumes on the Market Street bridge which could help to relieve congestion backups we are now experiencing on the bridge and ramp system.

AIRPORT UPDATE

Mr. Hart noted that the Airport Authority hosted a public groundbreaking ceremony on August 31, 2017 to officially start the construction of the new terminal building. It is anticipated that the new terminal will be completed and open for business in about one year. It was also announced that American Airlines will provide regional jet service to our airport beginning on November 29, 2017 which will be a milestone improvement in regional air service at our airport. Mr. Murawski noted that PA DCED has not funded the Montour Street Extension project so other local match sources will need to be found to match the federal earmark obtained for the project. The Airport Authority will take the lead on finding alternate funding sources.

PENNDOT CONNECTS MUNICIPAL OUTREACH UPDATE

Mr. Murawski noted that all five Planning Advisory Team , (PAT) PennDOT Connects meetings have been successfully held to review the applicable FFY 2017 TIP/409 projects located within the PAT areas. Very good attendance and participation was realized at the Greater Williamsport Alliance and Muncy Creek PAT meetings and numerous follow-up activities were identified for certain projects. For those Lycoming County rural municipalities not included with a PAT, PennDOT District 3-0 has issued separate letters outlining the proposed projects and requesting the municipality respond whether they wish to schedule a meeting or have no comments to offer. Mr. Murawski said that staff has attend all of the the PennDOT Connects Training Sessions which are beneficial.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Murawski noted that two municipal coordination meetings have been held with applicants that submitted Transportation Alternative, (TA) funding requests; the City of Williamsport for their Willow Street Corridor Improvement Project and Loyalsock Township for their Phase 2 Millers Run Greenway project. Applications were due to PennDOT via online submission by September 22, 2017 and these are the only two projects that were officially submitted in Lycoming County. WATS will review applications at their December meeting. The Technical Committee will make recommendations to the Coordinating Committee on MPO funding recommendations to PennDOT which are due by January 5, 2018. PennDOT intends to finalize their funding decisions around the end of January, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

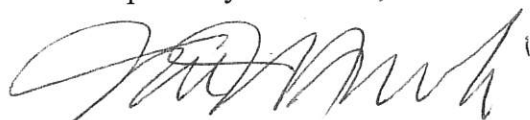
There was not further business or public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tosca noted the next Coordinating Committee public meeting will be held on December 18, 2017 and that a 2018 meeting schedule will be developed prior to the next meeting and distributed to members.

With no further business, Chairman Tosca adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark R. Murawski
WATS Secretary

MEETING ATTENDANCE

MEETING WAYS Candidates, Committee LOCATION Exxon in Pkwa DATE 9/25/17

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS
Mark Mirabito	Lycoming Co. PCD	48 W. 3rd St Wmst PA 17701
Scott R Williams	Lycoming County PCD	46 W 3rd St Wmst PA
Craig R. Miller	PennDOT CO	400 North St Harrisburg PA 17102
DAVID L. FREY	WILLIAMSPORT REGIONAL AIRPORT	700 AIRPORT RD, MTRSVILLE
Kyle Postupach	SEDA- CoG - IRA	600 201 FURNACE RD., LEWISBURG, PA 17837
Sandra TOSCA	PennDOT 3-0	Marysville
George Khoury	STC	Harrisburg
Dan Merk	STEP	2138 Lincoln Street Williamsport, PA 17701
Robert Cronin	Boroughs Association	33 W. 3rd St, Suite 202 Wmst, PA 17701
Kevin W Kilpatrick	River Valley Trust	1500 W. 3rd St Wmst, PA 17701
Bill Nichols, Jr	"	"
Rebecca Haladay	City of Williamsport	245 W 4th St.
Chelsea Myers	" "	245 W 4th St
Michael Costello	FHWA	228 Walnut St Hbg PA 17111
Brenden Hunter	PennDOT 3-0	260 Beagle Rd. Mill Hall PA 17151
TJAY CUNNINGHAM	PennDOT 3-0	715 JORDAN AVE MONTICELLO PA 17754
BRAD JAMES	LARSON DESIGN GROUP	1000 COMMERCE PARK DR. WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17701
LYNN CUNNINGHAM	Ly. Co PCD	48 W. 3rd St Wmst PA.
JACK McKernan	Lycoming County Commissioner	Wmst
Rick Mirabito	Lycoming County Commissioner	Wmst