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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY COORDINATING COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

*October 15, 2018 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 1:05 PM.

MINUTES

June 18, 2018 Coordinating Committee Public Meeting

Commissioner Mirabito motioned for approval of the meeting minutes which was seconded by Mr. Cappelli and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Murawski conveyed a phone conversation he had with a Mr. Ochs who is a private citizen unable to attend the meeting but wanted to express his concerns about the need for an evaluation of additional bus shelters at certain locations along RVT routes. Mr. Nichols indicated RVT will follow-up with Mr. Ochs to address his concerns.

Chairman Tosca also provided an update on the transportation impacts from recent high rainfall events in District 3-0 which to date have resulted in approximately \$ 6 million in damages just within Lycoming County and \$ 57 million in damages District-wide which is having a major impact on the PennDOT budget. Mr. Murawski added it is especially concerning as no federal disaster declaration has been issued at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

TIP ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS/AMENDMENTS

Mr. King referred to the fiscal constraint spreadsheet showing 23 administrative actions that have been made to the FFY 2017 WATS TIP since the last WATS MPO meeting. 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.

2018-2038 WATS LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Lavelle indicated that the draft WATS Long Range Plan Update document is complete and available for viewing on the County website. Mr. Lavelle briefly reviewed the highlights of the plan using a powerpoint presentation. The plan will also be presented at Lycoming County Commissioners and Lycoming County Planning Commission upcoming public meetings. Mr. Lavelle requested WATS establish a 45 day public comment period for the plan in accordance with the WATS Public Participation Plan beginning on October 16, 2018 and ending on December 2, 2018. Mr. Lavelle also reported that he and Mr. Murawski and Mr. Mullins presented the plan at the Agency Coordination Meeting (ACM) held on August 22, 2018 in Harrisburg and environmental resource agencies in attendance expressed positive reaction to the plan and gave good feedback to our team.

Commissioner Mirabito motioned the WATS Coordinating Committee approve the establishment of the 45 day public comment period for the 2018-2038 draft WATS Long Range Plan as per the schedule outlined by Mr. Lavelle which was seconded by Mr. Cappelli and unanimously approved.

PM-2 and PM-3 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Murawski referred to the PennDOT letter dated July 16, 2018 provided in the meeting packet regarding PM-2 and PM-3 Performance Measures. MAP-21 and FAST Act federal reauthorization legislation established measures to assess pavements and bridges on the National Highway System (NHS) collectively referred to as PM-2. PM-3 measures assess the performance of the NHS system, freight movement on the Interstate, and the CMAQ program. Mr. Murawski summarized the state PM-2 and PM-3 targets contained in the letter and indicated WATS has a choice to either agree to support these state targets or develop its own targets. Mr. Murawski noted the WATS Technical Committee recommended WATS support the state PM-2 and PM-3 targets and respond accordingly to PennDOT.

Mr. Nichols motioned the WATS Coordinating Committee support the state PM-2 and PM-3 targets and respond accordingly to PennDOT which was seconded by Mr. Stover and unanimously approved.

TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT GROUP PLAN

Mr. Murawski presented this item by stating the PennDOT Bureau of PublicTransportation has notified WATS of the need to sign an Acknowledgement of Cooperative Development and Sharing of Public Transportation Performance Data between WATS and River Valley Transit. In response to federally required Performance Based Planning and Programming requirements, PennDOT has developed a Transit Asset Management (TAM) Group Plan which encourages communication between transit agencies and their respective MPO's or RPO's during planning and programming activities. Mr. Murawski highlighted major aspects of the TAM Group Plan which consists of development of transit asset inventories and condition assessment, establishes annual performance targets and measures and prioritizes investments to achieve targets so that transit assets are maintained in a good state of repair and operating condition. As part of this

process, PennDOT will provide asset performance reports to transit agencies which transit agencies will review for accuracy. Transit agencies will share performance data with planning partners no later than the end of each calendar year. Annual transit performance goals will be established and TIP investments will continue to be coordinated between PennDOT, transit agencies and planning partners.

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that asset inventory and management is not a new concept to RVT as their agency has been performing these activities for many years with reporting to WATS through the RVT Annual Transit Performance Report and Plan Update.

Mr. Murawski noted the WATS Technical Committee recommends ratification of the action WATS MPO Staff had to take to execute the TAM Group Plan Acknowledgment Form to meet a state deadline.

Mr. Stover motioned for the WATS Coordinating Committee to ratify the MPO Staff execution of the TAM Group Plan Acknowledgement Form requested by PennDOT which was seconded by Mr. Cappelli and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FFY 2019-2022 STIP FEDERAL APPROVAL LETTER FINDINGS

Mr. Murawski informed the Committee that the Federal Highway Administration has issued a letter to PennDOT approving the FFY 2019-2022 State Transportation Improvement Program, (STIP). The letter typically outlines findings that review positive aspects of TIP development and areas needing improvement. Mr. Mullins noted that planning partners, (including the Williamsport MPO) will need to prepare a supplement to the TIP package which lists federal funding obligations for TIP projects in the prior federal fiscal year and submit that information by the end December or earlier if possible. Mr. Mullins will provide additional guidance on this requirement in the near future.

PENNDOT CONNECTS UPDATE

Mr. Murawski provided an update on PennDOT Connects activities by first showing a video produced by PennDOT serving as a testimonial regarding how well the Connects process is working in our area. Mr. Murawski also indicated that he is working with several other regional planning partners to develop municipal training sessions to help advance the Connects process and that one such training session is scheduled in Allenwood on October 29, 2018 in partnership with SEDA-COG. Municipal officials will be trained on the proper development and use of land use regulations to help address transportation impacts, such as the CSV. WATS will schedule an additional training session in early 2019.

NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING UPDATE

Mr. Murawski indicated that construction of the new airport terminal building is now substantially complete. Remaining work items involve roadway approach work, installation of the glass canopy and loading bridge and demolition of the old terminal building with short term parking lot construction in that location. Passengers have started using the new terminal building. Mr. Hart has offered to host a future WATS meeting and provide a tour of the new terminal for WATS members in early 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further business or public comment. Chairman Tosca noted the next Coordinating Committee public meeting will be held on December 17, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Tosca at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark R. Murawski
WATS Secretary