

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

*September 11, 2017 Technical Committee Public Meeting: Lycoming County Executive Plaza,
330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701*

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mullins called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

MINUTES

June 5, 2017 Technical Committee Public Meeting

Mr. Kilpatrick 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. Mausteller 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 Technical Committee.

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. Hausammann 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 four of the 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. The final PAT meeting will be the US 220/I-99 PAT scheduled for September 19, 2017. 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 continues to attend the PennDOT Connects Training Sessions which are beneficial.

