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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2018 Technical Committee Public Meeting: Lycoming County Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

CALL TO ORDER (WATS Technical Committee Special Public Meeting)

Chairman Mullins called the WATS Technical Committee Special Public Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Mr. Mullins explained the purpose of this special public meeting was to present an overview of the Draft 2018-2038 WATS Long Range Transportation Plan and to gather public comments. This special meeting is being held due to the cancellation of the Lycoming County Planning Commission public meeting on November 16, 2018 due to a major snowstorm.

2018-2038 WATS Long Range Transportation Plan Update Presentation

Mr. Lavelle provided an overview of the draft WATS Long Range Plan Update using a powerpoint presentation. From an overall perspective this plan emphasizes a maintenance first philosophy when making strategic investments for Lycoming County's multi-modal transportation system using a performance based planning and programming approach consistent with federal guidance and rulemaking. All proposed capital projects are fiscally constrained in accordance with PennDOT Financial Guidance targets for the WATS MPO during the first four years of the plan which is the period of the recently adopted Transportation Improvement Program. These financial constraint targets were projected for the remaining years of the plan assuming no growth in federal funding during the plan horizon. The plan also supports the implementation of the PennDOT Decade of Investment prepared during the adoption of PA Act 89. Mr. Lavelle noted WATS has access to an excellent data driven inventory of all transportation assets which includes documentation of the condition and operating performance of the entire system. Mr. Lavelle noted the 45 day public comment period for this plan will end on December 7, 2018 and several minor comments have been received and addressed.

There were no additional public comments offered at this special public meeting.

Mr. Kilpatrick motioned for adjournment of the special public meeting which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and unanimously approved. The special meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

CALL TO ORDER (Regular WATS Technical Committee Public Meeting)

Chairman Mullins called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

MINUTES

September 24, 2018 Technical Committee Public Meeting

Mr. Cunningham motioned for approval of the meeting minutes which was seconded by Ms. McJunkin and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

FFY 2019 TIP Administrative Actions

Mr. King referred to the fiscal constraint spreadsheet showing 25 administrative actions that have been made to the FFY 2019 WATS TIP since the last 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 Technical Committee.

WATS LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Murawski said that due to the snowstorm that cancelled the Lycoming County Planning Commission public meeting on November 16, 2018 which would serve as the WATS Long Range Plan Public Meeting it is necessary to extend the 45 day public comment period until December 7, 2018 to give the public adequate opportunity to comment on the plan following this special public meeting held today. Mr. Murawski added it would be necessary for the WATS Technical Committee to recommend adoption of the WATS Long Range Plan to the WATS Coordinating Committee subject to completion of the 45 day public comment period and WATS addressing any final comments that may be received.

Mr. Kilpatrick motioned for the Technical Committee extend the 45 day plan comment period to December 7, 2018 and to recommend the Coordinating Committee adopt the 2018-2038 WATS Long Range Transportation Plan subject to WATS addressing any final public comments received which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and unanimously approved.

SHSP Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Murawski referred to the meeting packet containing a letter issued by PennDOT on October 31, 2018 establishing WATS annual targets for each of the five Safety Performance Measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program consisting of:

- Number of Fatalities
- Rate of Fatalities
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Rate of Serious Injuries
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Mr. Murawski indicated PennDOT is asking each MPO/RPO to either adopt the safety targets contained in the letter or develop their own safety performance targets. Mr. Murawski recommended WATS develop the state targets.

Ms. McJunkin motioned the Technical Committee recommend WATS MPO adoption of the State Safety Performance Targets contained in the 10/31/18 letter issued by PennDOT which was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Lycoming County Bridge Bundling Program Update

Mr. Murawski informed the Committee that PennDOT has indicated approval of the Lycoming County Commissioners PA Infrastructure Bank Loan application requesting \$ 7 million in state financing for the Lycoming County Local Bridge Bundling Program. The loan commitment letter and agreement will be issued to the county shortly. These funds will be used to provide up front financing for the repair or replacement of 17 locally owned poor condition bridges in Lycoming County owned by local municipalities. The bridges are the highest priority of each participating municipality which will commit their 5% local share. Act 13 bridge restricted account funds will also be used as part of the financing package. Upon approval of the loan package by the Commissioners, the County will enter into cost sharing contracts with the participating municipal bridge owners and begin the consultant selection process to retain an engineering team to design the bridges.

PennDOT Connects Update

Mr. Murawski and Mr. Lavelle participated in a PennDOT Connects Municipal Training Workshop held by SEDA-COG MPO officials on October 29, 2018 in Allenwood, PA. Mr. Murawski said the work shop was well delivered and received by municipal officials. Emphasis was placed on municipal comprehensive and land use planning tools that can be used to help realize the benefits of the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway Project. Municipal concerns about emergency response were also addressed.

2019 WATS Meeting Dates

Mr. Lavelle referred to the meeting packet listing the 2019 public meeting dates for the WATS Technical and Coordinating Committee meetings.

With no further business or public comment, Mr. Mullins adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Lavelle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

John Lavelle
WATS Secretary