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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2020 Technical Committee Public Meeting: Lycoming County Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

CALL TO ORDER (Regular WATS Technical Committee Public Meeting)

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

INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES

November 4, 2019 Technical Committee Public Meeting

Mr. Joe Reighard motioned for approval of the meeting minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Richard Howell and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

FFY 2019-2022 TIP Administrative Actions

Mr. Gerald Wertz presented the following TIP Administrative Actions:

1. Reviewed the S.R.44 over Lawshee Run project, which was cashed flowed out of 2020 with a new LET date is 2021. S.R. 405 and 2014 intersection project, cash flowed out of 2020 and pushed to 2021 to align the project with another project S.R. 405 069-bridge project. Moving to keep both projects aligned.

Mr. Reighard inquired about the Warrensville Road slide/closure issue. Mr. Wertz informed him that PennDOT is still in the process of doing the engineering studies. Mr. Wertz stated that it could possibly be a large rock repair; however, the study is not complete. Mr. Reighard asked if there was any timeframe for the repair. Mr. Wertz informed him that currently, there is no funding available on the TIP for repair construction on Warrensville Road.

Mr. Reighard asked for clarification, if the Warrensville Road project was “on the radar?” Mr. Mark Murawski commented that it is possible, however, WATS will need a cost estimate from PennDOT on the repair, and then the MPO will have to reassess what funds to move. Mr. Murawski

asked when PennDOT believed they would have an estimate. Mr. Wertz stated that potentially February 2020 for a cost estimate. Mr. Murawski asked PennDOT to send the estimate to the MPO so that WATS can begin reviewing potential funding adjustments for the Warrensville Road project. Mr. Wertz stated that currently there are construction funds in the Draft TIP in 2022 and 2023, but the construction funds could change based on the repair estimate.

Mr. Reighard inquired what the daily traffic count was on Warrensville Road. Mr. Wertz stated that he was not sure off-hand, however the Warrensville Road slide was the second or third priority slide that PennDOT is studying overall.

As none of these actions constitute a formal amendment, these items were presented for informational purposes only and the Technical Committee took no action.

PM 1 (Safety) Target Adoption

Mr. John Lavelle introduced the Safety Performance Measures and stated that the WATS MPO needed to have their performance measures adopted, and returned to PennDOT by February 2020. Mr. Lavelle stated that the goal is to have the Technical Committee review the WATS 2020 PM-1 and recommend the performance safety measures for adoption to the Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Scott Williams reviewed the safety performance measures. Mr. Williams stated that this is the first year there is a match with the crash data, and a target that the MPO has set. Mr. Williams stated that the MPO did meet the targets, but when you view future trends, the MPO will have some difficulty meeting future targets. With fatalities, the MPO meets the safety performance measure in both rate and number, but if current trends continue, the MPO will more than likely not meet the performance measure next year. Mr. Williams stated that there are some unknowns however. For example, the Rt. 220 project is anticipated to increase safety; however, the MPO does not know the extent of those impacts once the project is complete.

Mr. Williams stated that one measure that the MPO needs to focus on is the non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. The trend shows that measure to increase in both the numbers of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries, and the rate of those incidents. Mrs. Rossman inquired if most of those are pedestrian or if some of the incidents include bicyclists as well. Mr. Williams stated that most are pedestrian, but some are bicyclists.

Chairperson Mullins called for a motion to recommend adoption of the Performance Safety Measures to the Coordinating Committee. Mrs. Rossman made the motion to accept the WATS 2020 PM-1 Safety Performance Measures as presented, and to send forward to the Coordinating Committee for their approval. Mr. Reighard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Public Participation Plan, Adoption

Mr. Sal Vitko presented an update on the Public Participation Plan adoption. The public comment period ended on December 30, 2019. There were a few comments from municipalities, PennDOT, and government agencies (no comments were received from the public). The Public Participation Plan was updated to address these comments and all comments and corrections are listed in Appendix G: Summary of Public Comments. The changes included incorporating PennDOT gender-neutral language, updating the WATS Bylaws, and updating the Tribal

Contacts list with new information provided by PennDOT. Mr. Vitko stated that the Coordinating Committee would need to review and approve the Title VI Discrimination Compliant Procedures and new fillable pdf Title VI Complaint Form.

A motion was made by Mr. Wertz, seconded by Mr. Reighard for the recommendation to the Coordinating Committee for the adoption of the Public Participation Plan at the January Coordinating Committee meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CSVT Impact Study – Consultant Selection

Mr. Lavelle presented that there were four engineering firms that submitted proposals for the CSVT Impact Study (Stahl Sheaffer, McMahan, Gannet Fleming, and Michael Baker). The MPO sought additional information from one of the consultants. The MPO received the additional information and will be reviewing proposals, and make the official selection. Mr. Lavelle state that by the MPO Coordinating Committee meeting, we will be able to announce the award of the CSVT Impact Study contract and scope of work moving forward.

Mr. Lavelle mentioned that one of the noteworthy aspects of the CSVT Impact Study is that it aligns with the Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, and the MPO is implementing initiatives from the Comprehensive Plan. The information from the CSVT Impact Study will allow the LCPC to determine different land use regulations/ordinances, assist in project selection, and assist with addressing other concerns.

Mr. Lavelle stated that WATS MPO is collaborating with SEDA-COG MPO to increase the scope of the CSVT Impact Study to include missing sections of the study area. Currently, the WATS MPO is waiting for a draft scope of work from SEDA-COG MPO to include the additional areas.

2021-2024 TIP Update

Mr. Lavelle stated that the WATS MPO members were able to review the Draft 2021-2024 TIP. Staff members shared some proposed items with PCD staff (work proposed in Muncy Borough to see if it impacts the Muncy Resiliency Plan, etc.). Chairperson Mullins stated that there will be a phone meeting with PennDOT Central Office, PennDOT District 3, and WATS MPO to jointly review the draft TIP and address any concerns (tentatively scheduled for January 9 or 10, 2020).

Mr. Murawski inquired about the PennDOT Connects process for future TIP projects. Mr. Wertz stated that PennDOT will follow the same process (or a similar process) that was used previously to reach out to municipalities and determine which type of meeting (in person, phone, etc.) is most effective for that municipality.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Murawski updated the Technical Committee on the Bridge Bundling project. Lycoming County sent out the MOU's to all 17 municipal partners, and the County received all 17 MOU's. The next step is to have the Commissioner's sign-off on the MOU's. In addition, the RFP should be advertised in the next two weeks. Moving forward the project is planning on a 60-day period for the RFP, then approximately a 30-day period to review all submitted proposals and determine the engineering firm for the project.

Chairperson Mullins mentioned scheduling a conference call for the Redundant Bridge Study, and that RVT sent in their Transit TIP information. Mr. Howell updated the Technical Committee on the leakage study; the study showed that most of the Williamsport Airport leakage is going to the Harrisburg airport.

With no further business or public comment, Chairperson Mullins called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wertz offered a motion to adjourn, Mr. Howell seconded. The motion to adjourn unanimously passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:31 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 stroke extending to the left.

John Lavelle, AICP, CFM
WATS Secretary