

# Northern Tier RPO Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, February 1, 2021  
10AM – 11 AM  
Northern Tier Office (Conference Call)  
Towanda, PA

**Attendance:**

Brian Baker, Northern Tier  
Katie Prichard, Northern Tier  
Bob Getz, Sullivan County  
Alan Hall, Susquehanna County Commissioner  
Mark Hamilton, Tioga County Commissioner  
Kaye Aumick, Tioga County  
Matt Williams, Bradford County  
Rick Biery, Bradford County  
Lynnelle Farber, Wyoming County  
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office  
Michael Gismondi, PennDOT Central Office  
Justin Batiuk, PennDOT District 3-0  
John Petrini, PennDOT District 4-0  
Brian Small, PennDOT District 4-0  
Steve Fisher, PennDOT District 4-0  
Marie Bishop, PennDOT District 4-0  
Emma Pugh, PennDOT District 4-0  
Gene Porochniak, FHWA  
Jason Krise, Representative Tina Pickett  
Leigh McCullen, BMTS

### I. Items for Discussion

#### A. Approve December 14, 2020 Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton to accept the February meeting minutes, seconded by Matt Williams, the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Rick Biery to accept the October meeting minutes, seconded by Bob Getz, the motion carried unanimously.

#### B. 2021 – 2024 TIP Administrative Actions and Amendments –

- District 3.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions
  - Informational purposes only, no votes and no questions
- District 4.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions
  - Two management actions
    - o Advance FD phase for MPMS 10229
    - o Add FD and ROW phases to TIP for MPMS 94741

#### C. Performance Measures PM1, PM2 & PM3 Target Setting Approval

- Brian Baker stated that the RPO received the state performance measures. Northern Tier is accepting the state's performance measures. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the state performance measures, seconded by Rick Biery, the motion carried unanimously.

#### D. PennDOT Connects Update

- Justin stated that the Mansfield PennDOT Connects Meeting was scheduled. District 3 had no other responses. District 4 plans to do a mass send out of emails to try to set up future meetings.

### **E. Redundant Bridge Study**

As stated in the last meeting, Northern Tier is working with Central Office, District 3 and 4, and WATS MPO to put together a study to determine redundant bridges in the region. Mark Murawski is currently putting together a scope of work. Carey stated that they are trying to find available funding before moving forward.

### **F. Public Participation Plan update**

Northern Tier sent out a poll to set up a date for the Public Participation Plan meeting. The meeting is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will consist of recommendations from PennDOT and FHWA for the update of the PPP.

### **G. Annual Obligated Report**

Northern Tier put together the Annual Obligated Report, which is a listing of Obligated Projects for which Federal Funds have been obligated in FFY 2020, October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020. This report was due at the end of December. Northern Tier sent out a copy of the report and a link to view it on the website to RTAC members.

### **H. Multimodal Applications**

There were two applications that needed to be reviewed by Northern Tier: Marsh Creek Greenway and Tunkhannock Mobility Study. Brian stated that he and Katie just received access to the applications and they will be going through a tutorial tomorrow.

### **I. PennDOT Pathways**

Due to shrinking gas tax and federal revenues, PennDOT released a program called PennDOT Pathways. This focus allows for more funding source opportunities in the future. In the current phase of the Pathways program, the focus is on highway and bridge funding needs. An email will be sent out with the website information.

### **J. Act 106 (Personal Delivery Devices)**

On November 1, 2020, Senate Bill 1199 (Personal Delivery Devices) was enacted and will go into effect on January 30, 2021. A PDD is a ground-based delivery device that is manufactured for transporting cargo or goods and is operated by a driving system that allows for autonomous and/or remote operations. PennDOT needs input on PDD's to establish policies. Some questions that were brought up are should they be treated as pedestrians, what are the security risks, who has the right of way? Any questions or suggestion should be sent to Brian or Katie.

## **II. Reports**

### **A. Legislative Report:**

Rep Karen Boback – No one present

Rep. Tina Pickett – The governor's budget address will be delivered by teleconference tomorrow.

Rep. Jonathan Fritz – No one present

Rep. Clint Owlett – No one present

Senator Gene Yaw – No one present

Senator Lisa Baker – No one present

Senator Joseph Scarnati – No one present

Congressman Keller – No one present

**B. FHWA Report**

- None.

**C. PENNDOT Reports**

Central Office – None.

Dist. 3.0 – Bob Getz stated that the vineyard signs still need to be removed outside of Dushore. Justin Batuik said they should get to them in the spring.

Dist. 4.0 – None.

**D. County Reports**

1. Bradford County – All 8 bridges are now open to traffic. They are still working on bridge 38 replacement. Rick Biery asked if there is a list of bridges that will be tolled through PennDOT Pathways. Carey Mullins stated that there were none as of right now.
  2. Sullivan County – Bob Getz stated that the Sonestown bridge will soon be open again.
  3. Susquehanna County – Currently working on Gibson Interchange.
  4. Tioga County – None.
  5. Wyoming County – They are restarting the Greenways trail meetings.
- E. BEST Report – None.**
- F. BMTS Reports – No one present.**
- G. NTRPDC Reports – Brian Baker stated that the next meeting is on April 12, 2021 by teleconference again.**

**IV. Other Items for Discussion – none.**

**V. Public Discussion – none.**

**VI. Adjournment – Do not have the necessary number of voting members for a quorum, so no motions were made. With no further items to discuss the meeting was ended at 11 AM.**