

Northern Tier RPO Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 8, 2019
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Northern Tier Offices
Towanda, PA

Attendance:

Brian Baker, Northern Tier
Katie Prichard, Northern Tier
Matt Williams, Bradford County Planning
Kerry Nelson, Tioga County Planning
Lynnelle Farber, Wyoming County Planning
Alan Hall, Susquehanna County Commissioner
Mark Hamilton, Tioga County Commissioner
Fred Jugan, Sullivan County
Bob Getz, Sullivan County
Jack Conroy, Susquehanna County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Justin Batiuk, PennDOT District 3-0
Emma Pugh, PennDOT District 4-0
Steve Fisher, PennDOT District 4-0
Chuck Dillon, Sen. Joseph Scarnati
Jason Krise, Representative Tina Pickett
Alexandra Allen, Representative Jonathan Fritz
Arnie Kriner, Senator Yaw
Jean Ruhf, EMVB
Kevin Kilpatrick, BEST
Al Quimby, Develop Tioga
Mark Murawski, TAC

I. Items for Discussion

A. Approve February 11, 2019 Minutes

- A motion was made by Alan Hall to accept the February meeting minutes, seconded by Matt Williams, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Mark Murawski, TAC Study Funding Update

- Mark gave a presentation on the TAC Study on Pennsylvania's significant transportation funding risks and the estimation of their impacts. Emergency repairs, regulatory compliance, modernization, and inflation cost pressures, along with many others strain resources. The 4 step approach to this study was to identify current and projected transportation funding levels, capture estimated transportation funding needs, estimate the financial impacts of transportation funding risks over a 12-year period (through FY 2029-30), and identify the risk impacts and implications. The risks that were analyzed included Federal Transportation Funding Reduction, Vehicle Sales Tax Provision Repeal, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Pending Litigation, PA State Police Transfer Statutory Revision, and Reduced Motor License Fund Tax Receipts. The Total Potential Risk Impact = \$18.5 billion cumulative lost funding through FY 2029-30. For highways and bridges this results in deteriorating roadway conditions, increased long-term costs due to deferred maintenance, and more weight-restricted and closed bridges. It also causes problems in public transportation such as reduced public transportation service and fewer new buses, trains, and

transportation centers. Multimodal projects will be in jeopardy—sidewalks, traffic signals, crosswalks, bike lanes, trails, airport access road improvements. There will be decreased funding for water port and freight rail funding.

C. 2019 – 2022 TIP Administrative Actions and Amendments –

District 3.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

- All administrative actions, no amendments necessary
- Project #2 & 3 – construction increases to meet the updated estimate
- Project #4-6 – add the Final design, utility, and right of way phase
- Project #19 – decrease to meet the low bid
- Project #30 – add money to final design for mitigations commitments
- Project #32-36 – Project separated out of a DOI paving project that is using 409 funds. Bridge work not eligible to use 409 funds. This will be let with the paving project and will be carried over at the TIP update.
- Project #37-39 – New embankment repair for pre-construction phase only. County maintenance forces will be completing the construction work using money from the county budget.
- Project #41 – Increase to meet the updated estimate
- Project #42 – Add PE phase to the TIP

District 4.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

- Administrative actions
- Project #1 & 2 – Add an Act 13 funded bridge
- Project #5 – add PE phrase to FFY 2019
- Project #11 – preservation activities
- Project #14 & 15 – increase construction phase to low bid amount
- Project #21 – decrease construction phase
- Project #23 – enhancement project for Nicholson Streetscape

- One amendment necessary
- Add PE and construction phase of the SR 11 and SR 492 intersection improvement project.
- A motion was made by Alan Hall to approve the amendment, seconded by Bob Getz, the motion carried unanimously.

D. LRTP, Public Participation Plan Updates

- PPP was sent to Central Office for suggestions. Updates will be made in house based on suggestions from Central Office. LRTP will be done in house as well as by a consultant. Northern Tier RPO will have a consultant by June and the update will be completed in February 2020. Estimated to be adopted in April 2020.

E. PennDOT Connects Update/Municipal Trainings

- Brian stated that one person signed up Bradford County and two people signed up for Wyoming County, therefore the trainings were cancelled. One on ones will be done if requested. Lynnelle requested a refresher course for municipal officials on the TIP process.

F. Bike/Ped./Local Coordinated Plan RFP Update

- The draft of the Bike/Ped./Local Coordinated Plan should be received from Gannett Fleming within the next week. The plans will be sent to PennDOT and the executive board to be approved. Both plans will go out for 30 day public review and comment.

G. Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)

- A motion was made by Matt Williams to accept state-wide targets for performance measures 1, 2, and 3, seconded by Allan Hall, the motion carried unanimously.

H. GPS Problems, Website

- Website provided to report GPS problems: <https://www.gps.gov/support/user/mapfix/devices-and-maps/>

I. LTAP Training & Equipment Show Updates

- Susquehanna-Wyoming held their kickoff meeting in February and the show will be held on Thursday, July 25th at Lazybrook Park. Tioga-Bradford held their kickoff meeting at the end of February. The show will be held sometime in August. Five LTAP classes will be available during April and May.

J. Community Development GIS, What is Going On?

- Katie stated that a 911 mapping project is moving along. All datasets have been received from the participating counties. A presentation is being put together for the GIS Conference in May. Full Commission Meeting is on Friday, May 3rd at the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center.

K. Safety Reviews

- Doodle poll will be sent to everyone involved to set a date in May or June.

II. Reports

A. Legislative Report:

Rep Karen Boback – No one present

Rep. Tina Pickett – Concur with Senate.

Rep. Jonathan Fritz – Representative Fritz is working with Rep. Tina Pickett and the Susquehanna County Commissioners to bring Secretary Richards up to Susquehanna County for a tour of the roads on May 3rd.

Rep. Clint Owlett – No one present

Senator Gene Yaw – Legislation introduced to exempt milk haulers during winter storm highway restrictions.

Senator Lisa Baker – No one present

Senator Joseph Scarnati – Budget hearings are over and it should be on time.

Congressman Marino – No one present

B. FHWA Report

- No one present

C. PENNDOT Reports

Central Office – Jim Arey is retiring from PennDOT. Updating the planning study on I-99. Anticipated to be done sometime in the fall. More information to follow.

Dist. 3.0 – No comment

Dist. 4.0 – No comment

D. County Reports

1. Bradford County – The commissioner bid the first phase of the bridge bundle project. The historical metal truss bridge study made it through the first 30 day window of public review and comment without any negative feedback.
 2. Sullivan County – There is an update on the NATP program. A bill has been introduced in the House and Senate that states nothing can be awarded to a broker without first conducting a formal study.
 3. Susquehanna County – A railroad bridge on Old Route 11 in Great Bend Township is required to be replaced by the township within the next five years. The bridge was requested to be added to the TIP. Tour of Susquehanna County roads with Secretary Richards on May 3rd.
 4. Tioga County – The supplemental UPWP funding is still being decided. Secretary Richards and Secretary Dunn will be in Tioga and Potter Counties the week following their visit to Susquehanna County.
 5. Wyoming County – The intersection of Billings Mill Rd and Route 6 is getting a traffic signal. Route 6 Alliance brought in a speaker to talk about increased interest for bicycling on back roads, especially since Route 6 is not completely safe for biking. May 14th is the Trail Summit in Carbondale.
- E. BEST Report – NATP program is stalled. 2018 performance report will brought to the June RTAC meeting.
- F. BMTS Reports – no one present
- G. NTRPDC Reports – Brian Baker stated that the next meeting is on June 10th at NTRPDC.

IV. Other Items for Discussion – none.

V. Public Discussion – Lunch was provided by the NTRPDC.

VI. Adjournment - With no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM