

# Northern Tier RPO Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, October 21, 2019  
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
Northern Tier Offices  
Towanda, PA

### Attendance:

Brian Baker, Northern Tier  
Katie Prichard, Northern Tier  
Matt Williams, Bradford County Planning  
Mark Hamilton, Tioga County Commissioner  
Brian Hoffman, Sullivan County Commissioner  
Diane Fitzgerald, Sullivan County  
Bob Getz, Sullivan County  
Jack Conroy, Susquehanna County  
Alex Komar, Susquehanna County  
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office  
Michael Gismondi, PennDOT Central Office  
Justin Batiuk, PennDOT District 3-0  
Emma Pugh, PennDOT District 4-0  
Matt Smoker, FHWA  
Jason Krise, Representative Tina Pickett  
Alexandra Allen, Representative Jonathan Fritz  
Chuck Dillon, Senator Joseph Scarnati  
Arnie Kriner, Senator Yaw  
Kevin Kilpatrick, BEST  
Jean Ruhf, Wyoming County EMVB  
Al Quimby, Develop Tioga  
Tim Smith, Gannett Fleming  
Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming

## I. Items for Discussion

### A. Approve August 12, 2019 Minutes

- Matt Williams asked if he could have the financial guidance and Carey Mullins stated that he would provide a copy to him. A motion was made by Matt to accept the August meeting minutes, seconded by Carey, the motion carried unanimously.

### B. 2019 – 2022 TIP Administrative Actions and Amendments –

District 3.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

- All administrative actions, no amendments necessary
- Project #2 – Increase to meet updated consultant estimate
- Project #14, 16, 17 – Reducing projects to meet low bid or updated estimates
- Project #5 – US6 ov Morris Branch, Let got moved out to FFY2021/2022
- Project #8 & 9 – SR 287 ov Tioga River, Advance the project to use federal funds and increase to meet updated estimate
- Project #3 & 4 – SR6/M35, Add NHPP funds
- Project #2 – SR414 Slide, Add 581 funds

District 4.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

- Administrative actions
- Project #6 & 7 – Conversion from 100% federal to 100% state.
- Project #9 – Added PE
- Project #10 – Removing final design
- Project #18, 21, 22 – Increasing PE, Adding final design, Adding ROW

**C. 2020 – 2022 UPWP Update**

- UPWP was submitted to Carey Mullins and Matt Smoker. Revisions were sent be and completed. Under Plans and Programs, implementation and deliverables were defined. 2021 – 2024 TIP Update is underway. Annual Obligated Report will be completed annually from now on. A Bridge Redundancy studied is planned. Functional Classification will be looked at. The next ROP, which includes District 4.0, is in the early planning stages. The road safety reviews will be conducted biannually. Ethan will continue to offer technical assistance for municipalities. He will also continue to offer LTAP classes in the spring and fall. More A motion was made by Fred to send the UPWP on to the Executive Board, the motioned was seconded by Jean.

**D. 2021 – 2024 TIP Update**

- Meeting on October 29th with Central Office and both districts to go over the draft TIP. Northern Tier will set up meetings with each county to address the TIP projects line by line. PennDOT Connects meetings will be set up with municipalities as needed to add projects onto the TIP. The document will be put together and sent out for public review and comment. The TIP document will be adopted by June 2020.

**E. LRTP Update, Gannett Fleming Consultant and NTRPDC Staff**

- Chapter 3 has been completed. Under the highway section, the network is staying the same as far as size but is showing an overall reduced miles traveled. The number of bonded roads are fewer in every county. Under bridges, the numbers are relatively stable. Posted bridges across the region have increased by 50. Airports and rail data were updated. The updated information in the bike/ped plan was incorporated into the LRTP. It was suggested that the public non-emergency medical transportation information be taken out or reworded so it is not portrayed incorrectly. Chapter 4 update is underway. Local performance measures were discussed, and suggestions were welcomed. Carey stated that number 8 should include the municipalities and districts. Chapter 6 included small updates regarding why projects are important and how they tie into economic development. These were derived from the county comprehensive plans. Under the financial analysis, Michelle shared the fact that the reduced funding will affect the number and types of projects in the future. The transportation results garnered over 500 replies and showed that Susquehanna County was the most dissatisfied overall with transportation facilities. A local bridge subcommittee is going to be formed once again.

**I. LTAP Training & Equipment Show Updates**

- No updates on the equipment shows for next year yet. There are some LTAP classes scheduled for fall, but Ethan is not present to offer specific dates.

**J. Community Development GIS, What is Going On?**

- Currently updating data in LRTP. Katie presented the EMS Project in front of the LDAP committee and other counterparts are looking into doing their own study as a result.

**II. Reports**

**A. Legislative Report:**

Rep Karen Boback – No one present

Rep. Tina Pickett – No comment

Rep. Jonathan Fritz – Requested more information about the Rt 11/492 intersection. The project is currently in PE.

Rep. Clint Owlett – No one present

Senator Gene Yaw – No one present

Senator Lisa Baker – No one present

Senator Joseph Scarnati – In June, the Senate passed a bill to allow local radar.

Congressman Marino – No one present

**B. FHWA Report**

- Last federal fiscal year for the FAST Act, so Congress will either have to pass a new bill or continue to do extensions for the existing bill.

**C. PENNDOT Reports**

Central Office – Carey introduced Mike Gismondi, and informed everyone that Larry Shifflet is the new Deputy Secretary.

Dist. 3.0 – Justin explained that the SR6/M36 project was moved out, so the SR6/M35 pipe project was carried out anyway because it could not go another year without being addressed. The SR6/187 project is in conversation with a consultant. Justin stated that he will follow up on any other meetings on the SR 199 project. The 220 climbing lane outside of Dushore has moved out on the TIP update because of lack of funding, but the bridge will still be done. The slide on SR 6 has started PE, but the cost of the project depends on the location of the slide. Slides as a result of the flood are first priority.

Dist. 4.0 – No comment

**D. County Reports**

1. Bradford County – Bridge 11 ribbon cutting is on October 29<sup>th</sup>. That is the first of the Act 13 Bridge Bundle that will be completed. Bridge 31 will be done in mid-November and Bridge 18 will be done in mid-December. Right on track to have 5 of the 8 bridges constructed by early Spring 2020. Will reduce structurally deficient bridges from 23 to 7 or 8. Historic metal truss bridge management plan is out for its last 30 day review period.
2. Sullivan County – There was a question about local bridge T441 in Cherry Township. A follow up will be done after the meeting.
3. Susquehanna County – No comment
4. Tioga County – The turning lane on RT 6 in the Wellsboro area is complete. Commissioner Hamilton had a question about the material used on multiple sections of roadway in Tioga County. Carey explained that it was microsurfacing. Clint Owlett introduced a waiver bill that would allow our region's EMS companies to apply for a waiver to be able to run with qualified drivers.
5. Wyoming County – No comment

**E. BEST Report – No comment**

F. BMTS Reports – No one present

G. NTRPDC Reports – Brian Baker stated that the next meeting is on December 9, 2019.

**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 12:30 PM