

Northern Tier RPO Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 4, 2022
10 AM – 11 AM
Northern Tier Office (Conference Call)
Towanda, PA

Attendance:
Brian Baker, Northern Tier
Brett Voloshin, Northern Tier
Matt Williams, Bradford County Planning
Rick Biery, Bradford County
Brian Hoffman, Sullivan County Commissioner
Bob Getz, Sullivan County
Mark Hamilton, Tioga County Commissioner
Kaye Aumick, Tioga County
Al Quimby, Tioga County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Steve Fisher, PennDOT District 4.0
Alexandria Allen, Representative Johnathan Fritz
Chuck Dillon, Senator Cris Dush
Julie Williams, Representative Karen Boback
Jason Krise, Representative Tina Pickett
Todd Wright, BeST
Emma Pugh, PennDOT District 4.0
Michael Gismondi, PennDOT Central Office
Johnathan Ranch, PennDOT District 3.0

I. Items For Discussion

a. Approve February 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Getz to accept the February meeting minutes, seconded by Carey Mullins, the motion carried unanimously.

b. 2021-2024 TIP Administrative Actions & Amendments

District 3.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

Admin Actions –

Amendment Actions –

Adding IIJA-BIL funding to multiple projects with District 3.0's region: SR 4009 over Troupes Creek in Tioga, SR 3009 over Sugar Creek in Bradford, SR 109 over Bullard Creek 2, and SR 3017 over Towanda Creek.

A motion was made by Rick Biery to approve the amendment actions, seconded by Mark Hamilton, the motion carried unanimously.

District 4.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

Admin Actions –

171 Flag project in Susquehanna went out for bid recently. The bid came in high which resulted in an increase to the construction costs. Signed IJJA money to the admin action. Advanced Dietz Mountain Road project in Wyoming county which moved into final design phase.

Amendment Actions – None.

c. 2023 TIP Update PowerPoint Overview

Brian Baker presented a PowerPoint presentation on the TIP Document checklist in order to give a high-level understanding of the contents of the TIP document, and what still needs to be accomplished. Some of the topics included on this checklist are multiple Performance Measures, the TIP spreadsheets and narratives, Financial Constraint data, Environmental Justice Analysis, and the Public Participation Period.

d. 2023 TIP Approval for Public Comment Period

The Northern Tier TIP document aims to go into a public review period from May 2nd to May 31st, 2022. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 from 10 AM to 11 AM both in person and on Microsoft Teams.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brian Hoffman to approve the Public Comment Period, seconded by Matt Williams, the motion carried unanimously

e. Local Bridge Sub-Committee Reorganization

A doodle poll was made to schedule a kickoff meeting, and received responses from most participating members. Unfortunately, there was not a day or time that was compatible with everyone's schedules. A new doodle poll will be made with later dates and times, and sent out to all participating members in hopes of finding a time slot that works better to include everyone.

f. Supplemental Funding Update: Marsh Creek, Tunkhannock Mobility

Marsh Creek – No new updates to share at this time.

Tunkhannock Mobility – Kickoff meeting was last Tuesday, March 29th. The committee worked to identify hotspots and conflict locations where there may be pedestrian/vehicular issues. They plan to reconvene to review results from the identified areas.

II. County & Agency Reports

a. Legislative Report

Rep. Karen Boback – No comment.

Rep. Tina Pickett – Recently completed the budget hearing, and hope to have an on-time budget this year. Rep. Tina Pickett is undergoing some redistricting as well. She is gaining districts in Wyoming County and losing a portion of Sullivan and Susquehanna Counties.

Rep. Johnathan Fritz – No comment.

Rep. Clint Owlett – No one present.

Senator Gene Yaw – No one present

Senator Lisa Baker – No one present

Senator Cris Dush – Also recently completed the budget hearing, and hope to have budget approved by June 30th. Senator Dush is losing ground in Tioga County due to the redistricting which will be picked up by Senator Yaw.

Congressman Fred Keller – No members present.

b. FHWA Report

Matt Smoker to substitute for Jen Crobak while she goes on maternity leave. No further updates.

c. PennDOT Reports

- i. Central Office** – Al Quimby asked about the progress on the Interstate 80 interchange to I-99 project at a previous meeting. Carey followed up on that question by stating that the project went out for construction last year and should be finishing up. Larry Schieffelin promised to take a look at some of the roads in the region, and scheduled a Ride Along on may 10th to do so. Eric High is the new district executive for District 3.0. The PennDOT Program Center started an initiative last year to conduct a planning process review, and the project review of the Northern Tier RPO is scheduled for next winter.
- ii. District 3.0** – No comment.
- iii. District 4.0** – Attended a meeting last Wednesday, March 30th, with New Milford Borough to discuss options at the Route 11 & 492 intersection. District 4.0 may need to coordinate with Northern Tier RPO to help facilitate the project process and/or reclassify. P3 office offers to pay for the project.

Johnathan Ranch mentions that he has approached the county maintenance office about a lack of bus stop signage within the Towanda school district in District 3.0, and asks that someone to push it along since the municipality claims they are not participating in the situation. Matt Williams agrees to see what he can do.

d. County Reports

- i.** Bradford County – Bradford County’s FEMA Project, County Bridge 21, should have a new deck poured tomorrow, April 5th, if weather permitting. The bridge should be reopened in May, which will close out on all flood damage projects in Bradford County from 2018. Bridge 38 is nearing NEPPA clearance and can move into final design. Bradford County is investigating 8 other bridge projects to ensure that they do not fall into the “poor” condition category.
- ii.** Sullivan County – No comment.
- iii.** Susquehanna County – No one present.
- iv.** Tioga County – No comment.
- v.** Wyoming County – No one present.

e. BeST Report – No comment.

f. BMTS Report – No one present.

g. NTRPDC Report – No comment.

III. Other Items for Discussion – None.

IV. Public Decision – None.

V. Adjournment & Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 6th, 2022, and follow a hybrid format. The meeting location has not been decided yet, but will also be held online via Microsoft Teams.

With no further items to discuss, the meeting ended at 11 AM. A motion was made by Bob Getz to consider the meeting adjourned, seconded by Carey Mullins, the motion carried unanimously.