

Northern Tier RPO Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 8, 2020
10AM – 10:45 PM
Northern Tier Office (Conference Call)
Towanda, PA

Attendance:

Brian Baker, Northern Tier
Katie Prichard, Northern Tier
Matt Williams, Bradford County
Rick Biery, Bradford County
Dakoatah Manning, Tioga County Planning
Bob Getz, Sullivan County
Brian Hoffman, Sullivan County Commissioner
Mark Hamilton, Tioga County Commissioner
Alan Hall, Susquehanna County Commissioner
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Michael Gismondi, PennDOT Central Office
John Ranck, PennDOT District 3-0
Steve Fisher, PennDOT District 4-0
Marie Bishop, PennDOT District 4-0
Emma Pugh, PennDOT District 4-0
Rich Roman, PennDOT District 4-0
Jason Krise, Representative Tina Pickett
Alexandra Allen, Representative Jonathan Fritz
Jean Ruhf, Wyoming County EMVB
Al Quimby, Develop Tioga
Todd Wright, BEST

I. Items for Discussion

A. Approve April 13, 2020 Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the February meeting minutes, seconded by Carey Mullins, the motion carried unanimously.

B. 2019 – 2022 TIP Administrative Actions and Amendments –

- District 3.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions
 - Maintenance work at the end of the fiscal year and some
- District 4.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions
 - SR 267 decrease in bid
 - 3 bridge priorities added to the TIP
 - Sending construction agreement for Carmalt bridge
 - East Lemon Rd bridge
 - SR92 being funded through the TIP

C. 2021 – 2024 TIP Approval

- Brian Baker stated that the public comment period was from May 1st – May 31st and the public meeting was held on May 27th from 10 am – 11 am. No comments were received regarding the TIP. A motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton to approve the 2021 – 2024 TIP, seconded by Bob Getz, the motion carried unanimously.

D. LRTP Re-Adoption

- Brian Baker explained that the LRTP needed re-approval because of the overlapping of TIP projects. A motion was made by Rick Biery to send the LRTP to the Executive Committee for approval and re-adoption, seconded by Commissioner Hall, the motion carried unanimously.

II. Reports

A. Legislative Report:

Rep Karen Boback – No one present

Rep. Tina Pickett – The state passed a 5 month budget. The focus is unemployment

Rep. Jonathan Fritz – Seconded what Jason stated.

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

- No one present

C. PENNDOT Reports

Central Office – Carey Mullins announced that the acting Secretary of Transportation Yassmin Gramian was appointed to permanent secretary.

Dist. 3.0 – John Ranck said the bid for the reconstruction project on I-99 came in at \$16.5 million. It should go to construction in 2021.

Dist. 4.0 – Commissioner Hall asked if they would receive the construction maps and information for this year. Rich Roman stated that they are in the process of completing them and should have them out within the next two weeks.

D. County Reports

1. Bradford County – Matt Williams said that 5 bridge inspections are complete for the bridge bundle project and the other 3 bridges are getting started on next week. All 8 should be done in 3 years.
2. Sullivan County – None
3. Susquehanna County – Commissioner Hall stated they awarded the bid for the bridge off route 11 near Hop Bottom to replace the deck and beams. Hoping to open the bids on Wednesday for the new 911 centers. COVID cases are still increasing in the county.
4. Tioga County – The Marsh Creek projects are starting back up. Commissioner Hamilton stated that they are applying for a Build grant that would fund a link between Jersey Shore and Lock Haven and another portion from Jersey Shore towards the Williamsport

area. He also stated that they signed agreements to bring up a historic bridge from Chester County.

5. Wyoming County – Jean Ruhf said that the courthouse is open by appointment only. Brian Baker will submit invoices for the Mobility Study through the new UPWP.

E. BEST Report – Todd Wright stated that they have been working with PennDOT to purchase parcels for their office expansion and renovation project in Greens Landing. They were able to purchase one and they are waiting on landowner for the other. Looking into a DCED Multimodal grant for a small shelter project in Wellsboro. They have seen a large decline in ridership during COVID, however it is slowly starting to increase again.

F. BMTS Reports – No one present

G. NTRPDC Reports – Brian Baker stated that the next meeting is on August 10, 2020 by teleconference again, unless stated otherwise.

IV. Other Items for Discussion – none.

V. Public Discussion – none.

VI. Adjournment - With no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM