

Northern Tier RPO Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 11, 2019
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Northern Tier Offices
Towanda, PA

Attendance:

Ethan Sexton, Northern Tier
Brian Baker, Northern Tier
Katie Prichard, Northern Tier
Matt Williams, Bradford County Planning
Jim Brady, STV Incorporated
Brian Hoffman, Sullivan County Commissioner
Ed Bustin, Bradford County Commissioner
Alan Hall, Susquehanna County Commissioner
Alex Komar, Susquehanna County
Jack Conroy, Susquehanna County
Rick Biery, Bradford County Representative
Kerry Nelson, Tioga County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Justin Batiuk, PennDOT District 3-0
Chris King, PennDOT District 3-0
Emma Pugh, PennDOT District 4-0
Steve Fisher, PennDOT District 4-0
Chuck Dillon, Sen. Joseph Scarnati
Alexandra Allen, Representative Jonathan Fritz
Jason Krise, Representative Tina Pickett
Jean Ruhf, EMVB
Kevin Kilpatrick, BEST

I. Items for Discussion

A. Approve October 15, 2018 Minutes

- Kevin Kilpatrick was added to the December meeting attendance. Change Representative Matt Baker to Representative Clint Owlett under legislative report. A motion was made by Alan Hall to accept the December meeting minutes, seconded by Rick Biery, the motion carried unanimously.

B. 2017 – 2020 TIP Administrative Actions and Amendments –

District 3.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

- All administrative actions, no amendments necessary
- Project #2,3-9 – increased to due to projects designed by consultant as opposed to designed in house as originally planned
- Project #10 – reduce to meet the updated estimate
- Project #21 – cashflow funds between FFY 2019 and 2020
- Project #30 – add money to final design for mitigations commitments
- Project #31 & 32 – add right of way phase to TIP and reducing utility phase to the updated estimate
- Project #35 – cashflow funds between years on the TIP
- Project #42 – removing utility phase from the TIP

District 4.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

- All administrative actions, no amendments necessary
- Project #1 – Decrease construction phase to match low bid estimate, will increase it when it has been bid
- Project #4 – increase construction phase to the low bid amount
- Project #5 – cashflow for balancing
- Project #7 – increase construction phase to match low bid amount
- Project #9 – add project in 2019

C. Route 15, I-99 Designation Study Letter

- Brian Baker stated that NTRPDC received a Route 15 / I-99 Designation Letter. Chris stated that District 3-0 and Central Office are working to revisit and update a previous study of things that are interstate substandard on RT 15 and I-99.

D. Marsh Creek Greenway Supplemental Funding / Multi-Modal Funding

- Kerry stated that they applied for \$2 million and received \$1 million from multi-modal, along with \$1.5 million PA set asides and CMAC funding. It will be bid out as one project to cut down on costs. The trail is three miles, half is rail with trail on existing freight line and the other half is wooded, ending in downtown Wellsboro. The project is eligible for BUILD grant. Supplemental UPWP funding in the amount of \$168,015 is being requested. A motion was made by Rick Biery for the RPO to put a letter of support together to the deputy secretary for the application, seconded by Alan Hall, the motion carried unanimously.

E. PennDOT Connects Update/Municipal Trainings

- Brian stated that a doodle poll to determine availability for trainings at night will be sent out next week. The Wysox fire hall and the Wyoming County EOC Building were determined to be the training locations.

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. Annual Obligation Report

- Brian stated that this is the first year the RPO has formulated this report and it will now be yearly. The report shows the obligations to the TIP projects. A motion was made by Rick Biery to accept the Annual Obligation Report, seconded by Kerry Nelson, the motion carried unanimously.

H. LTAP Training & Equipment Show Updates

- Susquehanna-Wyoming held their kickoff meeting this month and have decided to hold yearly equipment shows. Tioga-Bradford will hold their kickoff meeting at the end of February. Two LTAP classes are available for the spring round: project oversight and drainage. The drainage class will be held in three different locations and the drainage class will be held in two different classes.

I. Community Development GIS, What is Going On?

- Ethan stated that DCNR grants are currently open and the deadline for grants is in April.
- Katie stated that a 911 mapping project involving Lycoming, Sullivan, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, and Wyoming counties is currently underway. This project will visually address the EMS volunteerism crisis and problem areas in rural areas. An example was provided by showing the response times in Sullivan County over a year. Brian Hoffman stated that counties do not have permission by law to provide EMS and fire coverage, it falls to the municipalities. This project was submitted to the PA GIS conference to raise more awareness to the issue.

II. Reports

A. Legislative Report:

Rep Karen Boback – No one present

Rep. Tina Pickett – Jason Krise stated Representative Fritz sent two letters to the Secretary of Transportation to meet in Susquehanna County. Representative Fritz and Representative Pickett sent a joint letter to the governor to request a meeting with the Secretary of Transportation. All letters have gone ignored.

Rep. Jonathan Fritz – Alexandra Allen stated that revenues are up in the Commonwealth of PA. This begins the struggle between rural and cities for additional resources. The budget hearings start today working on the issue of overspending and underdelivering of services. He is pushing back against the administrations' proposal of an additional severance tax.

Rep. Clint Owlett – No one present

Senator Gene Yaw – No comment

Senator Lisa Baker – No one present

Senator Joseph Scarnati – No comment

Congressman Marino – No one present

B. FHWA Report

- No one present

C. PENNDOT Reports

Central Office – No comment

Dist. 3.0 – Justin said there was an update on the RT 414 slide in LeRoy. They negotiated with a contractor and it should still be done by summer. A section of RT 706 near Lawton will be closed in the summer for flood repair.

Dist. 4.0 – No comment

D. County Reports

1. Bradford County – County Bridge 16 was removed. County Bridge 38 completed the in depth inspection, but is still waiting on the historic bridge study. The bridge bundle is waiting on right of way and one landowner's cooperation.
2. Sullivan County – The GPS issues are causing people to take no winter maintenance roads resulting in accidents. There are concerns about the DHS Broker System, especially with the possibility of only one call center per region in the three regions in PA.
3. Susquehanna County – Part of the 706 lower end has deteriorated from the stream. In Great Bend Borough, Randolph Street has a large pothole that needs to be filled. There is a constructability review on March 15th for Carmalt Bridge. RT 267 north of Choconut by Smoking Joes has a sluice pipe that is undersized and plugged. On RT 171 from Susquehanna to Great Bend, there are complains of drainage on the road. The slide on State Street in Oakland Borough is held up by an archaeological dig and further

information is needed. The sluice pipe in Springville is plugged. The road to Kingsley 3013 is in great need of repair from gas traffic. Bridgewater 3029 is also in need of repair from gas traffic. RT 858 from 706 to the county line needs repair.

4. Tioga County – Wellsboro Johnston Airport in Wellsboro was funded partially by Growth resources of Wellsboro to continue functioning for six more months. More details to follow. G&W Railroad is replacing a bridge culvert and 2500 railroad ties to be able to bring the Tioga Central Railroad from its current location outside of town into downtown Wellsboro by Memorial Day of this year.
5. Wyoming County – no comments

E. BEST Report – no comment

F. BMTS Reports – no one present

G. NTRPDC Reports – Brian Baker stated that the next meeting is on April 8th at NTRPDC.

IV. Other Items for Discussion – Jean stated that the Pennsylvania RT 6 Association is holding bike tourism workshops across RT 6. Creator of “The Path Less Peddled” is holding a workshop open to the public in Wellsboro on Thursday, March 14th and in Wyalusing on Friday, March 15th.

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