

WATS Coordinating Committee Members

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**Williamsport Area Transportation Study
Coordinating Committee
Teleconference Public Meeting Minutes**

September 8, 2025 Coordinating Committee Teleconference Public Meeting: Held at 33 W. Third Street, Lyco. Conference Room 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA 17701 and various locations via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER (Regular WATS Technical Committee Public Meeting)

At 1:01PM Eric High called the meeting to order and also mentioned that this meeting will be recorded. Emily performed the roll call.

MINUTES

It was asked if there were any issues with the minutes from the previous meeting on February 10, 2025. No issues were found. Motion to approve was by Barb Schmouder 2nd by Scott Williams. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Re-affirm e-ballot WATS MPO RVTA TIP Amendment:

Sal Vitko presented the reaffirmation for the e-ballot for the TIP amendment for the addition of federal funds to the WATS MPO RVTA TIP. It was approved via e-ballot prior to the meeting. Sal Vitko made the motion to re-affirm, Jenny Picciano 2nd. Motion unanimously approved.

2025 WATS MPO RVTA TIP Amendment:

Sal presented that this item adds the state and local match to the FTA funding to be added onto the TIP. Sal Vitko made a motion to approve, Barb Schmouder 2nd. Motion unanimously approved.

WATS bylaws updates:

Emily presented the changes to the WATS bylaws. Due to the restructuring of the Transportation Division, the Planning and Community Development Director will now choose the WATS Secretary. Jenny Picciano made a motion to approve the bylaws changes, Sal Vitko 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Transit Agreement:

Emily explained how a transit agreement is now required by Federal Highway Administration. It explains the tasks that WATS, PennDOT, and RVTA are already completing. Once passed, the agreement will go before the Lycoming County Commissioner's for approval before going back to PennDOT. Justin stated that the creation of the document was from the STIP finding from the last TIP update. Barb Schmouder made a motion to approve the Transit Agreement, Scott Williams 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2027 TIP Update:

Emily explained that the MPO is working on the TIP, working with Justin and District 3-0 to update amounts and projects for the 2027-2030 TIP. Chris stated that District 3-0 is hoping to have a list of projects by the end of the month circulated by email. District 3-0's goal is to have the TIP uploaded to MPMS by Thanksgiving. Everyone is working diligently to meet that deadline. Sal stated that RVTA is finalizing their list of projects for the new TIP. They are waiting on PM's from BPT. Justin stated that we have had 2 TIP meetings so far and both have gone well. Emily sent Justin a draft to look over and he will get it back to her when he is finished reviewing it.

Modal Updates:

RVTA: Sal was present to provide an update. He explained the TIP amendments that were approved, it captured 2020 5307 funding from FTA. In the near future they will be submitted to receive 2023, 2024, 2025 on the 2027 TIP update. Regarding the Transit Development Plan, BPT gave the go ahead to STB Inc. to submit their final scope of work. They are hoping to have a kick off around the beginning of October. The study will be approximately 1 year. Capital

projects that are currently happening are the installation of a bus wash with water reclamation, purchasing 3 35' natural gas Gillig buses, and structural and access control repairs to the Church Street Parking Garage. Their ridership is nearing pre-pandemic numbers. To-date, they have had 796,000 riders which is an increase of 8,200 from last year. Regarding the Little League World Series buses, they provided service to an additional 23,000 people with 6,900 miles traveled.

Williamsport Regional Airport: Eric was not present.

SEDA COG JRA: Steve was not present.

STEP Inc: Daniel was not present.

Management Action Report:

Chris reported that \$656,000 in TIP redistribution funds from another program with granted to the MPO. The money was put toward the Montgomery Borough bridge rehab. The MPO also received PROTECT funds from Central office to distribute to build resilient transportation systems and in our area, it typically goes towards flooding. These funds will be going towards the bank stabilization project on Warrensville Road. The PROTECT funds will fund this project which allows the money to be added to another project. A new project was added regarding the Queneshukney bridge. Finally, there was cost estimate reduction on SR 284 which means it will not have to be carried over. Eric stated that District 3-0 aggressively pursues the PROTECT funds as they are used for erosion and flood damage from flooding events which is a large issue in Lycoming County.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Eric asked for any final comments or thoughts, hearing none, he ended the meeting at 1:22PM

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Mrochko

WATS Secretary