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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY COORDINATING COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2024 Coordinating Committee Teleconference Public Meeting: Held at 33 W. Third Street, 6th Floor, Williamsport, PA 17701 and various locations via teleconference

CALL TO ORDER (Regular WATS Coordinating Committee Public Meeting)

MINUTES

It was asked if there were any comments about the minutes from the February 5th 2024. There were none.

Motion to approve was by Barb Schmouder

Commissioner Metzger 2nd

Motion carried to approve the minutes

Sal Vitko mentioned that this meeting was being recorded and then did the roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

2025-2028-WATS TIP Recommend for adoption. The 2025-28 TIP public comment period ran March 2024 as well as the TIP public meeting on March 12, 2024. The 2025-28 TIP was presented at several other public meetings The Commissioner's meeting on 3/14/24, The Williamsport Chamber of Commerce on 3/15/24 and the County Planning Committee on 3/21/24. Sal stated that there were numerous posts on the WATS social media pages highlighting different portions of the TIP and directing the public on where to go to access the TIP, or request a physical copy. Sal stated that letters and reminders went out to the Tribal Nations to provide them an opportunity for public comment.

Gene Porochniak had a question on the Self-Certification Resolution, Sal stated that it is in one of the appendices in the TIP and will be voted on with the 2025-28 TIP approval.

The WATS TIP which is Transportation Improvement Program is basically the meat of what we do ,said Scott Williams. Scott stated that the TIP is where we put dollars into the different projects. Scott stated that the MPO is working towards being crossed trained and that he did two previous TIPS, Sal has done the last two, and Austin will be primary on the next TIP update.

Sal stated that there was excellent coordination with FHWA, PennDOT Central Office, and PennDOT District 3-0. The process could not move as smoothly without these good partnerships. Eric High stated that the TIP is a large effort and there are many different components, collaboration is key to a success product.

Richard Howell motioned to approve, Bill Burdett seconded. Motion unanimously approved, and TIP adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Cameron Serafini from RVTA updated on new routes, one to Water Tower Square and the Lysock route. RVTA also has new ride guides they will be putting out.

Richard Howell stated that air service begins Thursday, and they are looking forward to the new air service. Steve Beattie, stated that there was not a new update at this time.

Dan Merk stated that STEP, Inc. will be able to expand services to Clinton County from funding acquired through a new grant. Dan stated the grant funding will last into 2025.

Chris King presented the Management Action Report items. Chris stated that there were a number of budget adjustments for various projects. One large item that Chris mentioned was the 4.6 million in Federal PROTECTS funds to fund the Tombs Run slide project on Rt. 44. Chris stated those funds are from Central Office discretionary funds, and the Tombs Run project has 12 million dollars in PROTETS funding. Eric stated that originally the project was funded through the WATS TIP, but with the acquisition of PROTECTS funding, the WATS TIP funds can be used on other projects.

Justin Batiuk updated the Committee on the Green House Gas performance measures. A court case in Texas has the finalization of the performance measures on hold. Justin stated that the court case is being appealed and that the state is awaiting the outcome of the appeal. Scott stated that the case is a challenge stems from the IJA provision permitting FHWA to regulate greenhouse gasses.

Brian Funkhouser updated the Committee on the US 15 Corridor Study. Brian stated that focus of the study is between Rt. 54 in Clinton Twp. and Rt. 44 in Allenwood, PA. Brian informed the Committee of the upcoming public meeting on May 21st. Brian reviewed the different study recommendations from speed enforcement, the safety improvements on different intersections throughout the corridor. Brian stated that the draft study is also looking at pedestrian safety improvement at different intersections in the corridor.

Mark Murawski informed the Committee that the State Transportation Advisory Committee approved a study recommendation that Mark put forward to study transportation workforce implications from demographic changes. The study will review all the transportation modes and how the demographic changes are impacting those modes. Eric stated that, as an example, PennDOT District 3 has adapted their training/hiring procedures due to the demographic changes.

Chris King stated that there will be an upcoming TIP amendment via e-ballot on signal timing enhancements at Market St. and Maynard St. Interstate 180 intersections to reduce queuing issues. Chris stated that the funding will come from Carbon Reduction funds.

Eric called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Metzger stated that per Robert's Rules once the agenda is completed you technically do not need a motion to adjourn. Eric High then adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.