

WATS Coordinating Committee Members
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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY COORDINATING COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 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 1:02 PM Eric High called the meeting to order and also mentioned that this meeting will be recorded Sal performed the roll call.

MINUTES

It was asked if there were any issues with the minutes from the previous meeting on December 9, 2024. No issues were found. Motion to approve was by Barb Schmouder 2nd by Steve Beattie. Motion carried to approve the minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Re-affirm e-Ballot WATS 2025-2028 TIP Amendment adding MPMS 110772 Montour Street Airport Rd. Connector:

Sal Vitko presented the reaffirmation of the e-ballot for the TIP amendment for the Montour Street Connector project. Sal stated that the amendment will cover construction, final design, and pedestrian enhancements of the project. Justin Batiuk stated that the amendment is to officially roll the earmarked funding for the project to the current 2025-2028 TIP. Chris King stated that this is a necessary step to finalize the agreement with Montoursville Borough. Eric High pointed out that these funds are federally earmarked for the project. Bill Burdett made a motion to approve, Cameron Serafini 2nd. Motion unanimously approved.

WATS MPO 2025-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Adoption:

Austin Daily presented the 2025-27 UPWP update adoption. Austin informed the Committee on the UPWP update timeline beginning with the initial coordination meeting with FHWA, FTA, PennDOT, RVTA, and WATS in August 2024. Austin stated that the FHWA comment period was November 1 – 30, 2024 and the 2025-27 UPWP public comment period ran from December 10, 2024 thru January 10, 2025. Austin pointed out the current work/tasks for WATS, and that the TIP update is the biggest task coming up.

Austin informed the Committee of one of the biggest changes in this update was condensing the WATS work categories from 9 tasks down to 4 tasks. WATS worked with RVTA to update work tasks for both entities. Austin stated that the goal is to streamline the work processes and the

invoicing/reporting to FHWA and PennDOT. Austin pointed out supplemental Task 4-B the PennDOT Connects funded US 220 Safety Project Impact study. Austin stated that the RFP for this study is anticipated to go out this summer. Sal Vitko stated that the public comment period reached out to all Lycoming County municipalities and the organizations on the WATS interested parties list. Also, WATS sent out the notices to the Tribal Nations on the PennDOT Tribal Nations coordination list. All organizations/entities were sent reminders in early January 2025 reminding them that the public comment period closes January 10, 2025. Sal stated that the public comment period was also promoted via the WATS social media sites around 15-times throughout the public comment period.

Austin thanked Kenana with FHWA and Justin with PennDOT for all of their help and coordination on this update process. Justin and Kenana echoed the appreciation on the work that the WATS staff performed for the UPWP update. Eric High stated that PennDOT District 3 appreciates all of the coordination and partnership that the WATS staff provide. John Lavelle made a motion to approve, Eric High 2nd. Motion unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Modal Updates

Cameron Serafini stated Todd and himself attended the tri-annual review training. Also, RVTA sent out customer satisfaction surveys and the surveys found that 98% of respondents said they are satisfied or highly satisfied with RVTA services. Cameron stated that RVTA will be compiling the survey information into a report and asked Sal if WATS could share/promote the report once finalized. Sal stated that WATS can get the report up on the website and out on the social media pages.

Steve Beattie stated that one of the companies in the Newberry rail yard received RTAP funding for railyard improvements for upgrading track. JRA has approximately \$10 million capital improvement budget for 2025. The improvements are mainly focused in Centre and Snyder counties.

Dan Merk stated that STEP, Inc. has the final construction schedule for the vehicle garage. The project should begin ground breaking soon and completion by March 2026. The new building will include a secure facility for the STEP, Inc. vehicles, a wash bay, and a small office for STEP, Inc. staff.

Management Action Report

Chris King stated that the MA Reports were primarily small budget adjustments to various projects. Chris stated that the Market & Maynard Street Queue pre-emption project and Count lane departure safety project have been added. Chris stated that the remaining items are small dollar amount moves or schedule adjustments to various projects.

2025 WATS Coordinating Committee Membership Reminder

Sal reminded and informed the Committee that the MPO will be reaching out in 2025 to everyone to get updated contact information for their organization's Committee representatives. This is an annual process so that WATS has the correct contact information for everyone.

Eric asked if there was any other business or public comment. Hearing none, Eric ended the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Mrochko

Acting WATS Secretary