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## WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

*January 22, 2024 Technical Committee Teleconference Public Meeting: Held at 33 W. Third Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA 17701 and various locations via teleconference.*

### CALL TO ORDER (Regular WATS Technical Committee Public Meeting)

Sal went through the roll call and also mentioned that this meeting was being recorded

### MINUTES

It was asked if there were any issues with the minutes from the previous meeting on November 13, 2023 There were none

Motion to approve was by Shannon Rossman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Reighard

Motion carried to approve the minutes

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### ACTION ITEMS

- **PM-1 Targets for 2024, authorize WATS Secretary to sign and return**

The PM-1 2024 targets are yearly targets, the PM2 & PM3 are done every 2 years. Austin Daily spoke and said that if we agree to support the statewide targets and we do not meet these targets, there is no negative impact on us. However, if we do not, we will have to set up our own tables for highway safety and these could be more stringent. We are looking for a recommendation to approve that the Secretary, Scott Williams sign and return. We were looking for a recommendation of the Coordinating Committee on behalf of the Technical Committee.

Joe Reighard made a motion to approve, Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried to approve .

Motion carried

- **2024-2025 WATS UPWP Recommend for adoption**-This UPWP is for 1 year, it is usually for 2 years but we wanted to get off cycle with the Transportation Improvement Program. The public comment period was 12/6/23-1/6/24 . We sent letters to all the Municipalities, public agencies and tribal nations. We posted 9 times on our media pages. This will be all the approved tasks the WATS MPO will be able to work on for next year. We are looking for the Coordinating Committee to approve this at their meeting on Feb 5, 2024

Motion to approve by Skip, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon. Motion carried

- **Draft 2025-2028 WATS TIP Public Comment Period**- the next big project for us is the 2025-2028 WATS TIP Public Comment period. We are looking to update public comment. There are

large amount of money allocated-\$107,746,000 allocated for WATS MPO. There are highway safety projects,40 for bridge and 30 for highway and 3 safety projects There are also bridge projects. We want to go to Public Comment which will be from March 1-30. There will be 3 meetings where we will be presenting...3/12 at the Public Meeting , 3/14 at the Commissioner's meeting and 3/21 at the Lycoming County Planning Commission meeting.

Motion to approve-Dean Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Reighard Motion carried

- **WATS MPO Bylaw Update**-The only change since the last meeting was to add STEP and SEDA-COG JRA as voting members, currently they can attend, but not vote. We will be adding them to the Technical Committee. You will see that there will be 9 voting members, and 4 non-voting members. So, we are asking the Coordinating Committee to approve this change.

Motion to approve-Shannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **Modal Updates**-Richard spoke that they have recruited an air service-Southern. They should be starting the end of May. We have been working with them for the past 2 1/2/ years. They have a lot of challenges with maintenance. The schedule isn't the best, but it is a start. They are doing a pretty good job connecting the top 15 destinations. They are looking to upgrade their fleet to 30 seaters. We have done some projects-work on the runway, access roads and painting. The CARES money runs out in May so we are trying to get that work done.
- Cameron Serafina from RVTA stated that they have published their annual report. For a TIP update, we are trying to clean up our capital, we are meeting with PennDOT about that. We are doing a Transit Development in the late Spring. We will be having service to Water Tower Square. We are starting contract negotiations and we are trying to have them done by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Management Action Report**- Chris King mentioned that they have worked with District 2 to pave Rt 22 from 287 to Pine Creek. They are providing WATS with some funding. There is an embankment repair to be done on 220. They are adding design funds to the TIP project. We want to get a head start on this. There is also a project called Environmental Mitigation Monitoring on Warremsville Road. This is continuing mitigation work on the stream work on the Slide project.
- Dan said that RVTA is currently working on a project with PennDOT anticipating a new garage and office space. It is still in discussions, but he was hopeful that a decision will soon be made and they will have a garage on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **CSVT Implementation Update** –Brian Funkhouser spoke of the issues on US 15 corridor and the study being done. It will be wrapped up in April

Motion to adjourn the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> by Shannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe R Reighard

Motion carried