

WATS Coordinating Committee Members

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WATS Technical Committee Members

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Lycoming County Planning Commission  
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## Williamsport Area Transportation Study Technical Committee Teleconference Public Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2025 Technical Committee Teleconference Public Meeting: held at 33 W. Third Street, Lyco. Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA 17701 and various locations via teleconference.

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

At 10:05 AM Justin Batiuk called the meeting to order. Jenny Picciano mentioned that the meeting is being recorded. Everyone online and in-person introduced themselves and their organization.

### **MINUTES**

Justin asked if there were any issues with the minutes from the previous meeting on January 27, 2025. No issues were found. Motion to approve was by Sal Vitko, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenny Picciano. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

There was no public comment.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Re-affirm e-ballot 2025 WATS MPO RVTA TIP Amendment:

Justin explained that the amendment is to add federal transit funds to the WATS MPO RVTA TIP. It was approved via e-ballot prior to the meeting by both technical and coordinating committee. Jenny Picciano made a motion to re-affirm. Sal Vitko 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

2025 WATS MPO RVTA TIP Amendment:

Justin explained how he and Sal worked together to add the amendment to the 2025-2028 WATS TIP. Sal explained how Federal Transit Authority (FTA) withheld RVTA funding due to financial history. Before attempting to access FTA funds, RVTA had to finalize land subdivision of offices and natural gas filling station on West Third Street from the City of Williamsport. Subdivision was completed late July 2025 which allowed RVTA to apply for the 2020 FTA funding. The amendment is to add the state and local share to the FTA federal funding. Sal Vitko made a motion to re-affirm, Valerie Fessler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

WATS bylaw updates:

Justin explained how the County reorganized the transportation department when the previous staff left, removing the title of Transportation Supervisor. Emily explained that they would like the new language to read, "The primary staff contact for the Department on WATS MPO

administrative matters shall be the Lycoming County Transportation Planner, selected by the Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Director, who will act as WATS Secretary.” A second change to the bylaws is to separate the City of Williamsport engineer and community development director. Each position will now have a vote. Jenny Picciano made a motion to approve of bylaws changes, Sal Vitko 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

#### Transit Agreement:

Justin explained how with the last TIP update, the federal government updated requirements for transit agreements between MPO/RPO and transit agencies. This agreement will be between WATS MPO, RVTA, and PennDOT outlining roles and responsibilities. FHWA, Sal, Kellen, and Emily have reviewed the document. Eric McKitish made a motion to approve, Jenny Picciano 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 2027 TIP Update:

Emily explained how the WATS staff is learning about the TIP as well as updating it for 2027-2030. WATS is working with PennDOT District 3-0 and RVTA to update the new TIP. Chris King mentioned that many of the items will most likely be carry over projects but they will have a more solidified list by the next TIP meeting in October. Sal Vitko mentioned that RVTA is looking at capital projects and will also have a more complete list by the October TIP meeting.

#### Modal Updates:

Eric McKitish updated the Committee on the airport. The airport is doing well. They are in contact with multiple airlines such as American, Delta, United, Allegiant, Breeze, and Frontier. He is hoping to have more good news within the next couple months regarding additional air service. Current service, Southern Airways Express, had a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the current 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter number are increased compared to past quarters. He stated that if people continue to support the airport, more lines will come.

Sal Vitko updated the Committee on RVTA. As previously mentioned, the subdivision from the City of Williamsport had been finalized. They will be kicking off the transit development plan in mid-September. Currently waiting on the finalization of the scope of work with STB Consulting and PennDOT. A steering committee will be created soon for the TDP. A few of the future capital projects include a new bus wash with water reclamation with PennDOT contractor JMT, 3 - 35' Gillig Natural Gas busses to be delivered by end of 2025, and Church Street Parking Garage structural and access control repairs and upgrades. Little League Express is up and running. It is a very busy time of year for RVTA. Ridership from May to mid-August is approximately 223,000 – which is an increase from last year at this time.

#### Management Action Report:

Chris King stated that the MA report displays the financial maneuvers on the TIP. Many of the items in the MA report are to remove unused utility phases. This is a common practice at the end of a fiscal year to avoid loss of funds. A PE phase was added to 2 projects. District 3-0 acquired federal Protect funds from Central office for the Warrensville Road project.

Justin asked if there was any other business or public comment. Hearing none, Justin called for a motion to end the meeting. Jenny Picciano motioned to end the meeting, and Valerie Fessler 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried and the meeting ended at 10:28am.

Respectfully, Submitted,

Emily Mrochko  
Acting WATS Secretary