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

*August 26, 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)**

At 10:01 AM Justin Batiuk called the meeting to order and also mentioned that this meeting will be recorded. Sal went performed the roll call.

### **MINUTES**

It was asked if there were any issues with the minutes from the previous meeting on April 29, 2024. No issues were found. Motion to approve was by Gerald Wertz 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Beattie. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

There was no public comment.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

2025-2028 WATS TIP Amendment adding MPMS 120077 Maynard Street Bridge Lighting Upgrades (reaffirm e-ballot). Shannon Rossman made a motion to approve, Dan Merk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

2023-2026 WATS TIP Amendment adding MPMS 121503 Market & Maynard Street Queue (reaffirm e-ballot). Barb Schmouder made a motion to approve, Shannon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

CSVT Implementation : US 15 Corridor Study

Recommending accepting the study recommendations SEDA-COG accepted the Study recommendations at their August 9<sup>th</sup> MPO meeting. WATS will continue to partner with SEDA-COG and other stake holders as US-15 development continues 1/3 of the area is zoned for future commercial development. There are also 50 vacant parcels. The study reviewed traffic conditions, there are approximately 11,000 vehicles daily that travel the corridor. The study looked at Safety within the corridor, there have been over 100 crashes within a 5 year period. Including 2 fatal crashes. 1/3 of the crashes involve deer. The study reviewed traffic- the #1 issue is speeding- there is a need for speed management. The study proposes the adoption of official maps for complete streets. WATS / SEDA-COG will continue notify owners about work to be done and inform them of long term goals. This will be a collaboration between WATS, SEDA COG Penn DOT and the Municipal partners.

Richard Howell made a motion to accept the US 15 Corridor Study findings/recommendations, Joe Reighard 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion approved. Because of an issue with Barb Schmouder ( she is on the coordinating committee and cannot vote on Technical Committee) approving 2 motions, we had

to redo the motions to approve. Gerald Wertz motioned to reaffirm the approval the WATS TIP Amendments, Steve Beattie 2<sup>nd</sup>, motions were reaffirmed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Modal Updates**

Dan Merk from STEP went first. Every 3 years, STEP has to submit to PennDOT a Title 6 action Plan which is which deals with Civil right issues (of which they had none) and check the demographics of the area. PennDOT is also funding the facility where we will house our busses.

Richard Howell informed the Committee that the airport has processed their FY grants. The airline operations is progressing. Mark Murawski asked if there are any issues with capacity/demand. Richard stated that they are working with the airline to improve the current schedule. Richard is working towards an earlier morning flight to get passengers to the Dulles connectors earlier in the day.

Cameron said that they got the new Omnibus schedule package uploaded. They discontinued 3 routes...Hepburnville, Millionaires, Lock Haven express due to low ridership. The RVTA audit is still progressing.

Steve Beattie stated that SEDA-COG JRA is working on some capital projects and an RTAP bridge bundle grant application.

### **Management Action Report**

Chris King stated that the MA Reports were primarily small budget adjustments to various projects. Chris stated that the TIP amendments the Committee re-affirmed at this meeting were included in the MA Report.

### **Draft 2025-2027 WATS MPO UPWP**

Sal and Austin have been working on the above, and will have a full draft for the Technical and Coordinating committees to review. The public comment period runs from Dec to Jan. WATS has performed coordinating calls with FHWA/RVTA/PennDOT District 3 and Central Office. The biggest change will be the consolidation of our work tasks, down from 9 to 4. This consolidation will make the reporting and invoicing more efficient. There will be a full 2025-27 draft UPWP at the October 2024 Technical Committee meeting.

### **2024 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Plan**

Sal and Austin have been working with SEDA COG MPO .One of the items that will be the most informational is Rockland Planning performed a number of user experience interviews. The user experience interviews are going to be anonymous but it will give us a good idea of what people are thinking about the services. In October, SEDA COG will be ready to put the plan out for public comment.

### **Draft 2025 WATS Technical Committee Dates**

In July the Technical Committee reviewed 2025 meeting dates and there were no issues, we will revisit and approve at the October meeting.

Justin called for a motion to end the meeting. Joe Reighard motioned to end the meeting, and Gerald Wertz 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried and the meeting ended at 10:58 a.m.