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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2024 Technical 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 Technical Committee Public Meeting)

At 10:02 AM 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 January 22, 2024. There were none

Motion to approve was by Shannon, 2nd by Joe Reighard

Motion carried to approve the minutes

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

2025-2028 WATS TIP Recommend for adoption. Sal stated that they held the public comment meeting for TIP in the month of March. We had 4 different public meetings-we did receive some comments. This is the final version. Our hope is that the Technical Committee will recommend adoption to the Coordinating Committee. There were no issues from the committee. A motion was requested to adopt the 2025-2028 WATS TIP.

Gerald Wertz made a motion to approve, Dan Merk seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approve.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Modal Updates

Richard Howell was not available, so Cameron Serafina mentioned that at RVTA May 8 was Rider Appreciation day. There will be a new route which will be going to Tower Square. RVTA meets weekly with Penn Dot. We have 4 new busses on order which we will be getting soon.

Steve Beattie from the Joint Rail Authority spoke that there was not much to report, freight loading was the same as last year, but there is more frack sand coming into Newberry Yard. There are no capital projects in Lycoming County or the area for this year.

Dan Merk from STEP said that we are in the final stage with Larson Design. For a revised project for their garage facility. We are also in the process of submitting several grants for next year. We have 6 or 7 vehicles that are on order and hopefully they will be here in June or July.

Management Action Report-Chris King said there was not too much to highlight. There was an increase in regional funding. We received an additional \$4.5M from state wide project funding.

Green House Gas 2024 PM Update-right now we are in a holding pattern with no more information. We will revisit at a later date.

CSVT Implementation Update- Brian Funkhouser mentioned that US 15 Corridor has many issues, some recommendations that came up were; speeding along the corridor and a police presence is needed along the corridor, especially in Allenwood. One of the main issues concerned the intersections of 3 roads: Cemetery Hill Road, Pitchtown Road and McNett Road. We recently had a series of meetings with MPO Staff, SEDA COG and District 3 to look at recommendations. For Cemetery hill Rd and Pitchtown Road, one of the things we are looking at is creating safer turns exiting and entering these 2 intersections. If we make any changes in one intersection, it will affect the other. What we are trying to do is to get drivers to use McNett Road instead. On McNett, there is greater sight distance. It was suggested that perhaps a light at McNett intersection would encourage drivers to go that way rather than waiting. Brian said he would forward that suggestion to his traffic folks. They are also looking into 2 more areas - Allenwood intersection and also the intersection by Rt 15 and 54. There were various discussions about other intersections. There will be a public officers briefing at 4:00 at the Warrior Run Fire hall in Allenwood on Tues May 21. There will also be a public meeting in the same place at 6:00PM

Shannon and Mark M spoke about grants that they had been applying for...DCNR, ARC and another for the Susquehanna River Walk Extension. They are moving in steps, because the total cost would amount to about \$5M, they do try to go after any grant that would assist in the cost.

Dean Roberts made a motion to adjourn, Steve Beattie seconded. Motion to adjourn unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.