

LACKAWANNA-LUZERNE TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
January 7, 2015

Members of the Technical Committee:

Attached is a copy of the minutes of the Lackawanna-Luzerne Transportation Study Technical Committee meeting, which was held on January 7, 2015 at 10:05 a.m. in Conference Room 233 in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Engineering District 4-0 Office, Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

Please check for errors or omissions.

Thank you.

A meeting of the Lackawanna-Luzerne Transportation Study Technical Committee was held on January 7, 2015 in Conference Room 233 of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District Office in Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

Steve Pitoniak, Chairman of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:10a.m. Mr. Pitoniak asked for a self-introduction by each person in attendance. (NOTE: Attilio “Butch” Frati is a permanent proxy for Thomas Leighton, Mayor of Wilkes-Barre; Stephen Mykulyn is a permanent proxy for Barry Centini, Aviation Representative of Lackawanna County; Alan Baranski is a permanent proxy for Jeff Box, Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA); Ralph Sharp is a permanent proxy for Joe Yannuzzi, Mayor of Hazleton; John Pocius, P.E. is a permanent proxy for William Courtright, Mayor of Scranton.

Mr. Pitoniak noted Larry Plesh, Luzerne County Engineer acted as proxy for Nancy Snee, Interim Executive Director, Luzerne County Planning Commission and Vice-Chair of the LLTS Technical Committee Meeting.

Mr. Pitoniak stated for the record that in accordance with the provisions of the Sunshine Law and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Coordinating Committee Secretary, Nancy Snee, submitted the required public meeting notice, which appeared in local papers for general circulation.

ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2014 TECHNICAL/COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Copies of the October 1, 2014 combined Technical/ Coordinating Committee Meeting minutes were distributed via email to all members of the committee.

Mr. Pitoniak asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections for the minutes. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the October 1, 2014 minutes of the combined Technical/Coordinating Committee Meeting. Ms. Hazelton made the motion, Mr. Pocius seconded and the motion carried.

ITEM #2 2015-2018 TIP MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Pitoniak noted the 2015-2018 TIP Modifications - Mr. Fisher handed out the packet with TIP changes, noting they were emailed prior to the meeting. There were all administrative actions, for informational purposes only, with no amendments. He asked if anyone had any questions, and said that he would be available during or after the meeting to discuss any issues.

He reviewed a few highlights (District 4-0 TIP Modifications) as follows:

- Added a Railroad Project on SR 2041 Middleburg Road funds from Central Office, (Page 3).
- Advanced SR 106 over Tunkhannock Creek to bid early, (Page 4).
- Added PE Phase on Main Street Corridor Phase III, (Page5).
- Added Final Design Phase of Federal Aid paving on SR 29 in Luzerne County, (Page 10).
- Addressed AVC-Valley View Business Park PE, (Page 12).
- Advanced Construction Phase of SR 309 over SR 1013 in Luzerne County to bid early, (Page 24).
- Add Construction Phase of Federal Aid paving in Lackawanna County on SR 11, (Page 26).
- Added Construction Phase of I-81 off ramp at Exit 175 (Mericle), (Page 21).

Open for comments or questions; no comments addressed.

Transit TIP Modifications:

Mr. Pitoniak noted Hazelton Transit and LCTA were in attendance – they had no comments for the agenda.

ITEM #3 OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Pitoniak - Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He confirmed the plan is updated periodically and needs to be started, noting that the most recent LRTP was done in conjunction with the comprehensive plan and the hazard mitigation plan for Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. The MPO will be updating the LRTP only, and both counties are working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Updates separately.

The kick-off meeting for the LRTP was two weeks ago, and plenty of work will be done in January and February with consultants. The primary consultants will be McCormick Taylor on the contract, and it will be done a little differently this time. He reported that Central Office is managing the contract for the plan. They will be handling all the billing, payments, and invoicing. The primary work will begin in the next two months. The MPO staff and consultant will start looking at projects that were on the last LRTP that have been either completed or moved up on the TIP list. He asked to review projects that may not get funded under the LRTP under the Twelve Year Program, (TYP); but will still be part of the LRTP. He reported that if any funds become available, it is possible that some projects may move from the wish list onto the TYP. Also, under regulation, any projects that advances must start on LRTP.

He noted that different agencies will be contacted by McCormick Taylor and meetings will be scheduled, which may include web based or teleconference. They will be incorporating the Railroad, Transit, and Airport authorities into this document because it's a LRTP it covers all modes and it is at the beginning stages.

Open for questions or comments – no comments addressed.

Green Light Go Program – Mr. Roberts reported on the first round of the program. The City of Scranton was approved as an applicant for a traffic signal - first round project phase and will be accepting applicants until February 27, 2015 for the second round. He reported that the 2015/2016 dollar amount for the program is \$25,000,000.00, and that the amount in subsequent years will be \$40,000,000.00. The program will break into two elements, local grant element and PennDOT project element. It will be open to municipalities and noted the types of projects that are eligible. He noted the information is available on the web site.

Mr. Pitoniak questioned whether the second round applications that didn't receive funding in the first round or weren't eligible have to re-apply. Mr. Dean noted they will automatically be reconsidered.

Mr. Pitoniak stated that since the City of Scranton received substantially less then they requested, and asked if the City can come back in the second round and request for additional funds.

Mr. Dean noted to have the city resubmit another application.

Mr. Pocius stated he assisted in the application process for the submission of LED bulb replacements and acid management study, and will resubmit.

Mr. Pitoniak reported he discussed this with Don King, City Planner on this project and told him that the county planning commission could assist in performing some of acid inventory if needed.

Mr. Pocius noted Maggie Perry has done most of the grant applications for the city. He will send her an email to get together collectively for the second round on February 27th, to see how the city wants to move forward.

Mr. Cavill requested that the following two bridges in Lackawanna County be placed on the TIP:

- Ford Street, Clifton Township – currently rated for 10 tons/42 foot span. To acquire the preliminary engineering on the TIP, it needs to get moving before it has to be shut down. Approximate cost for preliminary engineering is \$450,000.00, final design at \$250,000.00, and estimated construction cost is \$1,750,000.00.
- Goers Hill, Archbald PA is the only way in or out for 100 residents located in the area. He's requested to get it programmed.

Mr. Pitoniak reported the LPN process on Ford Street has been started.

No other business noted.

ITEM #4 CLOSE THE MEETING

Next Meeting:

Mr. Pitoniak noted the dates of future meetings - Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015 and the next Coordinating Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2015 and thereafter April 29th, 2015.

Mr. Pitoniak entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Frati made the motion, Mr. Babinski seconded, and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:25a.m.

LACKAWANNA-LUZERNE TRANSPORTATION
STUDY MEETING
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
January 7, 2015

	<u>MEMBER PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT AND NO PROXY</u>	<u>PROXY PRESENT</u>
<u>VOTING MEMBERS</u>			
<u>PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</u>			
Susan Hazelton, P.E., ADE-Design	X		
Gerard Babinski, District Bridge Engineer	X		
Dean Roberts, Transportation Planning Manager	X (teleconference)		
<u>LACKAWANNA COUNTY</u>			
Lou Norella (Permanent Proxy – Gary Cavill, P.E.)			X
<u>LACKAWANNA COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u>			
Corey O'Brien			X
<u>LUZERNE COUNTY</u>			
Larry Plesh, County Engineer	X		
<u>LUZERNE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u>			
Vacant			
<u>CITY OF SCRANTON</u>			
Mayor William Courtright (Proxy-John Pocius)	X		
<u>CITY OF WILKES-BARRE</u>			
Mayor Thomas M. Leighton (Permanent Proxy – Attilio “Butch” Frati)	X		
<u>LACKAWANNA COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION</u>			
Steve Pitoniak, Chair	X		
<u>LUZERNE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION</u>			
Nancy Snee, Vice Chair			X
<u>PA NORTHEAST REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY</u>			
Larry Malski			X

	<u>MEMBER PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT AND NO PROXY</u>	<u>PROXY PRESENT</u>
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NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA ALLIANCE

Jeff Box (Permanent Proxy – Alan Baranski)			X
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TRANSIT REPRESENTATIVE – LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Jennifer Honick, (COLTS)		X	
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TRANSIT REPRESENTATIVE – LUZERNE COUNTY

Norm Gavlick, Interim Executive Director			X
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TRANSIT REPRESENTATIVE – CITY OF HAZELTON

Mayor Joe Yannuzzi (Permanent Proxy-Ralph Sharp)	X		
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AVIATION REPRESENTATIVES - LUZERNE COUNTY

Barry J. Centini		X	
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AVIATION REPRESENTATIVES – LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Stephen MyKulyn, P.E, Director		X	
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*FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Camille Otto		X	
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*FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Wayne Hibeck		X	
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*FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Tony Cho		X	
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*Non Voting Members

Non Members Present

Marie Bishop, PennDOT District 4-0
 John Frankosky, PennDOT District 4-0
 Kevin Atkins, PennDOT District 4-0
 Steve Fisher, PennDOT District 4-0
 Peggy Voldenberg, PennDOT District 4-0
 Chris Chapman, LCRCP

