

**SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**RURAL TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**December 7, 2017**

**1:30 PM**

**PennDOT District 9-0**

**Hollidaysburg, PA**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

The following are the major actions taken by the Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTCC) at its special conference call meeting on December 7, 2017, at the PennDOT District 9 in Hollidaysburg.

1. Recommended approval of the submission of the Truck Brake Check Info Pull Off and Truck Speed Warning/ITS Signage Project as first priority for the RPO safety project and the Pleasantville Mountain Shoulder Widening Project as second priority the with the possibility of bundling the projects as one with a revised scope of work.

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Welcome**

The following members were present at the meeting:

- Donald Schwartz, Bedford County Planning Commission
- Rick Suder, Bedford County Planning Commission
- Mary K. Seville, Fulton County Planning Commission
- Julie Dovey, Fulton County Family Partnership, Inc.
- Mark Colussy, Huntingdon County Planning Commission
- Robert Reitman, Huntingdon County Business & Industry
- Brad Zearfoss, Somerset County Planning Commission
- Karl King, Central PA Rails to Trails
- Jeff Eisaman, CLI Transport
- Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office
- Vince Greenland, PennDOT District 9
- Brandon Carson, SAP&DC
- Brandon Peters, SAP&DC

Others in attendance included:

- Jim Pruss, PennDOT District 9
- David Lybarger, PennDOT District 9
- Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9

Each participant received a meeting packet that included:

- There was no packet for the meeting as it was an impromptu WebEx meeting to vet projects for STIP funds and make a recommendation to the RTCC at tomorrow's meeting. A PowerPoint presentation was sent to the committee in advance of the WebEx call.

## II. Safety Project Selection

Brandon Carson welcomed the committee and conducted roll call. Vince Greenland gave the committee some background on the safety funding noting that this has been an evolving process. He introduced Jim Pruss who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the safety projects. The presentation covered project criteria, the projects currently programmed, and the candidate safety projects. He noted that there is \$2,049,254 available in HSIP funding in the Safety Line Item on the TIP. The funding is data driven with the most significant factors being fatalities and serious injuries. He explained that there is now a new guideline on cost analysis using a formula to determine the benefit cost ratio making it difficult to get a \$2,000,000 project approved with minor to no injuries. The projects on the safety list also need to have a constructible solution or improvement. The projects selected by the RPO will need to go through an approval process with FHWA as well as PennDOT Central Office. Therefore, the goal is to prioritize a few of these projects so that if something is not approved, the next project on the list can be submitted for approval. He reviewed the safety projects currently programmed with the committee. He then presented the list of Southern Alleghenies top 20 safety projects. This list is based on a statewide high crash list consisting of the top 5% of crashes across the state and the list of top 25 RPO crash sites. PennDOT then looks for projects with possible engineering solutions that would have the largest impact to determine the list of top 20 projects in the RPO. He reviewed the list of top 20 projects in the RPO with the committee answering any questions they had. He provided the cost and crash data for each candidate project. Projects with a cost greater than the funding available will not be considered for funding. Two projects stood out in the discussion, the Pleasantville Mountain Shoulder Widening Project and the Truck Brake Check Info Pull Off and Truck Speed Warning/ITS Signage Project both in Bedford County. The projects are located close together, and the suggestion was made that the projects be rescoped and bundled to save money and get both projects completed. The committee members requested the list of top 25 crash sites in the RPO be sent to them. PennDOT agreed to send it out following the call. Vince explained that the list came out in FY 15/16. Since only the last five years of crash data is considered, some of the projects on the list may no longer qualify.

With no further discussion, Donald Schwartz made a motion to submit as first priority the Truck Brake Check Info Pull Off and Truck Speed Warning/ITS Signage Project and as second priority the Pleasantville Mountain Shoulder Widening Project with the possibility of bundling the projects as one with a revised scope of work. for the RPO's safety project. Jeff Eisaman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## III. Committee Structure

At the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the topic of committee structure was mentioned. SAP&DC staff researched the committee structures of other RPOs and MPOs. They noted that in

the past, two representatives were selected from aviation, rail, and freight. The committee currently has a representative from rail and freight. They suggested adding an aviation representative as well. They also suggested adding two new forms of representation; municipal representatives one from a borough and one from a township rotating every two years among counties. Mark Colussy suggested adding another non-motorized representative as well. His active transportation committee will begin meeting in January and he would like to have the Chair of that committee have a seat on the committee.

After much discussion it was decided that the discussion be tabled until tomorrow's combined RTTC and RTCC meeting and a formal vote could be held at the next RTTC meeting. Brandon Carson asked that the committee members send any recommendation to fill these proposed additional members to Brandon Peters for discussion at the next meeting.

Brandon noted two changes to the 2018 meeting schedule. The RTCC meeting originally scheduled for May 9, 2018, has been moved to May 2, 2018, due to a conflict and the RTTC meeting has been moved back one week to April 25, 2018.

#### **IV. Decision Lens Software**

Brandon asked the committee if they had all obtained their Decision Lens Software log in and password for scoring the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside projects at tomorrow's combined RTTC and RTCC meeting. There were a few who had not. He requested they do that as soon as possible so that they are able to score the projects. There will be a few tablets at the meeting with the application loaded on it for anyone who does not have a smart phone to score on. He asked the committee how many would need a tablet to make sure there are enough available for scoring. The meeting tomorrow will be at SAP&DC at 1:00 PM. Brandon Carson and Brandon Peters tested the software application on their phones today and it worked well. Mark Colussy agreed not to rank one project he was directly involved in developing the application for.

#### **Adjournment**

<p><b>NOTE:</b> The next meeting of the RTTC is scheduled for December 8, 2017, and is a combined meeting with the RTCC at the SAP&amp;DC beginning at 1:00 PM.</p>
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**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
December 7, 2017	Send any recommendation to fill the proposed additional committee members to Brandon Peters for discussion at the next meeting.	RTTC committee members	Before next meeting