

**SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

RURAL TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

December 2, 2020

9:00 AM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Altoona, PA

ACTION SUMMARY

The following are the major actions taken by the Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC) at its regular meeting held on December 2, 2020, via Zoom.

1. Approve the July 8, 2020, RTTC meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommended approval of the Dark Shade Creek Bridge project being converted from STP funds to State funds and the PA 655 Under 8 ft. Culverts Project in Fulton County, the Fulton and Huntingdon County Under 8 ft. Culverts project, and the US 30 Truck Study Signage project being converted from State funding to STP funds as presented and listed on page 27 of the meeting packet.
3. Recommend approval of all necessary changes associated with moving the US 291 Salisbury Rockfall project to Federal funding as presented and listed on page 28 of the meeting packet.
4. Recommend approval of the addition of the Everett Business District Access Road Project to the FY 2021 TIP.
5. Recommend approval of the addition of the construction phase of the SR 3007 Black Valley Road project in Bedford County as presented and listed on page 30 of the meeting packet.
6. Recommend approval of the Public Participation Plan and the Unlimited English Proficiency Plan as presented.
7. Recommend adoption of the Statewide PM1, PM2, and PM3 targets as presented.
8. Recommend the RTTC committee composition remain intact as presented.
9. Retained Brandon Carson as Chair and Vince Greenland as Vice Chair of the RTTC for 2021.

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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
- Julie Dovey, Fulton County Family Partnership, Inc.
- James Lettiere, Huntingdon County Planning Commission
- Debra Clark, Huntingdon County Business & Industry
- Brad Zearfoss, Somerset County Planning Commission
- Jeff Eisaman, CLI Transport
- Ron Rabena, Huntingdon County Rail Authority
- Stu Neff, Warriors Mark Township
- Frank Hampton, PennDOT Central Office
- Vince Greenland, PennDOT District 9-0
- Brandon Carson, SAP&DC
- Brandon Peters, SAP&DC

Others in attendance included:

- Gene Porochniak, FHWA
- Anthony Molinari, Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging
- David Lybarger, PennDOT District 9--0
- Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9-0

Each participant received a meeting packet that included:

- Agenda
- RTTC July 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- Rt. 219 Map and Fact Sheet
- SA RPO FY 2021-2024 TIP Adjustments
- Four Rural County Priority Project Lists
- SA RPO LRTP 2042 Development Schedule
- French Engineering HSIP Points for RTTC and RTCC

- LRTP Draft Goals for Steering Committee Review and Comment
- Performance Measures – PM1, PM2, and PM3 Targets
- RTTC Committee Membership List
- Planned Activities and Milestones
- RTTC and RTCC 2021 Meeting Schedule

II. Review and Approval of the July 8, 2020 RTTC Meeting Minutes

Brandon Carson welcomed the committee to the meeting and Brandon Peters conducted roll call. He introduced Dustin Bishop, SAP&DC's new Disaster Recovery Coordinator, who will be working on the Disaster Recovery Plan. He then asked the committee to review the July 8, 2020, meeting minutes included in the packet.

With no further discussion Frank Hampton made a motion to approve the July 8, 2020, RTTC meeting minutes as presented. Brandon Peters seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Corridor N US 219 Study Update

Brandon Peters reviewed the infographics and other highlights from the study with the committee. He informed them that the PE work for the section south of Meyersdale has been funded by PennDOT. The southern point in Maryland is nearing completion but the northern section is still unfunded. He reviewed the infrastructure profile with the committee showing the importance of completing the corridor. The benefits included savings in transportation costs, additional workers producing \$1M in additional revenue, additional shifts and additional warehouse space. The study was a success, and the funding is a big success for the region.

Vince Greenland added that PennDOT has started the advertisement process and it is listed as a planned project. PennDOT expects to be able to start the PE phase in August or September.

IV. FY 2021-2024 TIP Modifications and Amendments

David Lybarger reviewed the TIP modifications with the committee answering any questions they had. There were four amendments requiring a vote.

The first amendment was a reaffirmation of an e-memo vote that went out to the RTCC. The Meyersdale Bypass to Berlin project was able to be advanced to the 2021 TIP cycle. This amendment removes the construction phase of Meyersdale Bypass to Berlin project from the TYP and adds the construction phase of PA 403 – Wilbur Road to US 219 to the FY 21-23 TIP. This project was delayed from the previous TIP due to issues with securing Right of Way clearance. Excess funds came from the Bridge & Highway

Reserve Line Item on the TYP. Since the RTCC already took action on this, no action is needed here today. It is being provided for the committee information only.

Next is the Dark Shade Creek Bridge project, which had been programmed on the FY 21 TIP with STP funds. This project is being converted from STP funds to State funds. The STP funds will then be moved to the construction phases of the PA 655 Under 8 ft. Culverts Project in Fulton County, the Fulton and Huntingdon County Under 8 ft. Culverts project, and the US 30 Truck Study Signage project, which were all on the FY 21 TIP with state funding.

With no further discussion, Brandon Peters made a motion to recommend approval of the Dark Shade Creek Bridge project being converted from STP funds to State funds and the PA 655 Under 8 ft. Culverts Project in Fulton County, the Fulton and Huntingdon County Under 8 ft. Culverts project, and the US 30 Truck Study Signage project being converted from State funding to STP funds as presented and listed on page 27 of the meeting packet. Ron Rabina seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next one is taking a project that was originally programmed with State funding and moving it to Federal funding. The US 219 Salisbury Rockfall project that was programmed on the FY 21-23 TIP with STP funds will now be funded with Federal funds. To accomplish that change, the Beaver Dam Creek project in Somerset County was moved to 100% Federal funds, the PA 96 N. Bard Tributary Culvert project was moved from Federal to State funding, the PA 522 Keystone Rd. project was moved to 100% State funding, and the Wall St. to Front Mountain Road project, the PA 655 Under 9 ft. Culverts project and the PA 403 Wilbur Road project were cashflows. The construction phase was also added to the SR 3007 Black Valley Road project with Federal funding. Excess funds came from the Bridge & Highway Reserve Line Item.

With no further discussion, Frank Hampton made a motion to recommend approval of the necessary changes associated with moving the US 219 Salisbury Rockfall project to Federal funding as presented and listed on page 28 of the meeting packet. Ron Rabina seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next is the Everett Business District Access Road Project, which was not on the FY 21 TIP when it was adopted. This is ARC Local Access Road funding and is not coming from the TIP funds.

With no further discussion, Debra Clark made a motion to recommend approval of the addition of the Everett Business District Access Road Project to the FY 21 TIP. Rick Suder seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next is the addition of the construction phase to the SR 3007 Black Valley Road project in Bedford County. Funds were moved from the Bridge and Highway Reserve Line Item as well as cashflows on the PA 403 Wilbur Rd. and PA 403 US 219 to PA 985 projects.

With no further discussion, Brandon Peters made a motion to recommend approval of the addition of the construction phase of the SR 3007 Black Valley Road project in Bedford County as presented and listed on page 30 of the meeting packet. Rick Suder seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Lybarger noted that the funding for U.S. Route 219 PE phase will be presented to the RTCC for approval but PennDOT has not finalized the funding chart at this time so it could not be presented to this committee.

Brandon Carson asked if there was an update on the revenue shortages at PennDOT that might threaten some upcoming planning projects and let dates. Vince Greenland added that there is a cashflow issue that the Governor has agreed to address on a short term basis. The hope is that there will be a more permanent solution in January to get through the fiscal year.

V. FY 2023-2026 County Priority Review

Brandon Peters informed the committee that they have received the County's priority lists and they are included in the meeting packet as an FYI. These projects will be discussed with PennDOT over the next few weeks. There are still a few things to be finalized on the Fulton and Huntingdon County lists. A Local Bridge Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled in late December or January. PennDOT is also scheduling their regular meetings with the counties some time during the first quarter. These meetings are expected to be virtual.

VI. 2020 Public Participation Plan & Unlimited English Proficiency Plan

Zachary Lee informed the committee that both documents are posted on the SAP&DC website and have been open for public comment since October 21, 2020. No comments have been received to date. The public comment period ends Friday, December 4, 2020. Any additional comments will be shared with the committee. Brandon Peters added that the matrix sent out by email states how the outreach will be done. The biggest change is that it addresses virtual formats. Even once the RPO returns to in person meetings, the virtual option will remain available and should help to increase public participation.

With no further discussion, Frank Hampton made a motion to recommend approval of the Public Participation Plan and the Unlimited English Proficiency Plan as presented. Vince Greenland seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. 2024 Southern Alleghenies LRTP

It is time once again to update the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Matt Bjorkman is the project lead and has already begun the update. Brandon Peters reviewed the timeline with the committee noting staff is adhering to the 30-month threshold. The LRTP is due for adoption in November of 2022, but may be ready in time to be adopted with the FY 2023 TIP. The steering committee has been put together and has met a few times already. The RPO is utilizing some of the remaining funds from its last workorder on the LRTP update. Brandon noted that at the last steering committee meeting they discussed the development of an illustrative project list containing major projects of political concern that are currently unfunded, but the county wants to keep in the conversation. Brandon Peters requested that as an action item, each county put together their list by the April 21st RTTC meeting.

Matt Bjorkman informed the committee that French Engineering submitted a qualified proposal for the HSIP RFP and have been approved by the SAP&DC Board of Directors. A Kick-off meeting is scheduled with French Engineering, PennDOT and the LRTP Steering Committee next week. He gave a brief overview of the proposal to the committee. They will work with SAP&DC and PennDOT on the performance measures and will deliver interim and final reports. The timeline starts with the kick-off meeting and will wrap March 31, 2021. Brandon noted that the RTTC and RTCC selected this use of the remaining leftover funding with the intent to leverage additional HSIP funding. Anne Stich added that this is an important study to complete. HSIP funding issues are experienced throughout the state. It is very difficult to find projects that use the funding correctly.

Matt noted that the LRTP goals and objectives were reduced from eight in the last LRTP to five to better align with the statewide LRTP. He reviewed the goals and objectives with the committee answering any questions they had.

VIII. Performance Measures

Brandon informed the committee that this is the same as the RPO has done in the past. The committee reviews the PM 1 Statewide Safety targets every year and, in the past, has recommended adopting the State targets. He reviewed the PM1 (Safety), PM2 (Highway and Bridge) and PM3 (Other) statewide targets with committee. If the RPO opts to adopt their own targets they must be at least as restrictive as the state targets.

With no further discussion, Ron Rabena made a motion to recommend adoption of the Statewide PM1, PM2, and PM3 targets as presented. Debra Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. RTTC Composition

Every even numbered year, the composition of this committee is reviewed. Committee members serve two-year terms. The RTTC consists of two members from PennDOT, two SAP&DC staff, four municipal representatives (one from each county), the four County Planning Directors, four appointed At Large representatives (one from each county), and four modal representatives (non-motorized, public transportation, freight, and rail). He reviewed current committee membership. Brandon reached out to the County Commissioners and asked if they would like to make any changes to the committee. Two counties responded they have no changes and the other two counties will be confirmed at the RTCC meeting.

With no further discussion, Jeff Eisaman made a motion to recommend the RTTC committee composition remain intact as presented. Julie Dovey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next was the election of officers. Officers are elected annually at the last meeting of the year. The current Chair of the RTTC is Brandon Carson and the Vice Chair is Vince Greenland.

With no further discussion, Frank Hampton made a motion to retain Brandon Carson as Chair and Vince Greenland as Vice Chair of the RTTC for 2021. Ron Rabina seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

X. Other Business

Brandon informed the committee that it has been almost five years since the Southern Alleghenies Bicycle Pedestrian Plan has been updated. Zachary Lee will be the lead on the update.

The 2021 meeting schedule for the RTTC and RTCC was included in the packet for both committees. These dates will be advertised in January. Brandon Peters will send the schedule out to the committee members following the meeting.

SAP&DC staff have been working with PennDOT on a scope of work for a possible Route 522 Corridor Study. Brandon Peters met with PennDOT staff and the project manager and the project is expected to begin in the early spring. The study request came from discussions at the HCB&I meetings on the economic impact of the Route 522 Corridor on Huntingdon County.

XI. Adjournment

Jeff Eisaman made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 AM.

<p>NOTE: The next meeting of the RTTC is scheduled for February 3, 2021, on Zoom beginning at 9:00 AM.</p>

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ACTION ITEMS

Action Items	By Whom	Due Date
Provide additional comments on the PPP and LEP to the RTTC.	Zachary Lee	Following the Public Comment Period
Each County put together an illustrative project list containing major projects of political concern that there is currently no funding for and provide them to SAP&DC by the April 21 st RTTC meeting.	The Four Rural County Planners	April 21, 2021
Advertise the 2021 RTTC and RTCC Meeting Schedule	SAP&DC	January