

**SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**RURAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE &
RURAL TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

December 16, 2021

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Altoona, PA

ACTION SUMMARY

The following are the major actions taken by the Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC) at its regular meeting held on December 16, 2021, at the SAP&DC in Altoona, PA.

1. Approved the October 20, 2021, RTCC meeting minutes as presented.
2. Adopted the Statewide Safety Targets as presented.
3. Approved the Draft FY 2023 TIP as presented.
4. Approved the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as presented.
5. Adopted the 2022-2024 UPWP as presented.
6. Prioritized the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside projects as follows:
 - The Old Pennsylvania Turnpike Trail Resurfacing
 - Main Street: Safe Routes to School
 - Garrett Borough Streetscape Improvements
 - Rockwood Borough Streetscape Improvements
 - Bricktown Trail Improvements: Walking, Biking, & Stormwater
 - Huntingdon Borough Mountain Bike for Life

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MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome

The following RTCC members were present at the meeting:

- Commissioner Barry Dallara, Bedford County
- Commissioner Randy H. Bunch, Fulton County
- Commissioner Jeff Thomas, Huntingdon County
- Commissioner Colleen Dawson, Somerset
- Dean Roberts, PennDOT Central Office
- Tom Prestash, PennDOT District 9-0
- Steve Howsare, SAP&DC
- Brandon Carson, RTTC Chair

The following RTTC members were present at the meeting:

- Donald Schwartz, Bedford County Planning Commission
- Rick Suder, Bedford County Planning Commission
- Don Hedge, Broad Top Township
- Julia Dovey, Fulton County Family Partnership
- Justin Evans, Fulton County Planning Commission
- James P. Lettiere, Huntingdon County Planning Commission
- Ron Rabina, Huntingdon Rail Authority
- Stew Neff, Warriors Mark Township
- Brad Zearfoss, Somerset County Planning Commission
- Lindsay Pyle, Somerset County
- Michael Villeneuve, Somerset County Transportation
- Tom Glassman, Berlin Borough
- Karl King, Rails to Trails of Central PA
- Vince Greenland, PennDOT District 9-0
- Brandon Peters, SAP&DC

Others in attendance included:

- Jim Edwards, Bedford Fulton Joint Recreation Authority
- Commissioner Gerald Walker, Somerset County
- Chris Hull, PennDOT District 9-0
- Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9-0
- Michele Ivory, Senator Judy Ward's Office
- Gene Porochniak, FHWA
- Tammie Hess, Representative Topper's Office
- Zachary Lee, SAP&DC
- Matthew Bjorkman, SAP&DC
- Janice Streightiff, SAP&DC

Each participant received a meeting packet that included:

- Agenda
- October 20, 2021 RTCC Meeting Minutes
- MPO/RPO Target Settings and Letter
- FY 21-24 Southern Alleghenies RPO TIP Adjustments
- Draft FFY 2023 Southern Alleghenies RPO TIP
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Comments
- FY 22-24 UPWP

II. Review and Approval of the October 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Tom Prestash welcomed the committees to the meeting and Brandon Peters conducted roll call. Tom asked the committee to review the October 20, 2021, RTCC meeting minutes included in the packet.

With no further discussion, Brandon Carson made a motion to approve the October 20, 2021, RTCC meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Randy Bunch seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Safety Performance Measures – Statewide Target Adoption

Tom referred the committees to the Statewide Safety Targets included in the meeting packet. The committee either needs to adopt the Statewide targets or they can develop their own.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Colleen Dawson made a motion to adopt the Statewide Safety Targets as presented. Commissioner Barry Dallara seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. FY 2021-2024 TIP Modifications and Amendments

The FY 2021-2024 TIP modifications were included in the packet for the committee's information. There were no amendments requiring approval. If anyone has any questions, contact Anne Stich at PennDOT.

V. 2023-2027 Draft TIP Adoption

Tom informed the committees that the new infrastructure bill was just past and new financial guidance distributed. The Draft 2023-2027 TIP being presented today was drafted using the original guidance. He recommended that the RTCC vote on the 2023-2027 Draft TIP presented today and then reconvene in January once PennDOT revises the TIP per the new guidance and approve the changes. He asked the committee if they would prefer an in-person meeting in January or approval via memo vote. The committee chose to meet in person.

Tom gave a presentation on the development of the 2023 TIP. Priorities for the TIP were updated and there was a shift toward asset management and lowest life cycle costs instead of poor infrastructure. He reviewed the performance measure targets noting that serious injuries are now determined by the police department. If someone is taken to the hospital for care, it is considered a serious injury. Tom noted that some changes are needed here as not every hospital visit is a serious injury.

He compared the original financial guidance for the FY 2023 TIP of \$134,283 with the new guidance from the infrastructure bill of \$197,749, a 47% increase! PennDOT will now go back and fill the partially funded projects. There is \$111,014 in the TIP for carryover projects. Including the additional funds from the infrastructure bill, the TIP will have \$83,735 for new projects. Some of this will be used up by inflation. There are also several different types of funding included in the TIP and the projects will need to meet those guidelines. These additional funds will also require State match. The deadline to submit the Draft FY 2023 TIP to Central Office is late December.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Jeff Thomas made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2023 TIP as presented. Commissioner Randy Bunch seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Staff will select a few possible dates for the January meeting and send them out to the committee members.

VI. 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Adoption

Zachary Lee reviewed the public comments received on putlicinput.com during the 30-day public comment period with the committees. The public comment period ran from November 1-30, 2021, and a total of five comments were received. Three of the responses

were general comments. The other two included adding the trail system in the Rothrock State Forest and the Quemahoning Reservoir Trails to the trail maps. These changes were made. He also noted that Appendix B and C cover the candidate project process. The application process will begin in January and February. The RPO will use the publicinput.com or ESRI platform to solicit projects. The list is an important part of the plan and will be updated every year.

With no further discussion, Brandon Carson made a motion to approve the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as presented. Commissioner Colleen Dawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. 2022-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Adoption

Brandon Peters informed the committees that the UPWP, which includes four tasks, is a coordination of the RPO's efforts. The four tasks are: Task I - Plans and Programs, which includes the LRTP, TIP, PPP, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Coordinated Transit and Human Services Plan, and the LEP. Functional Classification of Roadways, Statewide Committee participation, Supplemental Studies and GIS assistance. Task II – Project Delivery includes supporting the PennDOT Connects program, ARC LAR projects, promoting various grant and funding sources that support transportation improvements, supporting the Southern Alleghenies Regional Greenways and Open Space Network Plan, and completing traffic counts and pedestrian counts. Task III is Administrative and includes coordinating meetings of the RTTC and RTCC, UPWP quarterly reports, attending PennDOT Planning Partner meetings, the Annual Listing of Obligations, and technology and outreach. Task IV is the LTAP, which schedules, coordinates, and markets a variety of free road maintenance courses to the municipalities in the RPO.

With no further discussion, Steve Howsare made a motion to adopt the 2022-2024 UPWP as presented. Commissioner Colleen Dawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Transportation Alternatives Set-Asides Project Presentations

Brandon Carson informed the committees that there were six applicants presenting. Each will have 15 minutes. Only voting members of the committees will score the proposals. He asked that after scoring, each member also rank the projects one to six. SAP&DC staff will then tabulate the scores showing the highest score and rank. Those attending the meeting virtually will email their score sheets to Brandon Peters. Mr. Glessner was engaged in the development of one of the projects and will abstain from scoring. Dean Roberts is representing two members today but will only score once. The following projects were presented to the committees:

- Bricktown Trail Improvements: Walking, Biking, & Stormwater
- Huntingdon Borough Mountain Bike for Life
- The Old Pennsylvania Turnpike Trail Resurfacing

- Main Street: Safe Routes to School
- Garrett Borough Streetscape Improvements
- Rockwood Borough Streetscape Improvements

Following the presentations, scores and ranking were tabulated, and the committees reviewed the following results.

The Old PA Turnpike Trail Resurfacing		Main Street: Safe Routes to School		Garrett Borough Streetscape Improvements		Rockwood Borough Streetscape Improvements		Bricktown Trail Improvements		Huntingdon Borough Mountain Bike for Life	
Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank
71.71	1.95	67.14	2.59	66.24	3.14	65.57	3.64	61.48	3.91	56.10	4.95
1		2		3		4		5		6	

With no further discussion, Brandon Carson made a motion to approve the prioritization of the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside projects as presented above. Commissioner Barry Dallara seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 3:45 PM

NOTE: The next meeting of the RTTC & RTCC is scheduled for January 26, 2021, at the SAP&DC beginning at 9:00 AM.

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ACTION ITEMS

Action Items	By Whom	Due Date
Select a few possible dates for the January meeting to approve the revised Draft 2023-2027 TIP and send them out to the committee members.	SAP&DC Staff	Following the meeting