The following are the major actions taken by the Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC) at its regular meeting held on August 4, 2021, at the SAP&DC in Altoona, PA.

1. Approved the May 12, 2021, RTCC meeting minutes as presented.

2. Approved the three projects identified in the ROP update as presented after delving a little deeper into the I-70 project currently under construction at the location of the first project.

3. Reaffirmed the e-memo vote to approve the removal of the construction phase of the SR 3007 Black Valley Road Slide and add the construction phase of the PA 913 – PA26 to the Huntingdon County Line, both in Bedford County, to the FY 22/23 TIP as presented.

4. Approve the addition of the construction phase of the PA 601 from Ranch Lane to PA 985 project to the FY 2022 TIP as presented.

5. Approved the addition of federal funding to the HBFAA Replace Six Busses project on the FY 2021 TIP.
MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome

The following members were present at the meeting:

- Commissioner Barry Dallara, Bedford County
- Commissioner Randy Bunch, Fulton County
- Commissioner Jeff Thomas, Huntingdon County
- Dean Roberts, PennDOT Central Office
- Tom Prestash, PennDOT District 9-0
- Steven Howsare, SAP&DC
- Brandon Carson, SAP&DC
- Brandon Peters, SAP&DC

Others in attendance included:

- Gene Porochniak, FHWA
- Vince Greenland, PennDOT District 9-0
- Anne Stich, PennDOT District 9-0
- Chris Hull, PennDOT District 9-0
- Adam Smith, PennDOT
- Jason Berardo, Congressman Joyce’s Office
- Michele Ivory, Senator Judy Ward’s Office
- Zachary Lee, SAP&DC
- Matthew Bjorkman, SAP&DC

Each participant received a meeting packet that included:

- Agenda
- May 12, 2021 RTCC Meeting Minutes
- ROP Southern Alleghenies Projects
- Southern Alleghenies RPO Memo Vote
- Southern Alleghenies RPO FY 2021-2024 TIP Adjustments
- PennDOT’s 2021 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Guidance and Procedures
II. Review and Approval of the May 12, 2021 RTCC Meeting Minutes

Tom Prestash welcomed the committee to the meeting and Brandon Peters conducted roll call. Tom asked the committee to review the May 12, 2021, RTCC meeting minutes included in the meeting packet.

With no further discussion, Brandon Carson made a motion to approve the May 12, 2021, RTCC meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Randy Bunch seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Regional Operations Plan Update

Tom Prestash informed the committee that PennDOT Districts 2, 3 and 9 are grouped together in the Regional Operations Plan (ROP), which is currently completing an update. The RPO is participating in the update as they have in previous updates. There were a few TSMO projects completed in the RPO from the last ROP update. Tom introduced Adam Smith from PennDOT who reviewed the ROP update with the committee. He gave the committee some background on TSMO noting that its purpose is to increase safety and reduce congestion. Projects to achieve this include Intelligent Transportation Systems, improve management of traffic incidents and events, and to encourage modal shift. They held two stakeholder meetings to determine any new requests, checked on the status of any existing ROP projects, identified emerging trends and funding challenges, future of work, and major planned developments. They identified 16 new ROP projects including three within the Southern Alleghenies RPO. Adam reviewed the projects with the committee answering any questions they had. The projects included:

1. I-70 Curve Warning – to install dynamic curve warning systems to reduce speed related crashes in curves at key locations along I-70 between exits 151 and 153 in East Providence Township.
2. I-70 ITS Gaps – to install CCTV cameras and DMS at key locations along the I-70 corridor and improve traveler information and situational awareness.
3. Pleasantville ITS – to install Type A DMS westbound on PA-56 prior to the PA-96 intersection.

Tom had a question on the first project. He asked what changed that it was identified this time and not the 2018 update. They have a project there currently under construction that this could have been included in. Adam responded that they used fresh data that showed an increased need. Tom said they can discuss this project offline.

The next steps are for the planning partners to formally adopt the ROP Interim Update and consider the projects for inclusion in the LRTP and TIP. PennDOT will continue to seek further funding for TSMO initiatives and plan to complete a major update of the ROP in the future.

With no further discussion, Steven Howsare made a motion to approve the three projects identified in the ROP update as presented after delving a little deeper into the I-70 project currently under construction at the location of the first project. Commissioner Jeff Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
IV. Reaffirmation of the June 11, 2021 Memo Vote

Brandon Peters reviewed the e-memo vote with the committee. It was to remove the construction phase of MPMS 114602 SR 3007 Black Valley Road Slide in Bedford County, which will now be funded through Bedford County maintenance funds, and to add the construction phase of MPMS 110499 PA 913 – PA 26 to Huntingdon County Line, also in Bedford County, to the FY 22/23 TIP. This project will resurface PA 913 from PA 26 to the Huntingdon County Line.

With no further discussion, Brandon Carson made a motion to reaffirm the e-memo vote and approve the removal of the construction phase of the SR 3007 Black Valley Road Slide and addition of the construction phase of the PA 913 – PA26 to the Huntingdon County Line, both in Bedford County, to the FY 22/23 TIP as presented. Commissioner Randy Bunch seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. FY 2021-2024 TIP Modifications and Amendments

Tom informed the committee that David Lybarger has retired. His position is currently posted, and they hope to fill it as soon as possible.

Anne Stich reviewed the FY 2021-2024 TIP modifications with the committee answering any questions they had. There was one amendment that required approval. It was to add the construction phase of the PA 601 from Ranch Lane to PA 985 project in Somerset County. This was added with Federal STP funds from the SA Bridge and Highway Reserve Line Item. Construction is scheduled in FY 22.

With no further discussion, Steve Howsare made a motion to approve the addition of the construction phase of the PA 601 from Ranch Lane to PA 985 project to the FY 2022 TIP as presented. Commissioner Jeff Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Brandon Peters informed the committee the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging is replacing six busses. This is already on the FY 2021 TIP, but they are reducing the amount of State funds and adding the 5310 funding, which is federal funding. They are also adding $100,000 to the project. The addition of federal funds requires approval.

With no further discussion, Brandon Carson made a motion to approve the addition of federal funding to the HBFAA Replace Six Busses Project on the FY 2021 TIP. Commissioner Randy Bunch seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. U.S. 219 Project Update

Tom gave the committee a quick update on the Rt. 219 project. A consultant has been selected, Stantek out of Harrisburg, and they have been given notice to proceed. PennDOT will also be bringing a management consultant on board to assist Nicki
Donahoe, PennDOT’s Project Manager, as this is a very large project. The funding came from ADHS and not the Southern Alleghenies TIP.

**ADHS Completion Legislation**
Brandan Peters showed a chart with the potential $1.75B in ADHS funding broken out over five years, which would be approximately $140M for Pennsylvania. They have just been informed yesterday that what is currently being discussed is $500M less, reducing it to $1.2B. This is a very fluid bill and the RPO will have to wait and see how it works out.

**VII. U.S. 522 Study Update**
Vince Greenland informed the committee that this is a corridor wide study on U.S. 522 from the PA 35/641 intersection in the Shade Gap portion of Huntingdon County down to the PA Turnpike in Fulton County. It will be used as a planning document to identify future projects. They held an early coordination meeting with stakeholders and from that meeting have identified additional stakeholders, namely the Riverview Business Center and the East Broad Top Trail. A few additional counters have been deployed because of that coordination. PennDOT expects to have a full report in November.

**VIII. 2021 Southern Alleghenies Plan Updates**

**2023 TIP**
Brandon Peters noted that the draft financial guidance is out and the RPO is showing fairly level funding. The RPO expects to receive the draft FY 2023 TIP in December. An additional combined RTTC & RTCC meeting will be added to the schedule to review the draft FY 2023 TIP.

**LRTP**
The RPO and PennDOT have been holding TIP and LRTP meetings with each of the four counties. So far, they have met with Somerset and Fulton Counties and plan to meet with Bedford and Huntingdon Counties next week. He introduced Matthew Bjorkman who is currently working on the LRTP update. Matt noted that the survey for the LRTP is currently open and to date there have been 16 responses. SAP&DC staff just sent out 396 mailers for the survey so an increase in responses is expected. The survey closes August 20th. Brandon asked that everyone spread the word about the survey. He can share the link for anyone that does not already have it.

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**
Zachary Lee gave an update on the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan. He reviewed the survey results with the committee noting that the survey opened June 1st and ran until the Steering Committee meeting last Thursday and had 238 responses.

Brandon reviewed the timeline with the committee noting they plan to put it out for public comment following the October meeting and present it for final adoption at the December meeting. They will formulate the final document with the information received in the survey and feedback from the RTTC. Moving forward the Bicycle and Pedestrian
Plan will have small updates every year and the hope is to become a clearing house for quality bicycle pedestrian projects in the region. A form will be set up on the SAP&DC website to submit projects. This will assist the RPO in submitting better projects already vetted to funding agencies.

IX. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program

Brandon noted that the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program is open for the first time in four years. A copy of the guidance and procedures was included in the meeting packet. He reviewed the guidance and procedures with the committee pointing out that any potential applicants need to submit a pre-application by August 16th to be eligible to submit a full application. Full applications are due by October 15th. Project sponsors must meet with PennDOT and the Planning Partner before submitting. This is a reimbursement program for construction costs. Projects are typically bicycle and pedestrian in nature, but trail projects are eligible as well. The RPO has not been notified by anyone planning to submit but will know after the pre-applications are submitted. PennDOT added that no one has submitted to date from the RPO. There is a new website and users are required to set up an account, which takes 24 hours to set up. PennDOT has been trying to get word out about this. Brandon said staff could send out an email blast to assist in the effort. This funding is a statewide allocation, as the RPO no longer receives its own allocation. The RPO is competing with the entire state for the $18M in funding. Depending on the number of projects submitted, the RPO intends to go through the process of scoring the projects and submitting our recommendations to the TA Set Asides website as we have done in the past.

X. Other Business

Tom informed the committee that the TROC report is out. He has not had a chance to review it thoroughly yet, but it is on their website. Brandon will send a link to the group.

PennDOT will be back in their office at a 50/50 hybrid starting Monday.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

NOTE: The next meeting of the RTCC is scheduled for October 20, 2021 at the SAP&DC beginning at 10:00 AM.
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