

**YORK AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
08/25/11 - MEETING SUMMARY**

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman, Rich Farr, rabbittransit, opened the meeting at 9:02 am.
2. **Public Comment** - None.
3. **Introductions** - A self-introduction was conducted.
4. **Minutes of the June 23, 2011 Coordinating Committee Meeting** - There being no changes or corrections, Mr. Miller made a **motion to approve the minutes**. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.
5. **2011 TIP Modifications** - Mr. Sloand stated that these are all administrative actions. There are no amendments. He then briefly reviewed the modifications.
 - a. The West Gay Street Bridge - We had a total of \$450,000 from York's Bridge Reserve at the construction phase of this project. This is an updated estimate. The let date was moved from July to August 19 due to right-of-way issues.
 - b. Mr. Miller inquired as to what the key date would normally be for setting the detour in a project like the Main Street Bridge. If there needs to be discussion, how soon should this be done? Mr. Miller knows what the planned detour is, but says it's wrong. It needs to be changed. A brief discussion ensued between Mr. Miller and Mr. Sloand. Mr. Miller stated he spoke to Lisa Myers about it but never formalized a meeting. Mr. Sloand stated he would follow-up with Lisa Myers and get back with Mr. Miller regarding this matter.
6. **Coordinating Committee Officers Vote** - Mr. Reilly made a **motion to re-nominate Rich Farr as Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee and Ms. Dell as secretary**. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.
7. **Candidate Projects** -
 - a. **Project Tracking Sheet** - Mr. Clark remarked that the Project Tracking Sheet is provided for informational purposes.
 - b. **I-83 Exit 4 (Level 1)** - Mr. Clark stated that at the June 2, 2011 meeting the Technical Committee made a recommendation to defer this to the next meeting. The Coordinating Committee agreed. At the August 4, 2011 Technical Committee meeting it was deferred again until after the congestion management process is developed. Through the congestion management process we should get a better indication of which one of our interchanges should be looked at next after the Exit 18 project is completed. We are recommending the Coordinating Committee take action to defer until after the CMP; we anticipate by November or the end of the calendar year. By the next Technical Committee meeting we should have information as to whether we have the financial capacity to do

something; we would be able to determine which one of those locations is the most congested. Ms. Dell commented it's not the only congested interchange. So the CMP will help sort out levels of congestion amongst all those interchanges and be able to prioritize. Mr. Clark added safety issues will have to be considered as well. Mr. Miller inquired as to how the data for the CMP was being gathered. A brief discussion ensued regarding the data and Mr. Miller's concern about the accuracy of the data and how it would be received by the public. Mr. Reilly made a **motion to table this matter until November**. Ms. Dell seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.

- c. **Stewartstown Railroad (Level 1)** - Mr. Clark briefly updated the Committee regarding this matter. He stated the rail banking process has not occurred yet. YCPC, Representative Miller, Representative Saylor, Congressman Platts submitted letters objecting to the abandonment that the estate filed with the STB. Mr. Clark stated that he is assuming the county commissioners submitted something as well. Also, the Rail Trail Authority submitted a letter in their interest in rail banking the corridor if the abandonment is proposed by the STB. Hopewell Township and Shrewsbury Township sent letters as well supporting the rail banking option. The official comment period closed on Monday, August 22. We are now waiting for the STB to make a determination as to whether they are going to let the corridor be abandoned or not.

8. Other Business -

- a. **Watertank Road Bridge** - Ms. Bitner commented that both Manheim and Codorus have agreed that they each would fund 20 percent, which is about \$70,000 for each of them. This was an official action taken at a meeting held. Mr. Clark inquired as to whether we need to make a TIP administrative action to reflect that new percentage. Mr. Sloand answered that it was a little more complicated than that. He stated that reimbursement agreements will have to be reevaluated because the bridge is not eligible for federal reimbursement. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Sloand said there will be more information about it at the next meeting.
- b. **State Transportation Commission 12-Year Hearings** - Mr. Marczyk stated that we are scheduled to start at 10:20 a.m. tomorrow at the Wyndham in Gettysburg. Mr. Clark added that Mr. Marczyk is putting together a press notification. He stated that if there are any press calls they have to show up at the hearings for the detailed testimony. There was a press conference August 9. Ms. Dell commented that she thought we received good feedback as far as coverage from the newspapers, television, etc. Ms. Dell asked Mr. Miller if he received any feedback. He said none. Mr. Clark stated that we did not get any from the public.
- c. **Woodbury Road Bridge** - The bridge was closed yesterday. Mr. Clark stated there was an article in the paper this morning and that he spoke to a reporter about how this is tied into our press conference two weeks ago and that we are just getting to the beginning of the bridge curve as we see this happening more and more due to the lack of funding. Ms. Dell inquired as to whether this was a township bridge. Ms. Bitner responded that it was owned by West Manchester Township and the railroad. The railroad owns the substructure of the bridge. Ms. Dell believed it was a state bridge. A brief discussion ensued about who was responsible for the bridge and it's closure. Mr. Sloand added that

he would check on it, but he was sure that it is at least a partially state-owned structure. Mr. Clark commented that this was placed on the 2009 TIP and a PE was obligated at that point in time. It's not on the 2011 TIP for preliminary engineering. The Department has an engineer under contract and is getting ready to start design. We were trying to make it an at-grade crossing because it's not a heavily used corridor. We also talked to the township about if we replaced this bridge could we do it as a turnback because it's a little over a thousand cars a day. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Farr inquired about redirecting the bridge and how that process happens. Mr. Clark stated the PE has not started yet, but that it would start next month. It should be included as a design option by the engineer. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Farr asked do we need to make any kind of requests or recommendations or does it just go to the PE. Mr. Clark responded that staff will get in contact with the project manager and make sure they consider that.

- d. Ms. Dell explained that a couple years ago HUD, EPA and DOT joined in a partnership at the federal level to create a sustainable communities round of grants. Over the years, each year they've become a little more refined in what they're looking for and what kind of initiatives they will support. There's a NOFA out right now for pre-applications for the 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants. Within that there's two ways you can go. One is for a regional planning effort and the other a challenge grant. A challenge grant is an effort that implements a regional plan that was developed previously. Deadline to put the pre-application in is today at 11 p.m. Ms. Dell further explained that YCPC has responsibility for the York County Comprehensive Plan and that the plan is made up of many pieces in partnership such as Growth Management Plan, Long Range Transportation Plan, Housing Plan, etc. as well as a lot of community initiatives. We've been approached regarding this to see if we would be willing to take the lead and submit a pre-application. The point of putting a pre-application in would be to develop a more formal approach to weaving together all these things that we have going on in our community with different interests groups, government efforts, plans. One of the requirements of the pre-application is that an MPO is required, and it's preferred that the MPO takes the lead in the pre-application. We put together the basic funding request material for it. If it's approved we would come back and put together a more formal grant application that would detail everything. Ms. Dell stated at this point she is looking for a head-nod consensus that we put a pre-application in to see if we get any consideration or an initiative that would weave together all these plans and initiatives in the community into a more sustainable effort for York County. Mr. Reilly commented that if we get past the pre-application phase the application has to be about consolidating and working together. We cannot support any new initiatives. Mr. Farr requested a motion be made to submit that pre-application. Mr. Reilly then made a **motion to submit the pre-application**. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.
- e. Mr. Clark commented that FHWA reassigned their representatives and Kathy Dempsey will be the new representative in place of Jon Crum.
- f. Ms. Dell asked Steve Grimme if he would be with us for now. He agreed, for now.

9. Upcoming Meetings -

- a. Technical Committee Meeting - October 6, 2011
- b. Coordinating Committee Meeting - November 3, 2011

10. Adjournment -

There being no additional business, Mr. Farr adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly J. Walston
Recording Secretary

**Attendance
York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Coordinating Committee Meeting
August 25, 2011**

<u>Voting Members (# of Votes)</u>	<u>Attended</u>
PennDOT (2)	
Central Office:	Larry Shifflet
Alternates:	Jim Arey
	Adam Grimes
	x
District 8-0 Office:	Tucker Ferguson
Alternates:	Mike Gillespie
	Dennis Sloand
	x
	Justin Batiuk
York County (2)	
Commissioners:	Steve Chronister
Alternates:	Chris Reilly
	Doug Hoke
	Felicia Dell
York Planning Commission:	Terry Dunlap
Alternate:	Felicia Dell, Secretary
	x
York City (1)	
Representative:	Kim Bracey
Alternates:	Jim Gross
	x
York County Transportation Authority (1)	
Chairman:	Raymond Rosen
Alternates:	Richard Farr, Chairman
	Jenna Reedy
	x
Legislative Appointments (2)	
Legislator:	Representative Ron Miller
Alternate:	Missy Werner
Appointee:	Congressman Todd Platts
Alternate:	Bob Reilly
	x

Attendance (continued)
YAMPO Coordinating Committee Meeting
August 25, 2011

Advisory Members (0)

Federal Transit Admin:	Deborah Purnell-Butler
Federal Highway Administration:	Jon Crum
FAA-Airport District Office:	Lori Ledebom
PennDOT Bureau of Aviation	Edie Letherby

Other Planning Partners (0)

Adams County Planning	Andrew Markel (Acting Rep)	
Bicycle Access Council	Joe Stafford	
Capital City Airport	David Spaulding	
Commuter Services of PA	Brandy Heilman	x
Genessee & Wyoming, Inc.	Kim Smith	
Lancaster Co Planning Commission	Dave Royer	
Maryland Midland Railway	Jonathan Rudman	
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission	James Szyborski	

Other Persons Attending (0)

PennDOT Central Office	Mike Archer	
	Beth Raves	x
	Steve Grimme	x
	JoAnna Shovlin	x
	Joe Heffner	
	Will Clark	x
	Heather Bitner	x
	Joe Marczyk	x
	Mike Pritchard	
	Jean Ball	x
	Kim Walston, Recording Secretary	x