

**YORK AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
08/04/11 - MEETING SUMMARY**

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman, Mr. Reilly, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment** - Mr. Reilly asked if there were any public comments. There were none.
3. **Introductions** - A self-introduction was conducted.
4. **Minutes of the June 2, 2011 Technical Committee Meeting** - Mr. Farr made a **motion to approve** the minutes. Ms. Bitner mentioned a correction to page 4 to the paragraph located approximately at the middle of the page beginning *Mr. Clark*. Ms. Bitner made reference to line 2 of the paragraph and stated that the word Interstate should be omitted. The motion to approve was then seconded by Ms. Dell. It was voted on and passed as presented.
5. **2011 TIP Modifications** - Ms. Raves briefly reviewed the modifications. All are administrative actions. There are no amendments.
6. **Technical Committee Officers Vote** - Mr. Reilly referred to the current Chairperson as being himself and the current Secretary as Ms. Dell. Mr. Farr asked if there was a term limit. There is a two-consecutive one-year term limit. Mr. Farr made a **motion to retain** the current Chairperson and Secretary. Mr. Zeider seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.
7. **Technical Committee Membership** - Ms. Bitner noted we sent out a request to all the municipalities in Region 4, but only received one response. Mr. Zeiders is currently the primary. We would like to put before the Committee for approval as alternate, Mr. Don Keener from Newberry Township. Mr. Farr made a **motion to approve** Mr. Keener as the alternate for Region 4. Representative Miller seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.
8. **Candidate Projects** -
 - a. **Project Tracking Sheet** - Mr. Clark mentioned the Candidate Projects Tracking Form was in the packet provided as informational and shows the status of projects being worked.
 - b. **I-83 Exit 4 (Level 1)** - Mr. Clark mentioned that at the last technical meeting the discussion involving the I-83 Exit 4 project was deferred until today's meeting so the Planning Commission could look further at information concerning this project and come up with a recommendation for the technical committee. He stated that the proposal that Shrewsbury Township submitted identifies a problem at the intersection of I-83 and Route 851 at the interchange. Mr. Clark recommended to defer the project until the Congestion Management Plan was completed. Mr. Clark explained that the Congestion Management Plan looks at all congestion throughout the entire county, not in just one location. This process should be completed in the November, December timeframe. At

that time there should be a better understanding of where this project falls on the priority list. This will also tie in with the Transportation Improvement Program update for the 2013 TIP. This will provide a better understanding of how much financial capacity there will be in order to make a better decision on whether to move from Level 1 into Level 2. At that point, Mr. Clark recommended the technical committee defer this project. Mr. Reilly asked for clarification as to how long it would take to review the plan and come back to the technical committee with this project. Mr. Clark stated the Planning Commission would come back after the CMP is done and submit problems for the MPO. Ms. Dell mentioned there would be a work session. Mr. Clark added that the work session would be in December or January. A short discussion ensued between Mr. Reilly and Mr. Clark regarding financial matters relating to this project. Mr. Clark made a **motion to defer** the I-83 Exit 4 project. Mr. Snyder seconded the motion.

- c. Stewartstown Railroad (Level 1) - Mr. Clark stated that this item was deferred. The technical committee previously made a recommendation that if rail banking occurred we would support that. We are still waiting for that process to evolve. The York County Planning Commission will submit a letter officially objecting to the abandonment process. Representative Saylor has already submitted a letter opposing abandonment. Congressman Platts' will send a letter out today. Mr. Clark noted August 22 is the last day for objections and filings against it. Ms. Dell commented once a decision is made by STB there is a 180-day clock that the entity filing the interest in rail banking has to negotiate a price with the railroad. Mr. Reilly inquired as to whether efforts by the railroad were generating any financial resources. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Dell commented that the estate's first priority was to keep it operating as a railroad.

9. Commuter Services of PA -

- a. Ms. Heilman began by passing around an informational handout followed by a brief explanation on the role of her organization, as well as a brief history on the growth of Commuter Services. The program currently has 18,000 active commuters and has added three more counties bringing it to nine counties currently. Ms. Heilman referred to the handout, a Summary Report for the Department of Defense, New Cumberland Depot, as a report that resulted from attending events such as this. She explained that the report gives a summary and shows what recommendations are being made. Ms. Heilman also highlighted the attached map as well.
- b. Ms. Heilman mentioned that they would like to elect a new chairperson next year. Beth Nidam is currently the representative from the Planning Commission representing the York MPO. Currently there are nine committees. Ms. Nidam is on eight of those committees. The Board agrees that Ms. Nidam would be a good candidate for chairperson. Ms. Heilman wanted to bring this before the technical committee as an item of discussion. It was agreed that Ms. Nidam would be a good candidate for chairperson.

10. Federal Fiscal Year 2011 3rd Quarter Report - Mr. Clark remarked that the fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. We are currently at 59% of our target range. We should be at around 75%. Mr. Clark anticipates we will be at 85 to 100 percent by the end

of the year. Mr. Reilly inquired as to where this information goes. Ms. Raves remarked that it was for our use.

11. LTAP Annual Report - Mr. Marczyk gave a brief overview of the LTAP Program. There are currently 72 municipalities in York County and 31 of those municipalities participate in the LTAP Program. Twenty-one municipalities participate in more than one of the training programs offered by LTAP. Mr. Marczyk continued by reviewing the attendance charts in the packet. \$23,500 of UPWP funds were spent on the LTAP Program this year, and there was a cost per training attendee of \$87.31. Mr. Reilly inquired as to what has been done to impact the attendance rates. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Dell noted that typically this was offered through PennDOT, Planning and Research. PennDOT allocated the program to the MPOs to be administered and coordinated locally. This has contributed to the increased participation in the program.

12. Other Business -

- a. Watertank Road Bridge - Ms. Bitner noted that there is a Codorus meeting tonight. This bridge is on the TIP because it was determined the bridge is not 20 feet in length. The Manheim board of supervisors is willing to fund this. However, Codorus is not sure. Funding is \$70,000 to each municipality. Manheim is hoping Codorus will work with them. This is often a problem with joint-owned bridges. We should have an update on what direction this matter is going at the next technical committee meeting.
- b. State Transportation Commission 12-Year Hearings - As the transportation coalition we always present testimony to the Transportation Commission at the hearings. The hearings are August 26 in Gettysburg. We do not have a time yet. However, we will most likely be speaking in the afternoon. Mr. Clark mentioned we would like to get speakers to promote the revenue enhancement that has been proposed by the Transportation Funding Advisory Commission, and promote that message to the STC. We want them to understand that the public is supportive of revenue enhancements at the state level so they can get legislation worked on this year. Mr. Clark noted that Representative Grove will do an introduction at the hearing.

Mr. Reilly requested general feedback from the committee on the Funding Commission report. Mr. Clark stated there was nothing new. Revenue enhancements that have been talked about for a while are still the issue. The problem is the same that was identified by the Transportation Funding Reform Commission in 2007 as 3.6 billion dollars. PennDot is pushing that we do need revenue. In preparing for our press conference we identified from 2007 to 2013 revenues for the overall program have gone down. A discussion ensued regarding funding and the need for revenue.

Mr. Clark mentioned Tuesday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m. the Planning Commission will be hosting a press conference at the Codorus Boat Basin. We will be promoting that something has to be done at the state legislature for funding revenue enhancements. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Reilly commented on the federal end that there is no movement right now. There is one bill that's in the House Transportation Committee. Because there are no funds as much flexibility as possible is being given. As a result of the debt ceiling deal that went through this week almost all of the cuts come in domestic discretionary spending, which will further impact infrastructure spending.

Mr. Crum highlighted Tiger 3. September 9 is the pre-op registration and October 3 the pre-ops are due. Final application is due October 31. Mr. Crum learned from a webinar he participated in that there is 140 million dollars available for communities with a population of less than 50,000. There's a little over 500 million dollars total for Tiger 3. Mr. Reilly asked if the guidelines for Tiger 3 are basically the same as the first two. Mr. Crum responded that the only difference was probably a little more detail is provided as to how to present a better application for funding.

Ms. Smith commented that she reviewed the Tiger 3 information and noted that any eligible entity can only submit up to no more than three projects.

Mr. Reilly inquired as to whether the county got any funds out of Tiger 1 and 2. Mr. Clark responded that we did not apply. A brief discussion ensued.

Ms. Smith inquired about the transportation re-authorization. Ms. Smith mentioned that it was going to expire the end of September and asked if there was going to be a continuing resolution. Mr. Reilly commented he expected there to be a continuing resolution.

13. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Coordinating Committee - August 25, 2011
- b. Technical Committee - October 6, 2011

14. Adjournment

There being no additional comments/business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Walston
Recording Secretary

Attendance
York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Committee Meeting
August 4, 2011

Voting Members (# of Votes)	Attended
PennDOT (2)	
Central Office:	Beth Raves x
District 8-0 Office:	Dennis Sloand
Alternates:	John Kennedy
	Mike Gillespie
	Justin Batiuk x

Attendance (continued)
Technical Committee Meeting - August 4, 2011

York County (2)

York Planning Commission:	Felicia Dell, Secretary	x
Alternate:	Joe Heffner	x
YCPC Transportation:	Will Clark	x
Alternate:	Jeph Rebert	x
	Heather Bitner	x
	Beth Nidam	x

York County Transportation Authority (1)

Transportation Authority:	Richard Farr, Chair	x
Alternate:	Jenna Reedy	

Legislative Appointments (2)

Legislator:	Representative Ron Miller	x
Alternate:	Missy Werner	x
Appointee:	Congressman Todd Platts	
Alternate:	Bob Reilly, Chairman	x

Planning Region Representatives (7)

Region 1 - South Central York	Jason Snyder	x
Alternate:	Tom Wolfe	x
Region 2 - Greater York East	Elizabeth Heathcote	x
Alternate:	Mark Henise	
Region 3 - Greater York West	Kelly Palmer	
Alternate:	Madelyn Shermeyer	
Region 4 - Northern York	Mark Hilson	
Alternate:	Leon Zeiders	x
Region 5 - South Western York	Ron Orndorff	
Alternate:	Loren Riebling	
Region 6 - City of York	Kim Bracey	
Alternates:	Jim Gross	x
Region 7 - South Eastern York	Vacant	
Alternate:	Vacant	

Advisory Members (0)

Federal Highway Administration:	Jon Crum	x
FAA-Airport District Office:	Lori Ledebohm	
Federal Transit Admin:	Deborah Purnell-Butler	
PennDOT Bureau of Aviation	Edie Letherby	
PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation	Brandon Eshenour	

Other Planning Partners (0)

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

Other Persons Attending (0)

94 Legislative District, Stan Saylor's Ofc.	Brett Barry	x
PennDOT, Central Office	Michael Archer	x
York County Planning Commission	Joe Marczyk	x
York County Planning Commission	Mike Pritchard	x
York County Planning Commission	Jean Ball	x
York County Planning Commission	Kim Walston, Recording Secretary	x