

**YAMPO COORDINATING
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 26, 2007**

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman, Commissioner Doug Kilgore, called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. As we have guests here to discuss a topic under Other Business, we will move to that now. (See #9)
2. **Minutes of the April 5, 2007 Technical Committee Meeting** - Informational only
3. **Minutes from the February 22, 2007 Coordinating Committee Meeting** - *Mr. Reilly made a motion to approve the above-mentioned minutes. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.*
4. **Memorandum of Agreement and Transportation Conformity SIP Revision**

Ms. Nidam briefly reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement and the Signature Resolution required for the revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). This will keep us in conformity with SAFETEA-LU. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the Memorandum of Agreement and Signature Resolution to this committee. We are asking for approval of these items separately from this committee.

There being no questions or comments, *Representative Saylor made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Representative Saylor also made a motion to approve the Signature Resolution. Mr. Farr seconded that motion. Both motions were voted on and approved as presented.*

5. **York County Transit Human Service Coordinated Plan**
 - i. York County Transit Human Service Coordinated Plan - Rich Farr, rabbittransit, noted that the main purpose of this Plan is to gain funding for capital projects. The process was interesting and a lot of valuable information was gathered. We worked with the Human Service agencies to get them through the 5310 Application process.

After a brief discussion, Representative Saylor made a motion to approve the plan. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as discussed.
 - ii. 2007 Section 5310 Project Selection - Jeph Rebert, YCPC, noted that two grant applications were received from PennDOT for the Section 5310 Program. They are rabbittransit and the Margaret Moul Home. Margaret Moul is requesting two vehicles and rabbittransit is requesting seven small transit vehicles. After going through the Selection Process Procedures, it was determined that rabbittransit was the top-scoring project for York County.

We are requesting approval for both applications today. They will then go to the state and compete against other transit and human service/non-profit agencies for funding. This is a new process and the staff would be interested in any feedback on the process so that it may be improved upon for the future.

Representative Saylor made a motion to approve the applications, as noted above. Mr. Gross seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as discussed.

6. **2007 TIP Modifications** - Gary DeBerry, PennDOT Central Office, briefly reviewed the Amendments to the TIP. After a few brief questions, *Representative Saylor made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.*
7. **2003 Long Range Transportation Plan Addendum 03** - Jeph Rebert, YCPC, gave a brief description of the amendments made to the document. We are requesting approval of this document today. Mr. Clark mentioned that we have been financially constrained since 2002 and that is with inflation already factored into our estimates. Mr. Hoffman inquired what inflation rate was used. Mr. Clark stated that we used 10% per year. Mr. Hoffman stated that is a good figure, as the going rate now is 8% but it will be increasing.

After a brief discussion on, Mr. Farr made a motion to approve the Long-Range Transportation Plan Addendum 03. Mr. Reilly seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.

8. **2008 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Line Item:**

- i. Letter to PennDOT - Ms. Bitner noted, in an attempt to be financially responsible, a letter that is addressed to Mr. Hoffman, and spells out the projects selected from the approved candidate list. The MPO Technical Committee recommended approval of the SR 0851 project to be programmed to move first, using the 2008 Safety line item. This area has a higher crash severity rate and is adjacent to the SR 0074 and SR 0851 roundabout, which is also an approved HSIP project.

The MPO also approved SR 0074 on the condition that Carroll Township will take the lead and proceed with all phases until the project is construction-ready. If this condition is agreed upon by Carroll Township, the project would use the 2009 safety line item. The letter also describes that cost estimates are more than a year old and several things have changed. Due to these changes, we request that PennDOT develop a scoping field view and develop more accurate cost that estimates for both projects.

- ii. Letter to Carroll Township - We are also requesting approval of the letter that will be sent to Carroll Township. The letter explains the condition of this project being approved. Carroll Township must agree to take the lead on the project and pay 100% of all phases through construction. Then YAMPO will pay 100% of the construction phase. The Township must also agree to take ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the traffic signal. If this is agreed upon, it will be on the 2009 HSIP. When the final scope of work and cost estimate are determined, these results will be given to the Township to determine if they want to proceed with the project.

There being no additional questions or comments, *Mr. Reilly made a motion to approve the letters as submitted. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed as presented.*

9. **Other Business**

- a. Commuter Options Between York and Baltimore - Mr. Musso, York City Council President & Mr. Steve Heffner, a business owner in the city, presented their idea of a light or commuter rail service from York City, linking to the lightrail in Hunt Valley. They know that light rail is expensive, but believe that commuter rail is a good way to create the link.

They believe that this will happen some day and we should be proactive instead of reactive. They believe we are already behind the ball on this now. From a City perspective, Mr. Musso noted that

it would be a great asset to have this service. This rail line would dump people in the heart of the city, near the new stadium and the City's historical district. From the City's perspective, this would be a wonderful addition and he also believes that the interest is there. They believe the rail is already in place, along the Rail Trail, from the Maryland line to York City. They have been working hard to promote the City, this line would be bringing people right into the heart of the City, it's historical attractions and the baseball stadium.

Mr. Bubb noted that the topic has been discussed many times over the years. It has been visited and revisited again and again. They are all for having light rail but don't believe it will work. Discussions with Maryland officials did not go well. Cooperation between Maryland and Pennsylvania would be required for something like this to happen, not to mention the cost of a project of the size. Funding is the main issue. We have projects that need to be done and we don't have enough funding to do them.

Representative Saylor noted that he met with Maryland officials and some residents of Maryland and the City and they were not interested at all in creating this link. He got the impression that there was not enough interest to warrant a project of this size and cost. A brief discussion ensued. Representative Saylor noted that we are seeing major complications with the Corridor One project. The cost is too tremendous and if the interest and ridership are not there, we can't justify a project of this size and cost.

Mr. Reilly added that no one at this table believes that building highways is going to help with the congestion issue. One of the reasons that we meet right here at rabbittransit the belief that multi-modal is the only way we will get through the congestion issue. Last year, rabbittransit started a service between York and Harrisburg which has been extremely successful. They are now looking at vanpools and other possible avenues to help with congestion issues in York County.

- b. Commissioner Kilgore introduced Michelle Renn. She is the intern in the Commissioner's Office for the summer. Ms. Dell gave Ms. Renn a brief background and description of the MPO.
- c. Mr. Bubb mentioned that the 12-Year Hearings of the Transportation Commission will be held here in York. We are looking for volunteers to speak on a topic. As in the past, we will not be doing a project-specific presentation. The hearings will be held September 6. We do not have a location at this time. Please see any of the staff if you have an interest in speaking on a specific topic.
- d. Mr. Hoffman had the following Other Business items:
 - He thanked York for the plaque presented to him relating to his upcoming retirement.
 - Today, at the York maintenance office, there will be a legislative briefing.
 - The Transportation Funding Report - discussions still continue regarding the privatization of the turnpike. Even if the turnpike is privatized, no new money would be coming from that for at least 18 months after the transaction. There's been a lot of discussion but there has been no real consensus on how to address the issue. Tolling of I-80 is now getting some traction. Routes 81 and 78 are not as prevalent.
 - There is discussion of a possible gas tax increase.

- There is also discussion of moving the State Police budget out up the state's transportation budget. We would then have to find the money from the general fund to pay for the state police service.
 - From everything he is hearing, don't plan on an adopted budget until August. It could get nasty. Transportation is not the only contentious issue and there are approximately 50 new legislators, so it could get interesting.
 - On a positive note, construction is happening. Improvements will be made. It is a very busy construction season.
 - They are having problems getting bids for the larger projects. There are not enough big contractors in the area to have a competitive bid process. They have discussed splitting the projects into smaller segments and advertising nationally. The other issue, if there is a crackdown on illegal aliens, many midwestern contractors will lose approximately one third of their workforce.
 - There has also been discussions on a user base fee per mile for people with hybrid vehicles.
- e. Mr. Adams added that there was a financial workgroup meeting. The financial guidelines will be distributed at the next planning partners meeting.
- f. Mr. Clark mentioned the Hollow Creek Greenway project. One million has been allotted to the project. They are now looking at \$1.3 to \$2 million for the actual project. They are considering canceling Phase II and using those funds to assist with Phase II. Mr. Clark will draft a letter and send it to the project sponsor.

On the topic of TE projects, Mr. Adams noted there would not be another round of Enhancement funding. We need the money to pay for projects already programmed.

- g. Mr. Clark noted that Matt Smoker will no longer be our representative for Federal Highway. Ms. Kathy Dimpsey will be our new representative. She will be attending the meetings coming up in June.

10. Next Meeting:

- Technical Committee - June 7, 2007 (To be held at Windsor Township Municipal Building)
- Coordinating Committee- June 28, 2007

11. Adjournment

There being no other business, Chairman Kilgore adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Hildebrecht
Recording Secretary

Attendance
York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Coordinating Committee Meeting
April 26, 2007

Voting Members (# of Votes)

Attended

PennDOT (2)

Central Office:

Alternates:

James Ritzman

Thomas TenEyck

Robert Hannigan

Walt Panko

Gary DeBerry

x

District 8-0 Office:

Alternates:

Barry Hoffman

Mike Gillespie

Terry Adams

x

x

York County (2)

Commissioners:

Alternate:

Lori Mitrick

Doug Kilgore, Chairman

x

York Planning Commission:

Alternate:

Terry Dunlap

Felicia Dell, Secretary

x

York City (1)

Representative:

Alternates:

John Brenner

Jim Gross

Kendra Hunter

x

York County Transportation Authority (1)

Chairman:

Alternates:

Raymond Rosen

Richard Farr

Jenna Reedy

x

Legislative Appointments (2)

Legislator:

Alternate:

Representative Stan Saylor

JoAnna Shovlin

x

x

Appointee:

Alternate:

Congressman Todd Platts

Bob Reilly

x

Advisory Members (0)

Federal Transit Admin:

Federal Highway Administration:

FAA-Harrisburg Airport:

Janet Kampf

Matt Smoker

Wayne Heiback

Other Planning Partners (0)

Adams County Planning

Capital City Airport:

Genessee & Wyoming, Inc.

Alternate:

Richard Schmoyer

David Spaulding

Kim Smith

Robert Grossman

Lancaster Co Planning Commission

Dave Royer

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

James Szyborski

Other Persons Attending (0)

City of York

B&E Electric Trains

Representative Saylor's Office

York County Planning Commission

Joe Musso

Steve Heffner

Mark Zerbe

Donald Bubb

Jeph Rebert

Will Clark

Heather Bitner

Beth Nidam

Joe Marczyk

Kelly Hildebrecht, Recording Secretary

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