

**YORK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COALITION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Opening Remarks:**

Co-Chair Representative Ron Miller opened the meeting at 9:12 a.m. with the pledge to the American Flag.

Representative Miller welcomed everyone to the 93<sup>th</sup> District, and introduced Mr. Pete Schnabel, Pres. of Borough Council.

Mr. Schnabel welcomed everyone to Shrewsbury Borough, highlighting the fact that they have restored/preserved this historical old school, using it for their municipal offices and EOC operation.

A self-introduction was conducted.

**Minutes - October 19, 2007 Meeting:**

The minutes from the October 19, 2007 were approved as submitted. Ms. Dell approved the minutes and Representative Gillespie seconded the motion.

**Election of New Co-Chairpersons**

Ms. Dell stated that the Coalition tries to maintain a balance in the Co-Chairmanship by electing a Democrat and a Republican to the offices. She stated that we have vacancies due to retirements that the Committee needs to fill. A brief discussion ensued.

Following the discussion, Ms. Dell made a motion to nominate Representative Eugene Depasquale (D) and Representative Stan Saylor (R) as the Co-Chairs for 2007 - 2008. There were no further nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schnabel, voted on and carried as stated.

**Presentation - The Pennsylvania Statewide Model and Pennsylvania Mobility Plan Presented by Mr. Brian Wall and Mr. Jeff Reed, PennDOT Central**

Mr. Gary DeBerry, PennDOT Central introduced Mr. Wall and Mr. Reed, also from PennDOT Central, noting that they have done a tremendous amount of work on this Plan and it is now ready for presentation.

Mr. Reed discussed the leading transportation changes from 2006 through 2030, stating that change is essential as demographics, markets, etc. are changing constantly. He stated they believe this Statewide Model and Mobility Plan will help to lead those 25 years of change in a pro-active way.

Mr. Reed discussed what the Plan is, the surveys that were taken, why it was developed, who was involved, the purpose and the content. They stated the content involves Vision, Goals, Objectives and Action and will help to better coordinate, creates a built in accountability and approach and is an adaptive Plan that can be flexibly adjusted to change. Mr. Reed and Mr. Wall discussed the Next Steps, and pointed out that more information can be found on their website at [www.pamobilityplan.com](http://www.pamobilityplan.com).

Mr. Wall discussed the Mobility Plan status, stating that is being reviewed by the Governor's office now, following a 30 year absence of any Statewide Model. He shared background on Model Structure, Travel Demand Model, Freight Model, Economic Impact Model, and Asset Condition Models. Mr. Wall highlighted four scenarios of the Mobility Plan: 1) System Preservation - Maintenance and Economical; 2) Penn Plan; 3) Operations; and No Build. He highlighted how the Models can be used as tools and how they can be adopted.

In closing Mr. Wall stated that one of the next steps will be the forming of Work Groups to utilize and advance the Model. Mr. Wall stated that Ms. Nidam, YCPC Transportation Planner, will be serving on one of those groups. They opened up the meeting for any questions or comments.

There were questions regarding the accuracy of the models and their ability to make predictions, key drive times, heavy congestion areas, and minor truck traffic growth. Ms. Dell asked how it will effect MPO's and how the Model could be used to shape funding policies. Mr. Wall stated he feels it will be one tool among many and he doesn't feel it will ever drive funding policies. Mr. Reed stated that we can no longer design our way out of traffic congestion. The question was asked what the cost will be of the Model. Mr. Wall stated that it will be a 3-year study costing approximately \$3.2 million to put the Plan together.

Representative Miller thanked Mr. Wall and Mr. Reed for their presentation.

### **Other Business**

- Topic Suggestions - Beth Nidam noted there were slips of paper on the sign in table for anyone to write down any topic suggestions or concerns to be discussed at future Coalition meetings. She stated she would appreciate any suggestions.
- Twelve-Year State Transportation Commission Hearings - Don Bubb highlighted the memo, at the sign in table, regarding info about the 2007 Hearings. He noted that our MPO will be hosting them this year. Mr. Bubb stated they will take place somewhere in York County. He stated York County needs to make a presentation at the Hearings and encouraged the Coalition to let him know about any suggestions or topics that could be presented at those Hearings. Also, we will need a list of persons who would be interested in making a presentation before the July meeting.
- Route 30 Task Force update - Heather Bitner discussed safety on Route 30. She stated that in August the Chamber of Commerce put together a Route 30 Safety Committee and starting

meeting in September and every month since. Ms. Bitner stated that York County has been involved in fact finding for those meetings. She stated they have looked at four different sections of York County; east, signalized, urban limited and west. Included were three Chiefs of Police to discuss enforcement and education issues. The findings of the report is that driver actions result in the majority of crashes on Rt. 30. The report is being finalized and will be presented to the York County Chamber of Commerce Board.

- Long Range Transportation Plan update - Beth Nidam informed the Committee that Sunday's newspaper will have a press release regarding the March Madness Survey in addition this survey is available on the YCPC website and hard copies can be obtained from the Planning Commission office.
- Mr. Bob Reilly noted some good financial news from the House Transportation Committee. He stated that when they got together to reorganize and were asked to identify major project priorities in their District, Congressman Platts identified I-83, Exits 18 and 19 as major projects with low clearance bridges. Within 24 hours we found out that when we got the funding for that a few years ago there was a mistake where they allocated the wrong amount of dollars. As a result, we will receive \$418,000, but they needed to name a project for the funds and do it quickly. Mr. Reilly stated they did so and it went through the District and it went through House, if it gets through the Senate we will have those funds for that project.
- Mr. Bubb stated the Eberts Lane and Sherman Street bridges over I-83 are moving ahead, with a timetable of 2009. He stated these bridges are low clearance bridges, as well.

**Next Meeting:**

Representative Ron Miller's 93<sup>rd</sup> District stated the next meeting will be May 17, 2007 in the 47<sup>th</sup> District, location to be announced.

**Adjournment:**

There being no additional business, Representative Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean Ball  
Recording Secretary

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**ATTENDANCE**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>
Representative Ron Miller	93 <sup>rd</sup> Legislative District
Representative Keith Gillespie	47 <sup>th</sup> Legislative District
Bob Reilly	Congressman Todd Platts's Office
Nadine Hubner	Senator Waugh's Office
JoAnna Shovlin	Representative Saylor's Office
Mark Zebre	Representative Saylor's Office
Jack Potter	Representative Nickol's Office
Missy Werner	Representative Miller's Office
Tom Metz	Representative Miller's Office
Shane Koller	Representative Miller's Office
Heather Hallman	Representative Mackereth's Office
Gary M. DeBerry	PennDOT Central
Peter Schnabel	Shrewsbury Borough
Earl Schuckman	Shrewsbury Township
Barbara Moose	Commissioner Kilgore's Office
Tom Brant	York County Parks
Dan Brady	Hanover Chamber of Commerce
Jim Phipps	Verizon North Inc.
Felicia Dell	York County Planning Commission
Joe Heffner	York County Planning Commission
Don Bubb	York County Planning Commission
Jeph Rebert	York County Planning Commission
Heather Bitner	York County Planning Commission
Beth Nidam	York County Planning Commission
Joe Marczyk	York County Planning Commission
Jean Ball, Recording Secretary	York County Planning Commission