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Erie MPO Coordinating Committee

April 12, 2006 Minutes

A meeting of the Erie MPO Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 10:00 AM at the Erie Intermodal Transportation Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 208 East Bayfront Parkway, Erie, PA.

Those in attendance were:

Name

Representing

Voting Members / Alternates:

Tom Hoffman	Millcreek Township / MPO Chairman
Jake Welsh	Erie County / MPO Secretary
Bob Hannigan	PENNDOT Central Office
Bill Petit	PENNDOT District 1-0
Ed Kissell	City of Erie
Jon Tushak	City of Erie
John Elliott	City of Erie
Israel Gray	City of Erie
Dick Gebhardt	City of Erie
Dan Harmon	City of Erie
Marlin Coon	Summit Twp
Lorene McGuire	Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Tom Maggio	Erie-Western PA Port Authority
Mark Corey	Township Association
Richard McGuire	Borough Association

Coordinating Committee Voting Members represented – 14 of 21; quorum present

Guests:

Margaret Dutkowski	U.S. Senator Santorum's Office
Carm Camillo	State Senator Earll's Office
Sandy Webber	State Representative Good's Office
Teresa Koon	State Representative Evan's Office
Deborah Gallagher	State Representative Sonney's Office
Kevin McCullough	PENNDOT
Mariah Hanson	PENNDOT
Erin Wiley	PENNDOT

Deborah Schreckengost
Rick Morris
Tim DeSanto

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Millcreek Twp
Urban Engineers, Inc

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Mr. Hoffman called the meeting to order, and attendees introduced themselves.

2. February 1, 2006 Meeting Minutes – MPO Approval

Mr. Hoffman asked that the committee members review the meeting minutes. Being no comments or corrections noted; Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Coon made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. Gebhardt and approved unanimously.

3. 2005 TIP Amendments – MPO Approval

Mr. McCullough reviewed (a handout of) several Highway/Bridge TIP Administrative Actions for March/April 2006, involving the transfer of RR line item funds to individual RR crossing projects, noting that the changes are considered administrative actions, not requiring a formal vote by the Committee.

Mr. McCullough also reviewed several amendments for April 2006, involving the transfer of unused local bridge funds from the 38th St Br project to add three new local bridge projects (State St, McBride Viaduct, Norman Way), and also the addition of the Seaway Trail - Shades Beach Park project to 2006, with funding (\$500k) awarded from the FHWA Scenic Byway Program.

Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the proposed amendments. Mr. Welsh made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. Elliott and approved unanimously.

4. Transportation Enhancements/Hometown Streets/Safe Routes to School Program

Mr. Welsh reviewed a handout of the 2005/06 TE/HTS/SR2S applications recommended for funding by the MPO, with the requested Federal funds totaling \$2.2 million; the funds allocated to the MPO total approximately \$1.5 million.

There was discussion regarding the status of the existing/previously approved TE projects, with PENNDOT mentioning that sponsors would be notified by letter to provide updated progress reports, and a possible loss of funding could occur if there has been no activity on the project for more than a year.

5. 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – MPO Approval

Mr. Welsh reviewed a handout of the draft 2007-2010 Highway TIP, which includes funding and phasing for highway and bridge projects to be undertaken in the next four years in Erie

County. Discussion followed regarding several projects including, the airport-associated projects and Peach/I90 interchange. Ms. McGuire reviewed (a handout of) the draft Transit TIP, highlighting various projects.

Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the draft 2007-2010 Highway and Transit TIP's. Mr. McGuire made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. Dahl and approved unanimously.

6. 2006-2007 Erie MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Welsh provided a brief update on the status of the 2006-2007 Erie MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) document which is prepared and adopted annually by the MPO under the Federal guidelines for the metropolitan transportation planning process. He noted that the document has received preliminary approval from PENNDOT and is being reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration for their approval, with work activities starting in July.

7. 2006 Local Bridge Line Item

Mr. Welsh indicated that there was a formal request from the City of Erie for local bridge funds to be transferred into three separate projects, noting that the funds were transferred from pre-existing (unspent) bridge funding for the 38th Street bridge project, and that the request was included in the 2005 TIP amendments presented earlier in the agenda and already approved.

8. Other Business / Public Comment

Mr. Welsh noted that the US 19 Study recommendations were being finalized to be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. Welsh asked if there was interest in facilitating/attending a bike/ped workshop sometime in the summer for MPO members, municipal officials and other interested parties. There was a positive response, and he indicated that the MPO would set up/sponsor the workshop.

There was discussion on the ongoing/proposed development around the I79/Rt6N interchange and surrounding area, and the suggestion for a land use / transportation study to identify needed improvements based on future growth. PENNDOT indicated that they were requesting funds for the study but haven't been approved yet.

9. Next Meeting / Adjournment

Mr. Welsh noted that the next meeting dates for the Erie MPO Technical and Coordinating Committees were June 21 and July 19, respectively.

A motion was made to adjourn; was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.