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Erie MPO Coordinating Committee

August 2, 2006 Minutes

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

1. Call to Order / Introductions

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

Those in attendance were:

Name	Representing
<u>Voting Members / Alternates:</u>	
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
Dick Gebhardt	City of Erie
Bill Buseck	City of Erie
Gerry Dahl	City of Corry
Dave Bossart	Harborcreek Township
Marlin Coon	Summit Township
Dennis Solensky	Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Ray Schreckengost	Erie-Western PA Port Authority
Mark Corey	Township Association
Richard McGuire	Borough Association

Coordinating Committee Voting Members represented – 15 of 21; quorum present

Guests:

Howard Brush	Governor's Office
Josh Snyder	US Senator Arlen Specter's Office
Sandy Webber	State Representative Good's Office

Tom Renshaw	Lawrence Park Township
Don Hall	PENNDOT
Susan Roach	PENNDOT
Kevin McCullough	PENNDOT
Mariah Hanson	PENNDOT
Erin Wiley	PENNDOT
Deborah Schreckengost	PENNDOT
Frank Cavataio	PENNDOT
Rick Morris	Millcreek Twp
Lorene McGuire	EMTA
Mike Will	EMTA
Kevin R. Molloy	ECCCA
Eric Rensel	Gannett Fleming
Ross Buchan	Gannett Fleming
Charity Stover	Urban Engineers, Inc
Kelly Phillips	McCormick-Taylor
Dave Sterrett	HRG Engineers, Summit Twp, Girard Twp
Mark Kukla	CZOP/ Specter Inc.

2. April 12, 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. Schreckengost made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. Buseck and approved unanimously.

3. 2005 TIP Amendments – MPO Approval

Mr. McCullough reviewed several amendments for July / August 2006, involving the transfer of funds from UTL and RW from the Asbury & 12th / Peninsula & 26th project to RW for the Asbury Road Widening/Intersections project.

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

4. 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – MPO Approval

Mr. Welsh reviewed several elements of the Erie MPO 2007 Transportation Improvement Program required for MPO approval prior to submittal to the PENNDOT Program Center. Mr. Welsh briefly described the public outreach / environmental justice activities conducted during the mandatory 30-day public review and comment period, noting that all the documents being acted on were available for review during the 30-day public review and comment period, and that no comments were received during that period. Descriptions of the documents requiring approval followed:

Air Quality Resolution - Mr. Welsh briefly described the content/intent of the resolution; which certifies that the Erie MPO planning process and 2007 TIP are in compliance with all air quality mandates/standards.

Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the Air Quality Resolution for the Erie MPO 2007 TIP. Mr. Gebhardt made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. Schreckengost and approved unanimously.

Self-Certification Resolution - Mr. Welsh briefly described the intent of the resolution; which certifies that the Erie MPO planning process for the 2007 TIP is in compliance with all Federal and state transportation planning requirements.

Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the Self-Certification Resolution for the Erie MPO 2007 TIP. Mr. Buseck made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. Bossart and approved unanimously.

TIP Administrative Procedures - Mr. Welsh briefly described the intent of the procedures; which outline the organizational / administrative processes to approve/adopt revisions to projects in the 2007 TIP.

Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the Administrative Procedures for the Erie MPO 2007 TIP. Mr. Gebhardt made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. McGuire and approved unanimously.

2007 Highway & Transit TIP's - Mr. Welsh asked for comments on the 2007 Highway & Transit TIP's, sent to all voting members previously, noting again that the documents were made available for a 30-day public review and comment period, and that no comments were received during that period. Mr. Petit made several comments in regards to the Economic Development Line Item, indicating his support for the line item funding. No other comments were registered.

Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the 2007 Highway and Transit TIP's. Mr. Schreckengost made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. Coon and approved unanimously.

Note: The Erie MPO 2007 TIP documents can be viewed through the County's website at: <http://www.eriecountyplanning.org/Transportation/TIP.htm>

5. Presentation – Erie Shipbuilding

Mr. Schreckengost provided a PowerPoint presentation describing the Erie Shipbuilding Facility on the Bayfront. Mr. Schreckengost commented on several aspects of the economic development benefits of the operation to the area, and also discussed the need for direct rail access to the site to accommodate the delivery/shipping of materials. He distributed a drawing illustrating a proposed rail spur to the site, and asked that the MPO consider supporting a possible funding request for the project. Mr. Petit noted that possible project funding sources are currently being investigated by the District office.

6. Presentation – 26th Street CCIP Project

Mr. Rensel of Gannett-Fleming provided a PowerPoint presentation on the recently completed Congested Corridor Improvement Program (CCIP) Study of the 26th Street

corridor through the City of Erie, funded/sponsored by PENNDOT. The presentation included a description of the corridor limits, study methodology and analysis results, and also immediate, short term and long term recommendations. It was suggested that a website/link be established to view the presentation and study recommendations. The information can be viewed at: <http://www.eriecountyplanning.org/Transportation/specialstudies.htm>

7. Presentation – EMTA

Mr. Solensky provided a PowerPoint presentation on the recently completed Planning Studies prepared for EMTA. The presentation included discussion on the analysis, findings, and recommendations for a new Service Route Plan for EMTA's fixed-route service and the results of the Facility Needs Analysis for the both the EMTA fixed-route and LIFT paratransit services of the transit agency. Copies of both reports are available for viewing at the planning department office.

8. Other Business / Public Comment

Local Bridge Line Item Request - Mr. Welsh indicated that Girard Township submitted a request for the MPO to transfer funds from the Local Bridge Line Item for the Final Design, Right-of-Way, and Utilities phases for the Elk Park Road Bridge (T-544) replacement project. PENNDOT District 1-0 staff indicated the current project status is being reviewed and the exact funding amounts and placement in the TIP will be determined.

Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the request contingent upon the District 1-0 determination of exact funding and placement in the TIP. Mr. Bossart made the motion; the motion was seconded by Mr. Buseck and approved unanimously.

9. Next Meeting / Adjournment

Mr. Welsh noted that the next meeting dates for the Erie MPO Technical and Coordinating Committees were October 18 (changed to Oct 25) and November 15, respectively.

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