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**Erie MPO Coordinating Committee**  
**February 14, 2007 Minutes**

A meeting of the Erie MPO Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the Erie Intermodal Transportation Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 208 East Bayfront Parkway, Erie, PA.

Those in attendance were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
<u>Voting Members / Alternates:</u>	
Jake Welsh	Erie County / MPO Secretary
Bob Hannigan	PENNDOT Central Office
William Petit	PENNDOT
Kim Green	City of Erie
Jon Tushak	City of Erie
John Elliott	City of Erie
Ed Kissell	City of Erie
Richard Morris	Millcreek Township
Marlin Coon	Summit Township
Don Button	Erie Municipal Airport Authority
Lorene McGuire	Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Julia Eagles	Erie-Western PA Port Authority
Richard McGuire	Borough Association

Coordinating Committee Voting Members represented – 13 of 21; quorum present

Guests:

David Mitchell	Erie County Council
Dan Walston	PENNDOT
Mike DePaolo	PENNDOT
Brian Smith	PENNDOT
Scott K. Young	PENNDOT
David Sterrett	Summit Township
David Anthony	Washington Township

Bob Cronmiller  
Jim Carroll  
Ron Desser  
Charity Stover  
Jacob Boyle

Erie Resident  
Erie Times News  
ECCCA  
Urban Engineers  
Erie County Planning Dept.

### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Jake Welsh called the meeting to order, and attendees introduced themselves.

### **2. Election of Officers**

Jake Welsh announced the newly elected Chair, Tom Hoffman and Vice-Chair, Dave Bossart as voted on at last month's Technical Committee. Marlin Coon made the motion to approve new officers; John Elliot seconded the motion; motion was approved.

### **3. Approval of November 15, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Jake Welsh asked that the committee members review the meeting minutes. Being no changes or comments Mr. Welsh asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dick McGuire made the motion to approve minutes; Rick Morris seconded the motion; motion was approved.

### **4. 2007 TIP Amendments**

Dan Walston reviewed TIP amendments made at the January TC meeting and asked for an amendment for Peach Street at I-90 interchange. The addition of preliminary engineering will require the project to be reevaluated. Mr. Walston asked for a motion to approve. Marlin Coon made the motion to approve; Lorene McGuire seconded the motion; motion was approved.

### **5. 2007-2008 UPWP**

Jacob Boyle announced that the entire 2007-2008 UPWP document is available for review on the County Planning Website. Topics include plans and programs; project development and delivery; and data collection. Also included is a request for Supplemental Funds for a special study for the US 6N corridor located from the I-79 interchange east through Edinboro Borough to Kline Road. Discussed were funding and sources of funding available for this project. Also mentioned was how input from the public at meetings can be very productive. A request was made to

approve the 2007-2008 UPWP. John Elliot made the motion to approve the UPWP; Dick McGuire seconded the motion; motion was approved.

## **6. 2030 LRTP Update**

Jake Welsh discussed the deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup> for all regional long range plans to be in compliance with SAFTEA-LU and the general status of the Erie plan update.

Charity Stover explained that the 2000 base year for the traffic model was nearly 100% calibrated and will soon begin the analysis of the 2030. Ms. Stover also stated that all the chapters for the plan report document have been updated based on the available data and has been submitted to the county for Planning Department initial review.

Ms. Stover also stated they were on track for completing all technical updates by mid-March and anticipate submitting the final draft by mid-April.

## **7. Public Participation Plan**

Jacob Boyle discussed the Public Participation Plan (PPP) to be adopted by the MPO for future planning activities, and noted that the draft is available for review on the Planning Dept website. We will be seeking public comment on the PPP document concurrently with the LRTP update.

## **8. TE/SRTS/HTS**

Jacob Boyle responded to the request from the committee last month to look into the current Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects. Mr. Boyle stated that all projects seemed to be in good shape, however, there are a few who may be in need of additional funds:

1. Corry Rail Trail, it was suggested to them that they may be able to secure Additional funds through DCNR;
2. Wattsburg Hometown Streets, funding of approximately \$50,000 they were relying on from legislature has fallen through leaving them without an additional source to start pre-construction tasks; and
3. There is a question as to whether or not a Union City project is on track but Mr. Boyle was unable to reach anyone for comment.

A discussion took place on how to keep updated on the progression of projects. It was suggested that quarterly reports be required from the local TE sponsors. This may help with keeping projects on schedule and aid in the awareness of any problems that may arise.

It was also stated that PENNDOT is not currently accepting any new TE Program applications. A discussion followed as to whether or not it was possible to substitute project money, taking money from a stalled/dead project and reassigning it to a project short on funds or a new project and then replacing the money when rounds open again. It was also suggested that the committee follow the same procedure as they currently do with the local bridge program.

Jake Welsh stated that the TE Program is still in a state of flux, and it will continue to be reviewed by the Technical Committee at future meetings.

## **9. Other Business/Public Comment**

Jake Welsh stated that the MPO received a correspondence from Congressman Phil English soliciting requests for 2008 appropriations funds. Mr. Welsh stated that the district office was contacted to discuss which projects may be good candidates for a funding request, and discussion followed. A motion to submit the Corry Traffic Signal Project was made by John Elliot; Jake Welsh seconded the motion; motion was approved.

## **10. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The next Technical Committee meeting is set for April 18, 2007 and the next Coordinating Committee meeting is set for May 16, 2007.

A motion was made for the meeting to be adjourned; motion was seconded; meeting was adjourned.