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**ERIE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY • METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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**Erie MPO Coordinating Committee  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Minutes**

A meeting of the Erie MPO Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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>	
David Bossart	Harborcreek Township / MPO Vice-Chair
Jake Welsh	Erie County / MPO Secretary
Bob Hannigan	PENNDOT Central Office
Don Hall	PENNDOT Dist 1-0
John Tushak	City of Erie
Ed Kissell	City of Erie
Dick Gebhardt	City of Erie
Dan Harman	City of Erie
Gerry Dahl	City of Corry
Marlin Coon	Summit Township
Rick Morris	Millcreek Township
Tom Renshaw	Lawrence Park Township
Lorene McGuire	Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Julia Eagles	Erie-Western PA Port Authority
Richard McGuire	Borough Association

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

Guests:

Howard Brush	Governors Office
Rhonda Cobert	Representative Hornaman's Office
Janet Anderson	Senator Earll's Office
Teresa Koon	Representative Evans' Office
David Mitchell	Erie County Council
Dan Walston	FHWA
Kevin McCullough	PENNDOT Central Office
Kristin Egresits	PENNDOT Central Office
Mariah Hanson	PENNDOT Dist 1-0
Erin Wiley	PENNDOT Dist 1-0

Deborah Casadei  
Scott K. Young  
Ed Lesser  
Casey Wells  
Bob Skarada  
John Morgan

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PENNDOT Erie County  
Erie Area COG  
ECCCA  
NW Planning Commission  
Erie County Department of Planning

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

David Bossart called the meeting to order, and attendees introduced themselves.

### **2. Hearing of the Public**

None

### **3. Approval of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Minutes**

David Bossart asked that the committee members review the meeting minutes. Being no changes or comments, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dick Gebhardt made the motion; Marlin Coon seconded it; and the motion was approved.

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

Kristin Egresits provided an overview of a Fiscal Constraint Chart handed out to the committee that outlined minor dollar changes for projects on the TIP. It was noted that these were administrative changes not requiring MPO approval, only notification.

### **5. 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan – 2007 Update**

Mr. Welsh informed the members that the adoption of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan – 2007 Update was approved at the July 18<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee meeting by a quorum of Coordinating Committee members, and provided a recap of the adoption process that the MPO has followed over the last several months.

He noted that the Plan is available online, and that CD's and hardcopies will be prepared for those who request it.

## **6. 2009 Twelve Year Transportation Program**

Mr. Welsh reviewed the status of the upcoming STC hearing, explaining that a final agenda has been drafted and provided a short-list of speakers that will each focus on a theme that relates to an aspect of the County's Transportation Plan. Discussion followed on the themes being presented.

## **7. Other Business**

### US 6N Corridor Study –

Mr. Welsh provided an overview of the status of the 6N Study; noting that a consultant has been selected, and various background analyses were currently being worked on. Discussion followed.

### Transportation Enhancement Program –

John Morgan briefly updated the committee on the status of the Transportation Enhancement Program projects. He explained that project sponsors have been contacted and quarterly progress reports have been requested from each.

Dave Bossart and Mark Corey described the status of the Harborcreek Streetscape project; asking that the MPO approve a scope change to allow for the specifying of several elements. A motion was made by Ed Kissell and seconded by Gerry Dahl, to approve a modification in the scope contingent on its eligibility with PennDOT guidelines. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Casey Wells, Executive Director of the Erie County Convention Center Authority spoke about the MPO TE grant for the Convention Center Public Access project. He reported that bids came in and they were significantly over budget. Casey indicated that the Authority is committing an additional \$300,000 toward the cost increase and stated that an additional \$235,000 is needed to cover the total cost, and asked that the MPO consider approving additional TE funds for the project. Discussion took place about the bids and possible alternatives to address scope and budget issues.

A motion was made by Ed Kissell and seconded by Jon Tushak to transfer \$118,000 from the TE line item and ask for an additional \$117,000 in discretionary dollars. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### RELCO –

Dave Bossart provided a brief update on the status of the project, stating that Thayer, the company designing retrofit equipment for the existing system to replace broken receivers and transmitters, has stopped their effort. It was suggested that the remaining existing equipment could be removed from some locations and streamlined into designated "emergency response corridors" throughout the County.

## **8. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The next Technical Committee meeting was noted for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and the next Coordinating Committee meeting for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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