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ERIE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY • METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Erie MPO Coordinating Committee

May 16, 2007 Minutes

A meeting of the Erie MPO Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 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
William Petit	PENNDOT Dist 1-0
William Buseck	City of Erie
John Elliott	City of Erie
Ed Kissell	City of Erie
Dan Harmon	City of Erie
Gerry Dahl	City of Corry
Marlin Coon	Summit Township
Tom Renshaw	Lawrence Park Township
Don Button	Erie Municipal Airport Authority
Lorene McGuire	Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Julia Eagles	Erie-Western PA Port Authority
Richard McGuire	Borough Association
Mark Corey	Township Association

Coordinating Committee Voting Members represented – 16 of 21; quorum present

Guests:

Rhonda Cobert	Representative Hornaman's Office
Janet Anderson	Senator Earll's Office
David Mitchell	Erie County Council
Phil Scrimenti	DCED
Kevin McCullough	PENNDOT
Mariah Hanson	PENNDOT
Erin Wiley	PENNDOT
Don Hall	PENNDOT

Deborah Casadei	PENNDOT
Tom Strosser	PENNDOT
Jason Sayers	City of Erie
Richard Morris	Millcreek Township
David Sterrett	Summit Township
Ed Lesser	Erie Area COG
Bill Welch	Sierra Club
Bob Cronmiller	Erie Resident
Jim Carroll	Erie Times News
Charity Stover	Urban Engineers

1. Call to Order / Introductions

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

2. Hearing of the Public

Mr. Hoffman asked if there were any comments from the public. Mr. Welch from the Sierra Club asked several questions to PENNDOT regarding traffic signage and resurfacing issues on I-79 and I-86; mentioning de-signing concepts in Europe and road surface degradation. Discussion followed.

3. Approval of February 14, 2007 Minutes

Mr. Hoffman asked that the committee members review the meeting minutes. Being no changes or comments, Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Coon made the motion; Mr. Buseck seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

4. 2007 TIP Amendments

Mr. McCullough reviewed several Highway/Bridge TIP Administrative Actions taken from March and April of 2007, as outlined in a handout. Mr. McCullough then reviewed several proposed Highway/Bridge & Transit TIP Amendments, as outlined in another handout, requiring approval from the MPO. Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Renshaw made the motion; Mr. Button seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

5. 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan – 2007 Update

Mr. Welsh discussed the general status of the Erie LRTP update and reviewed several elements of the plan requiring approval by the MPO.

Erie County Long Range Transportation Plan – 2007 Update

Mr. Welsh asked for comments on the Draft 2030 LRTP document that has been under review, noting that once the draft document is approved by the MPO, it can then be advertised for the 30-day public comment period required prior to formal adoption of the final plan.

Discussion followed on several topics, including: various project recommendations in the plan, anticipated growth areas in the County, and the relationship with local land use controls such as zoning ordinances.

No substantive revisions were suggested for the draft document, however, it was noted that a final revision needed to be made to the plan involving updating the dollar amounts in the project recommendation and fiscal constraint tables in chapters five and six to adjust for inflation in future years. The updated tables would then be sent to the voting members for their review and approval. Once approved, the Plan would be advertised for public comment.

Erie MPO Public Participation Plan

Mr. Welsh distributed and provided a brief overview of the document, which had previously been advertised for public comment and reviewed by the voting members. Being no changes or comments, Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the Erie MPO Public Participation Plan. Mr. Dahl made the motion; Mr. Kissell seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

Mr. Welsh distributed and provided a brief overview of the document, which had previously been advertised for public comment and reviewed by the voting members. Being no changes or comments, Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. Mr. Welsh made the motion; Mr. Buseck seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

6. Other Business

2007-08 UPWP - US 6N Corridor Study

Mr. Welsh provided an update on the status of the project, stating that the proposals received were currently being evaluated and that a consultant will be selected based on the recommendation of the review committee.

Air Quality Resolution

Mr. Welsh provided an overview of the resolution, stating that it certified that the MPO is following all applicable requirements regarding air quality standards. Mr. Hoffman

asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Kissell made the motion; Mr. Hannigan seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

7. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next Technical Committee meeting was noted for July 18, 2007 and the next Coordinating Committee meeting for August 15, 2007.

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

Erie MPO Technical Committee
July 18, 2007 Meeting

A meeting of the Erie MPO Technical Committee was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the Erie Intermodal Transportation Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 208 East Bayfront Parkway, Erie, PA.

A portion of the meeting agenda required that the Coordinating Committee reconvene in order to formally adopt the Erie County Long Range Transportation Plan – 2007 Update.

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4. Adoption of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan – 2007 Update

Mr. Welsh provided an overview of the status of the adoption process for the LRTP document, which had previously been reviewed by the voting members.

It was noted that after the May 16, 2007 Coordinating Committee meeting, the final revisions to the document were made (dollar figure updates to the project and fiscal constraint tables) and distributed to the voting members via e-mail and posted on the planning department website. A quorum of the voting members subsequently approved the final draft on June 14, 2007.

The document was advertised for the required 30-day public review and comment period on June 15, 2007 (see attached public notice). The public notice was also sent to all Erie County municipalities and Community Action - Neighborhood Development Organizations. Mr. Welsh reported that no comments were received during that period and no comments were received at the July 12, 2007 public meeting held to discuss the plan, indicating that the public involvement requirements were now satisfied. Mr. Welsh then asked if there were any additional comments from those present.

Being no comments, Mr. Hoffman asked for a motion to approve the Erie County Long Range Transportation Plan – 2007 Update. Mr. Wittenberg made the motion; Mr. Renshaw seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Erie County Department of Planning, on behalf of the Erie Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (Erie MPO) and County of Erie, in cooperation with PENNDOT and other area transportation stakeholders, has recently completed the final draft of an update to the Erie County 2030 Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP outlines the region's transportation planning priorities to the year 2030, and identifies major projects to be undertaken in Erie County within that timeframe. In accordance with Federal guidelines for the development of such transportation programs, a 30-day public review / comment period is required to be held prior to formal adoption of the document by the Erie MPO.

Copies of the draft document are available for review by contacting the Erie County Department of Planning, Erie County Court House - Room 119, 140 West Sixth Street, Erie, PA 16501, phone number (814) 451-6336, website address <http://www.eriecountyp Planning.org>.

A Public Meeting / Open House to discuss this document will be held on Thursday July 12th at 7:00 PM at the Blasco Memorial Library Admiral Room, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA 16507, by the Erie County Department of Planning, at which time the public will have an additional opportunity to register comments.

A meeting of the Erie MPO Coordinating Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at the Erie Intermodal Transportation Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 208 East Bayfront Parkway, Erie, PA 16507. The meeting agenda includes formal adoption of the Erie County 2030 Transportation Plan update.

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