

Erie MPO Coordinating Committee

July 16, 2008 Minutes

A meeting of the Erie MPO Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the Erie Intermodal Transportation Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 208 East Bayfront Parkway, Erie, PA.

Those in attendance were:

Organization	Representative	Alternate
PennDOT Central	Bob Hannigan	Kristen Egresits
PennDOT D 1-0	William Petit	
Erie County		Jake Welsh
City of Erie	Dick Gebhardt	
City of Erie	Brenda Sandberg	
City of Erie	Jon Tushak	
City of Erie		Kim Green
City of Erie		Ed Kissell
City of Erie		Dana Beck
City of Corry		Gerry Dahl
Fairview Township		
Harborcreek Township		
Lawrence Park Township	Tom Renshaw	
Millcreek Township	Thomas Hoffman	Rick Morris
Summit Township	Marlin Coon	
Wesleyville Borough		
Association of Boroughs		
Association of Townships	Mark Corey	
EWPPA		Julia Eagles
EMTA		Lorene McGuire
ERAA		

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

Guests	Organization
Deborah Gabriel	PennDOT
David Mitchell	County Council
Janet Anderson	Sen. Earll's Office
Deborah Casadei	PennDOT
Lisa Baumgardner	County Resident
Adam Kupfer	Urban Engineers
Erin Wiley-Moyers	PennDOT D-1
Mariah Hanson	PennDOT D-1
Deborah Gallagher	Rep. Sonney's Office
Peter Nye	Wesleyville Boro
John Morgan	ECDP

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Chairman Tom Hoffman called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

2. Hearing of the Public

None.

3. Approval of May 14, 2008 Minutes

The Chairman asked for the membership to review the minutes.

Dick Gebhardt moved to approve the minutes. Marlin Coon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. 2007 TIP Modifications

Kristin Egrisits provided an overview of the Fiscal Constraint Chart presented to the Committee that outlined changes to the 2007 TIP. There were two administrative actions and four amendments.

The first amendment would add a \$250,000 Final Design phase (FD), a \$100,000 Utility phase (UTIL), and a \$45,000 Right of Way phase (ROW) to the Corry Traffic Signals project (MPMS 73771) in 2008 by shifting \$395,000 from the Construction (CON) phase of the project.

The second amendment would add RW and UTIL phases for six new Act 44 bridge projects and add \$701,000 to the CON phase of the Peninsula-Chestnut project (MPMS 82880) in 2008 by shifting \$851,000 from the CON phase of the Clark Rd Bridge over I-90 project (MPMS 82966).

The third amendment would add a \$50,000 UTIL and a \$50,000ROW phase for the Bridge St./Bentley Run Bridge project (MPMS 721) in 2008 by shifting \$100,000 from the CON phase of the SR2019 over Lilley run bridge project (MPMS 81428).

The fourth amendment would add a \$200,000 Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to the US 20 Bridge over Turkey Creek project (MPMS 74593) in 2008 by shifting \$200,000 from the CON phase of the Clark Rd. Bridge over I-90 project (MPMS 82966).

Gerry Dahl moved to approve the four amendments. Bob Hannigan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Adoption of the 2009 TIP

Jake Welsh and John Morgan presented the 2009 TIP Submittal Package to the Committee for approval. The package included the following:

- Air Quality Resolution
- Self-Certification Resolution
- TIP Administrative Procedures
- 2009 Highway & Transit TIPs

Mr. Welsh and Mr. Morgan reviewed the documents with the committee. Ed Kissell questioned whether the proposed Tires-to-Energy Plant was considered as part of the Air Quality Conformity Report. Bill Petit explained that only projects listed on the TIP are considered in the Air Quality analysis.

Bill Petit moved to approve the 2009 TIP and the included documents. Marlin Coon seconded the motion. The motion passed with one vote against on the basis of lack of clarity in the Air Quality Resolution.

6. Presentation: US6N Land Use & Transportation Corridor Study

Jake Welsh presented the results of the US 6N Study. The final report is yet to be published, however the Power-Point presentation given by Mr. Welsh was produced by the consultant and contains the final recommendations. Recommendations included intersection improvements, road widening, shoulder enhancements, and the installation of sidewalks and a multi-use bike trail. The presentation is available at the Erie County Department of Planning's Office in RM 119 of the Erie County Courthouse. The Final Report is expected in August.

Following the presentation County Councilman Dave Mitchell suggested that Edinboro Borough and Washington Township should be contacted and encouraged to apply for Federal Safe Routes to School funds to install the sidewalks and bike trails recommended in the study.

7. TAC By-Laws Subcommittee Report:

John Morgan presented the TAC By-Laws Subcommittee's recommendation for the TAC to review.

The discussion focused on a proposed membership change to the Erie MPO Coordinating Committee. The Sub-Committee recommended the City of Erie's membership to be reduced from 6 to 4, Millcreek Twp's membership to be increased from 1 to 2, and The Erie County Association of Township Officials (ECATO) representation to be increased from 1 to 2.

Kim Green informed the Committee that the City objected to being reduced to 4 members, but would agree to a reduction to 5 members.

Dave Mitchell stated the importance of ECATO receiving an additional member, as outlined in the proposed by-laws, in order to have countywide representation on the Coordinating Committee.

Rick Morris stated that Millcreek Twp, as the seconded most populated municipality in the county and having nearly half the population of the City of Erie, should have an additional member to have comparable representation to the City.

Bill Petit suggested the City be reduced to 5 members and the Coordinating Committee be increased from 21 members to 22 members to accommodate both ECATO and Millcreek Twp.

Ed Kissell suggested the City retain 6 members and the Coordinating Committee be increased from 21 members to 23 to accommodate ECATO and Millcreek Twp.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the By-laws subcommittee recommendation as amended to reflect the Erie-6, Millcreek-2, Township Association-2 membership change under Article III.

Dick Gebhardt moved for approval. Jon Tushak seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. Other Business

Bayfront Convention Center Concerns

Ed Kissell requested that PennDOT review landscaping issues at the Bayfront Convention Center. During a windstorm, numerous trees were blown over.

Accelerated bridge Program

Bill Petit reviewed the Governor's Accelerated Bridge Program and its affect on the 2009 TIP. There are over 140 Structurally Deficient Bridges in PennDOT District 1-0 that need to be revitalized or replaced in the next three years. 47 will be completed by June 2009. Of those 47, 12 are located in Erie County.

Federal Safe Routes to School

Robert Hannigan requested that members encourage any possible project sponsors to submit applications for the Federal Safe Routes to School program.

9. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The Committee agreed to cancel the August 13, 2008 Coordinating Committee Meeting.

The next Coordinating Committee meeting will be held November 19, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15