

Northern Tier RPO Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 14, 2020
10AM – 10:45 PM
Northern Tier Office (Conference Call)
Towanda, PA

Attendance:

Brian Baker, Northern Tier
Katie Prichard, Northern Tier
Frank Thompson, Northern Tier
Bob Getz, Sullivan County
Mark Hamilton, Tioga County Commissioner
Kaye Aumick, Tioga County
Carey Mullins, PennDOT Central Office
Michael Gismondi, PennDOT Central Office
Justin Batiuk, PennDOT District 3-0
Steve Fisher, PennDOT District 4-0
Rich Roman, PennDOT District 4-0
Marie Bishop, PennDOT District 4-0
Gene Porochniak, FHWA
Jason Krise, Representative Tina Pickett
Alexandra Allen, Representative Jonathan Fritz
Leslie Cadden, Representative Karen Boback
Chuck Dillon, Senator Joseph Scarnati
Jean Ruhf, Wyoming County EMVB
Al Quimby, Develop Tioga
Leigh McCullen, BMTS

I. Items for Discussion

A. Approve October 5, 2020 Minutes

- Do not have the necessary number of voting members for a quorum. Approval of the minutes will be pushed to the February RTAC meeting.

B. 2019 – 2022 TIP Administrative Actions and Amendments –

District 3.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

- Email amendment sent in November by the RPO for approval to remove funds spent on the 2019 TIP.
- \$950,000 increase was added to the project near World's End. Multiple projects added.
- Phases added to Rt 6 slide outside of Wyalusing.
- Design phases added to Rt 220 added to slide near Milan.

District 4.0 – Amendments & Admin Actions

- All programmatic adjustments.
- Some projects on previous TIP were advance constructed that were added to new TIP.

C. Performance Measures PM1, PM2 & PM3 Target Setting Approval

- Brian Baker stated that the RPO received the state performance measures. Northern Tier is accepting the state's performance measures. Do not have the necessary number of voting members for a quorum. Approval of the RPO's accepting of the state performance measures will be pushed to the February RTAC meeting.

D. PennDOT Connects Update

- Brian Baker explained that Northern Tier entered all new TIP projects in District 3 and 4 into the PennDOT Connects system. Northern Tier is currently in the process of setting up outreach meetings for any willing municipality. A meeting for the Rt 6 Mansfield project was set up for January.

E. Redundant Bridge Study

As stated in the last meeting, Northern Tier is working with Central Office, District 3 and 4, and WATS MPO to put together a study to determine redundant bridges in the region. Mark Murawski is currently putting together a scope of work. Carey stated that they are trying to find available funding before moving forward.

F. Public Participation Plan update

Northern Tier is going to schedule a conference call in February for all stakeholders to suggest changes that will be made in the updated PPP.

G. Annual Obligated Report

Northern Tier is currently putting together the Annual Obligated Report, which is a listing of Obligated Projects for which Federal Funds have been obligated in FFY 2020, October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020. This report is due at the end of December. It is almost complete; Katie is just waiting on transit information.

II. Reports

A. Legislative Report:

Rep Karen Boback – They are continuing to work in the office, but have stopped in-person appointments. They are dealing with unemployment issues.

Rep. Tina Pickett – The office is still dealing with unemployment issues.

Rep. Jonathan Fritz – They are also dealing with unemployment issues.

Rep. Clint Owlett – No one present

Senator Gene Yaw – No one present

Senator Lisa Baker – No one present

Senator Joseph Scarnati – Senator Scarnati did not run for reelection. The new Senator's contact information remains the same.

Congressman Keller – No one present

B. FHWA Report

- Gene wanted to introduce himself to the RTAC members.

C. PENNDOT Reports

Central Office – None.

Dist. 3.0 – The work for the Nordmont project is scheduled to begin in June 2021 due to stream restrictions. It is planned to last 3 months and will consist of replacing the existing PennDOT wall (not the arch) with a new concrete wall. Traffic will be detoured.

Dist. 4.0 – Steve stated that they have a new staff member, John Petrini.

D. County Reports

1. Bradford County – None.
 2. Sullivan County – None.
 3. Susquehanna County – None.
 4. Tioga County – Commissioner Hamilton stated that the Greenways Trail process is a little stagnant right now, but they are trying to push it forward.
 5. Wyoming County – There are two signs on 220 that need to be removed; Ladsburg and Birdsong Winery.
- E. BEST Report** – Bob Getz gave an update on BEST. They are currently working on an RFP for a long-term agreement to meet federal regulations so funding is not affected. It needs to be completed by June 30th.
- F. BMTS Reports** – None.
- G. NTRPDC Reports** – Brian Baker stated that the next meeting is on February 1, 2021 by teleconference again.

IV. Other Items for Discussion – none.

V. Public Discussion – none.

VI. Adjournment – Do not have the necessary number of voting members for a quorum, so no motions were made. With no further items to discuss the meeting was ended at 10:45 PM.