

To: **The Blair Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

Voting Members

Vince Greenland, P.E., District Executive, Engineering District 9-0, PennDOT
Jessica Clark, Planning Division Manager, Planning Contract and Management Division,
PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management
David Kessler, Board of Commissioners, County of Blair
Amy Webster, Esq., Board of Commissioners, County of Blair, Chairperson
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David Butterbaugh, Jr., P.L.S., Member of Council, City of Altoona, Secretary
Dennis Igou, Mayor, Borough of Roaring Spring (representing the boroughs collectively)
Edwin Frontino, Supervisor, Township of Logan (representing the townships collectively)
James A. Patterson, Supervisor, Township of Logan (representing townships collectively)
Vacant, Blair County Airport Authority
Scott G. Cessna, Chair, Board of Directors, Altoona Metro Transit

The Technical Committee of the Blair MPO

Dean G. Roberts, Transportation Planning Manager, Pennsylvania Department of
Transportation; Chairperson
Anne Stich, Transportation Planning Manager, PennDOT District 9-0
Richard C. Sutter, AICP, President, Richard C. Sutter & Associates, Inc.
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Diana White, Director, Community Development, City of Altoona
Lisa Peel, Manager, Borough of Roaring Spring (representing boroughs collectively)
Luke Helsel, Sewage Enforcement Officer, Blair County Sanitation Office, rep. Townships
John Frederick, Recreation and Environmental Code Director, Township of Antis
(representing townships collectively)
Tracy Plessinger, Airport Manager, Altoona-Blair County Airport
Josh Baker, CEO, Altoona Metro Transit

Non-Voting Members

Kenana Zejcirovic, Community Planner, Federal Highway Administration
Timothy Lidiak, Regional Planner, Federal Transit Administration
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Lindsay Baer, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
Rodney Nesmith, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

From: David W. McFarland, III, AICP, Planning Director

Date: December 4, 2024

Subject: Meeting Notice and Agenda

A combined meeting of the **MPO and Technical Committee** that was previously scheduled will be held with the particulars as follows:

DATE: Monday, December 16, 2024

TIME: 2:30 PM

**PLACE: Conference Room 1DA (Purple Conference Room)
PennDOT Engineering District 9-0
1620 N. Juniata Street
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648**

Options are also available to attend the meeting in Microsoft Teams and a call in option is as follows: Call in Number: +1 (267) 332- 8737, Phone Conference ID: 668 075 728#

The proposed agenda is as follows:

Agenda

- 1. Roll Call by the Secretary.**
- 2. Review and approve the minutes of the combined MPO and Technical Committee Meeting of June 17, 2024.**
- 3. Presentation by Ms. Angela Watson, Director, PennDOT Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways on Passenger Rail Service along the Keystone West Corridor between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.**
- 4. Review and approve the following proposed amendments to the FY 2025-2028 or the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**
 - 1.) Add the construction phase of the 2026 Blair Interchange Lighting project, MPMS 122233, \$354,600 in FY 2025 and \$597,000 in FY 2026 to the current TIP from the Congestion Reduction Program (CRP and CRPU) Line Item.
 - 2.) Decrease the construction phase funds of the US Route 22 – Cambria County to PA Route 764 resurfacing project, MPMS 117709, on the TIP, to match the current estimate. This would be done by transferring \$1,423,828 in FY 2026 and \$1,119,710 in FY 2027 from US Route 22 project to the Bridge and Highway Reserve Line Item of the current TIP.
 - 3.) Add the preliminary engineering phase of the Logan Blvd. – PA Route 36 to Broad Avenue, Altoona, resurfacing project, MPMS 108203, to FY 2025 of the current TIP. The amount being added to the project is \$500,000 from the Bridge and Highway Reserve Line Item and cash flowed into FY 2025 via PA Route 36 – US Rt. 22 to Plank Road resurfacing project.
 - 4.) Add the construction phase of the PA Route 36 – Frankstown Road to Mill Run Road resurfacing project, MPMS 107493, to the current TIP. The amounts being added to the project are \$2,273,000 in FY 2025 and \$1,851,925 in FY 2026 to cover advance construction, conversion, and match low bid plus inspection. The funds would be transferred from the Bridge and Highway Reserve Line Item of the current TIP.

- 6. Review and approve the Draft Unified Planning Work Program for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.**

- 7. Review and approve supporting the 2025 Statewide Targets for Safety Performance Measures by agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of PennDOT targets.**

- 8. Other Business.**

- 9. Adjournment.**

cc: William Hall, Chairperson, Blair County Planning Commission
Chris Allison, Transportation Planning Specialist, PennDOT District 9-0
Jaclyn Himmelwright, EIT, Senior Civil Engineer Supervisor, PennDOT District 9-0
Anne Stich, Transportation Planning Manager, PennDOT District 9-0

Draft Minutes of June 17, 2024
Combined Meeting of the Coordinating and Technical Committees of the
Blair Metropolitan Planning Organization

1. Roll Call by Secretary.

Coordinating Committee Voting Members Present:

Vince Greenland, P.E., District Executive, PennDOT Engineering District 9-0
Dean Roberts, Transportation Planning Manager, PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management (alternate for Ms. Clark)
David Kessler, Board of Commissioners, County of Blair
Amy Webster, Esq., Board of Commissioners, County of Blair
David Butterbaugh, Jr., P.L.S., Member of Council, City of Altoona
Dennis Igou, Mayor, Borough of Roaring Spring, Representing the Boroughs
Ed Frontino, Board of Supervisors, Township of Logan, representing the townships
Josh Baker, CEO, Altoona Metro Transit (alternate for Mr. Cessna)

Coordinating Committee Voting Members Absent:

Jessica Clark, Planning Division Manager, Planning Contract and Management Division, PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management
Matt Pacifico, Mayor, City of Altoona
James Patterson, Board of Supervisors, Township of Logan, representing the townships
Scott G. Cessna, Chair, Board of Directors, Altoona Metro Transit
Vacant, Blair County Airport Authority

Technical Committee Members Present

Anne Stich, Transportation Planning Manager, PennDOT District 9-0
Richard C. Sutter, AICP, President, Richard C. Sutter & Associates, Inc.
Lisa Peel, Manager, Roaring Spring Borough (representing the Boroughs)
John Frederick, Recreation and Environmental Code Director, Township of Antis, representing the Townships
Dave McFarland, III, AICP, Planning Director, Blair County Planning Commission

Non-Voting Members and Others Present:

Michele Ivory and Marklin Myers, PA Senator Judy Ward
Katie Buchanan, PA Representative Lou Schmitt
Jaclyn Himmelwright, EIT, Senior Civil Engineer Supervisor, PennDOT District 9-0
Jim Pruss, P.E., Portfolio Manager, PennDOT District 9-0
Wes Burket, AICP, Transportation Planner, Blair County Planning Commission

1. Roll Call by the Secretary.

2. Review and approve the minutes of the combined MPO and Technical Committee Meeting of December 11, 2023.

Motioned: Mr. Butterbaugh

Seconded: Ms. Webster

Voted: All in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

3. Election of a Chairperson and a Secretary.

Mr. McFarland opened the floor to nominations for chairperson. Ms. Webster received a nomination.

Mr. Frontino called for a motion to close nominations for chairperson.

Motioned: Mr. Frontino

Seconded: Mr. Kessler

Voted: All in favor of closing nominations.

Mr. McFarland opened the floor to nominations for secretary. Mr. Butterbaugh received a nomination.

Mr. Frontino called for a motion to close nominations for secretary.

Motioned: Mr. Frontino

Seconded: Mr. Sutter

Voted: All in favor of closing nominations.

Mr. McFarland called for a motion to elect Ms. Webster as chairperson and a motion to elect Mr. Butterbaugh as secretary.

Motioned: Ms. Webster

Seconded: Mr. Butterbaugh

Voted: All in favor of electing Ms. Webster to Chairperson.

Motioned: Mr. Butterbaugh

Seconded: Mr. Kessler

Voted: All in favor of electing Mr. Butterbaugh as Secretary.

4. Review and approve the Title VI Program that includes Nondiscrimination and Complaint Procedures, Public Participation and Limited English Proficiency Plans.

Mr. Burket stated that this item included three of the MPO's current documents that are being updated and combined into one document. He said that language taglines were added to the document as requested and that wording was slightly revised for public involvement efforts for major changes to the transportation program or long range plan. He noted that the document was advertised for forty-five days for public comment, a public meeting was held, and that no comments were received.

Motioned: Mr. Kessler

Seconded: Mr. Greenland

Voted: All in favor of approving the Title VI Program Document.

5. Review and approve the Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Long-Range Plan.

Mr. Burket said that the conformity determination report showed that there was one regionally significant project in the 2025-2028 TIP that needed to be evaluated for air quality impacts: the McMahon Road Extension and Improvements project. He noted that the project and the other projects on the TIP comply with the air quality standards.

6. Review and approve the Air Quality Resolution for the 2025-2028 TIP and 2045 Long-Range Plan.

Mr. Burket stated that the resolution affirms that the projects of the 2025-2028 TIP comply with current air quality standards.

Motioned: Mr. Butterbaugh

Seconded: Mr. Sutter

Voted: All in favor of approving the Conformity Determination Report and the Air Quality Resolution.

7. Review and approve the Environmental Justice Analysis for the 2025-2028 TIP.

Mr. Burket explained that the analysis evaluates draft TIP projects for impacts on low income and minority populations and that the analysis shows that the TIP projects are not expected to cause disproportionate impacts on these groups.

Mr. Frederick commented that on PA Route 453 by Tyrone's Reservoir Park the wide concrete-asphalt joints between the pavement and curb gutter need to be improved for bicyclists' safety. He handed out an image of the segment on Route 453 by Reservoir Park that he would like to see improved and images of three places on Logan Boulevard with wider paved shoulders he would like to see maintained for bicyclist safety.

Mr. Greenland said that the issue on Route 453 would be taken care of as part of the upcoming paving project and that bicycle safe grates would be installed. He said that Mr. Frederick's comments would be noted.

Motioned: Mr. Kessler

Seconded: Mr. Greenland

Voted: All in favor of approving the Environmental Justice Analysis and include Mr. Frederick's comments in the document.

8. Review and approve the MOU Procedures for the 2025-2028 TIP Revisions.

Mr. Burket said that the document contains the procedures for revising the TIP when federal funds are involved. He explained that board approval is required to add and remove projects with federal funds and to increase and decrease federal funds on a project in the amount of \$ 2 million or greater. He said that smaller exchanges in funds are done administratively and reported to the group at the next meeting. Mr. Greenland added that the guidelines we are following are consistent with the

statewide recommendations and they are a continuation of the current procedures.

Motioned: Mr. Butterbaugh

Seconded: Mr. Baker

Voted: All in favor of approving the MOU Procedures for 2025-2028 TIP Revisions.

9. Review and approve the Self-Certification Resolution for the 2025-2028 TIP.

Mr. Burket said that the resolution affirms that the MPO has followed the required planning process in preparing the 2025-2028 TIP and that all federal requirements have been met as shown in the above documents.

Motioned: Mr. Greenland

Seconded: Mr. Kessler

Voted: All in favor of approving the Self-Certification Resolution for the TIP.

10. Review and approve the FYs 2025-2028 TIP [October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2028] for Highways & Bridges.

Mr. Burket said that the draft 2025-2028 TIP portion highways and bridges and portion for public transit were reviewed and approved by the board in December and there have been no changes since. He said that the TIP documents were advertised for the required thirty days, and a public meeting was held and that there were no comments received to date.

Motioned: Mr. Kessler

Seconded: Mr. Frontino

Voted: All in favor to approve the highway and bridge portion of the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.

11. Review and approve the FYs 2025-2028 TIP [October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2028] for Public Transit and the Transit Financial Capacity Analysis.

Mr. Baker noted that the transit TIP contains the standard operational and capital projects that Amtran routinely does.

Motioned: Mr. Greenland

Seconded: Mr. Sutter

Voted: All in favor to approve the transit portion of the 2025-2028 TIP and the Transit Financial Capacity Analysis.

12. Review and approve transferring \$ 42,750.00 from the Bridge PM Reserve on the FY 2023-2026 TIP to the Preliminary Engineering phase of the county owned bridge on Chappell Road (T-364) in Juniata Township, MPMS 22076, over Bobs Creek, to complete an alternatives analysis. The project will require a 5% local match from the county.

Ms. Stich explained that the \$ 42,750.00 is a mix of federal and state funds and that there would be a

five percent local match required for the analysis. Mr. Greenland said that the bridge inspection done last year required the bridge to be posted to eight tons. He reported that there is a road that served as an alternative way in and out, but that the road has been closed by the property owner. He said that the county will do an interim repair to the bridge and that the analysis would tell the costs to rehabilitate or replace the bridge and/or look at whether another route could eliminate the bridge.

Motioned: Mr. Butterbaugh

Seconded: Mr. Kessler

Voted: All in favor to transfer \$ 42,750.00 from the 2023 TIP Bridge PM Reserve to the preliminary engineering phase of county bridge # 81 in the 2023 TIP to complete an alternatives analysis.

13. Other Business.

14. Adjournment.

There being no other business, the chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn at about 3:05 pm.

Motioned: Mr. Kessler

Seconded: Mr. Baker

Voted: All in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David Butterbaugh, Jr., P.L.S.
Secretary, MPO

Blair County Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP ADJUSTMENTS FFY 2025-2028 TIP

* Positive number denotes a surplus/Negative denotes a deficit

Project Title	Amendment	MPMS	Phase	Fund Type			FFY 2025			FFY 2026			FFY 2027			FFY 2028			TYP Outer Years	Remarks			
				Fed.	Sta.	Loc/Oth.	Fed.	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)	Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)			Fed. (\$)	State (\$)	Loc/Oth (\$)
				Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.	Amts.			Amts.	Amts.	Amts.
Bridge & Highway Reserve SR 0000 Sec BHR Blair County		50604	CON	Before																	Increase Phase		
			Adjust.			1,000,000					643,448												
			After	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	643,448	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Bridge & Highway Reserve SR 0000 Sec BHR Blair County		50604	CON	Before																	Increase Phase		
			Adjust.			2,482,518					1,119,710												
			After	2,273,000	2,273,000	2,482,518	0	0	0	0	1,119,710	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
US 22 - Cambria Co to PA SR 22 Sec 59 Blair County		117709	CON	Before																	Decrease Phase Revised Estimate Cash Flow to Match Let Date		
			Adjust.			(1,000,000)					(643,448)												
			After	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,569,552	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
US 22 - Cambria Co to PA SR 22 Sec 59 Blair County		117709	CON	Before																	Decrease Phase Revised Estimate Cash Flow to Match Let Date		
			Adjust.			423,828					1,119,710												
			After	0	0	423,828	0	0	0	0	1,119,710	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Before FFY Totals																							
FFY Adjustment Totals																							
After FFY Totals																							



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

October 22, 2024

Dear Planning Partners:

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR § 490) regarding National Performance Management Measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Pennsylvania has established the 2025 targets for the following Safety Performance Measures:

- 1) Number of fatalities
- 2) Rate of fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)
- 3) Number of serious injuries
- 4) Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT
- 5) Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is required to establish these targets by August 31st each year. The 2025 targets found in Table 1 of the enclosure are based on a data driven trend analysis of the statewide fatality and suspected serious injury numbers (2 percent annual fatality reduction and maintaining level suspected serious injuries).

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) are required to establish targets within 180 days of PennDOT establishing its targets (by February 27, 2025) either by agreeing to plan and program projects in support of the PennDOT targets, or by establishing their own quantifiable targets. For consistency, PennDOT is requesting Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) follow the same procedure. Table 2 of the enclosure reflects values for your MPO/RPO based on the same methodology that was used at the state level.

The MPOs that establish quantifiable fatality rate or serious injury rate targets shall report the VMT estimate used for such targets and the methodology used to develop the estimate. The methodology should be consistent with other Federal reporting requirements, if applicable. MPOs/RPOs wishing to establish their own quantifiable targets are requested to coordinate with PennDOT as early as possible, but no later than December 31, 2024.

A state is determined to have met or made significant progress toward meeting established targets if the outcome in 4 of 5 performance measures is better than the baseline number. For Pennsylvania's 2023 targets, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will report this determination by March 31, 2025.

Based on preliminary data, we do not expect Pennsylvania to meet our 2023 targets and anticipate will be subject to the provisions of 23 United States Code § 148 (i). This will require the Department to submit an implementation plan that identifies gaps, develops strategies, action steps and best practices, and includes a financial and performance review of all HSIP funded projects. This plan will be due June 30, 2025. In addition, we will be required to obligate in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 an amount equal to the FFY 2022 HSIP apportionment (\$125,848,562).

For more information, please visit the FHWA Safety Performance Management website at <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/spm/>.

Your response is requested before February 27, 2025.

Please complete the following:

Planning Organization Name

Select one of the following options for establishing Safety Performance Measures:

- The MPO/RPO agrees to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the established PennDOT targets. The MPO/RPO will have the option to establish quantifiable targets of their own each year when new PennDOT targets are established. Table 2 of the enclosure reflects corresponding MPO/RPO values.

- The MPO/RPO has established quantifiable targets for each performance measure for our planning area. The targets and methodology used to develop them are enclosed with this letter. This option will require PennDOT coordination with the Federal Highway Administration to ensure that the targets established are not just aspirational but achievable based on the projects that are programmed on the MPO/RPO's Transportation Improvement Program. If choosing this option please notify the Center for Program Development and Management (CPDM) by December 31, 2024.

Concurrence: _____

Authorized MPO/RPO Representative

_____ Date

SUBMIT

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Should you have any questions, please contact Matthew Crea, Transportation Planning Manager, Center for Program Development and Management, at 717.787.2862 or mcrea@pa.gov.

Sincerely,



Kristin Mulkerin
Deputy Secretary for Planning

Sincerely,



Christine Norris, P.E.
Deputy Secretary for Highway
Administration

Enclosure

Table 1: Statewide Targets:

Performance Measure	5-year Rolling Averages		
	TARGET	ACTUAL	BASELINE
	2021-2025	2021-2025	2019-2023
Number of Fatalities	1,192.8		1161.2
Fatality Rate	1.186		1.183
Number of Serious Injuries	4,832.6		4738.6
Serious Injury Rate	4.806		4.828
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	916.8		833.4

* Future VMT estimated to hold level over next few years

Table 2: Altoona MPO Supporting Values:

Performance Measure	5-year Rolling Averages		
	TARGET	ACTUAL	BASELINE
	2021-2025	2021-2025	2019-2023
Number of Fatalities	9.9		9.4
Fatality Rate	0.961		0.954
Number of Serious Injuries	45.0		50.0
Serious Injury Rate	4.368		5.075
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	10.3		8.0

* Future VMT estimated to hold level over next few years