

Notes Erie MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
August 11th 2021

A meeting of the Erie MPO Technical Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, August 11th at 10:00 AM via Zoom.

A recording of the meeting can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/MGyRNQdJETE>

Those in attendance were:

Voting Members		Guests	
Organization	Representative	Organization	Name
City of Corry	David Mitchell	Greene Township	John Bartnicki
City of Erie	Jon Tushak	Edinboro	Jason Spangenberg
	Jason Sayers (alternate)	Urban Engineers	Andy Holland
County of Erie	Honey Stempka	Millcreek Township	John Sebesta
		PennDOT D 1-0	Ron Johnson
ECAB	Bill Kuhn		Courtney Lyle
ECATO	None		Sharon
EMTA	Dani Duran (alternate)	PennDOT Central	Kevin McCullough
ERAA	None	FHWA	Ronnique Bishop
EWPPA	None	WRA	Scott Thompson-graves
Fairview Twp	None	WRA	Lisa Murphy
		FTA	Chelsea Beytas
Harborcreek Twp	Tim May	Senator Toomey	Sheila Sterrett
Lawrence Park Twp	Jan Cabaday	Rail Alliance	Michael Fuhrman
Millcreek Twp	Matt Waldinger	State Transportation Commission	Sharon Knoll
PennDOT Central	Brandon Leach Mathew Crea (alternate)		
PennDOT 1-0	Brian McNulty		
Summit Twp	Matt Jonas (alternate)		
Wesleyville Boro.	Fred Petrini		

13 voting representatives or voting alternates were in attendance plus 1 additional alternate. A quorum was reached.

Summary of meeting

1. Call to Order

Chairman Mitchell calls the meeting to order at 10:04am.

2. Hearing of the Public

Michael Fuhrman introduced himself to the MPO as the new executive director of the Lakeshore Rail Alliance promoting passenger rail advocacy.

3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

a. 2021 TIP Modifications (Brandon Leach)

B. Leach presented fiscal constraint charts for administrative actions that did not require an amendment vote.

b. 2021 TIP Informational Items and 12th Street Corridor Signals Amendment

The one amendment was processed through Central Office at the state level to add over \$2 million HSIP Set Aside funding to the 12th Street Corridor Signals Project.

c. 2023 Transportation Improvement Program Financial guidance

C. Lyle presented a draft list of projects for inclusion in the 2023 TIP. These include carry over projects from the previous 2021 TIP.

B. McNulty presented an update of the Bayfront Central Corridor Project.

4. TROC and Federal Funding Update

K. McCullough presented an update on financial guidance, general and procedural guidance for the 2023 TIP as well as updates to the Transportation Revenue Options Committee (TROC). The federal Highway Trust Fund has been borrowing from the general fund, creating debt. It is unclear how the new federal legislation will affect the 2023 TIP development.

5. Local Federal Aid Routes

E. Aloiz presented the ranking of the Local Federal Aid Routes. In total 4 municipalities applied for \$2,374,847.90 funding for 12 segments of roads. According to the funding formula the roads to receive funding for paving would be \$250,000 Arbuckle Rd in Millcreek Township, \$90,115.67 Cherry Street from W 15th to W18th in the City of Erie and \$159,884.33 West 32nd Street in Millcreek Township.

A motion was made by M. Waldinger to recommend the funding to the Coordinating Committee. It was seconded by H. Stemkpa. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. \$5 Local Use Fee

a. T. May gave an update on the Leet Rd Bridge. E. Aloiz gave updates on Etter Rd. Bridge, Sherrod Hill Rd Bridge and Himrod Rd. Bridge.

b. J. Tushak of the City of Erie asked the TAC to recommend reprogramming the \$165,387 approved for the creation of an access road to demolition of the Kahkwa Ave Bridge. The written justification submitted with the meeting materials was discussed.

*A motion to recommend the reprogramming of funds to demolition of the Kahkwa Ave Bridge was by B. Kuhn and seconded by T. May.
The motion passed unanimously.*

A motion was made by J. Tushak for the Coordinating Committee to vote by e-ballot on the recommendation. It was seconded by D. Mitchell. The motion passed unanimously with support of the Coordinating Committee Chairman, T. May, and will be sent out for vote.

5. Long Range Transportation Plan Update

E. Aloiz discussed the public [Outreach survey](#) of the County's LRTP and encouraged members to share the survey with their groups and constituents. The survey will be available until June 11th.

6. Project Updates

a. Project Newsletter

J. Johnson of PennDOT district 1-0 discussed ongoing projects and highlighted the recent [Erie City Council Study Session](#) on the [Bayfront Parkway Peer Reviews](#) that are now posted online.

b. TA set-aside funding round opening

C. Lyle of PennDOT D-1 discussed grant rounds for TA set-aside \$10 competitive grant and Multimodal funding that are opening in 2021.

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10

Next meeting (Virtual Coordinating Committee Meeting June 9th 2021 10:00am)