

**Draft Erie MPO Coordinating Committee  
December 8, 2021 Minutes**

A meeting of the Erie MPO Coordinating Committee was held on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00am. Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually.

It can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bl72klkzLIU>

Those in attendance were:

<b>Voting Members</b>		<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
City of Corry	David Mitchell	DEP	None
City of Erie	Jon Tushak	FHWA	Ronnique Bishop
	Kathy Wyrosdick	FTA	None
	Jason Sayers (alternate)	HUD	None
	Charles Scalise (alternate)	DCED	None
	LeAnn Parmenter	<b>Guests</b>	
	Joseph Schember	NW RPO	Travis Siegel
Renee Lamis	PennDOT Municipal Services	Josh Montgomery	
County of Erie	Kathy Dahlkemper	PennDOT Program Center	Matthew Crea
ECAB	Bill Kuhn	Senator Toomey	Sheila Sterrett
ECATO East	None	Parking Authority	Christopher Friday
ECATO West	Robert Soltis	Fairview Township	Jim Cardman
EMTA	Dani Duran (alternate)	Our West Bayfront	Anna Frantz
ERAA	Derek Martin	Northeast Borough	Patrick Gehrlein
EWPPA	None	E & D rep	Passel Helminski
Fairview Twp	Mark Gennuso	Governor's office	Mike Ferritto
Harborcreek Twp	Tim May (chair)		Tim Scott
Lawrence Park	None	EACOG	Jessica Horan-Kunco
Millcreek Twp.	Matt Waldinger John Sebesta (alternate)	WRA	Chris Lucia Scott Thompson-Graves
		Urban Engineers	Charity Stover Andy Holland
PennDOT Program Center	Kevin McCullough Brandon Leach (alternate)	Community Activist	Freda Tepfer
PennDOT 1-0	Brian McNulty Tom McClelland (alternate)	PennDOT 1-0	Ron Johnson Courtney Lyle Lyndsie DeVito
Summit Twp	Mark Welka Matt Jonas (alternate)	Edinboro	Jason Spangenberg
		EMTA	Dave Robinson
Wesleyville Boro.	Fred Petrini	PA United	Molly Brechtel

Seventeen (17) voting representatives were in attendance plus two (2) voting alternates. A quorum was reached. An additional five (5) alternative voting members were in attendance and twenty-four (24) others.

### **1. Call to Order / Introductions**

- Chairman T. May called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

### **2. Hearing of the Public**

F. Tepfer addressed the committee about accessible pedestrian signals on the Bayfront Parkway and 12th street. Other concerns included the public engagement strategies used by the MPO. Minority Community Investment Coalition (MCIC) was named as a good source of outreach for environmental justice communities. Other comments included that EMTA needs to restore Sunday bus service and service frequency.

T. May said the MPO was in compliance with all mandated public notices. Secretary Aloiz mentioned that in addition to the legal advertisements, the MPO communicates through an email list, [website](#), and a [Facebook page](#) with the Erie County Planning and Community Development department.

### **3. Minutes from the Coordinating Committee September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting**

- D. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by M. Waldinger. There was no discussion.

*The September 8<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved unanimously.*

### **4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- 2021 Fiscal Constraint Charts-Modifications

B. Leach presented the one administrative modification on the East Bayfront and one informational item from the Interstate TIP. There were no questions.

- 2023 Transportation Improvement Program

C. Lyle discussed moving the projects that were deferred due to the Bayfront funding back to their previous schedule with the new IJA federal funding bill. A new draft 2023 TIP is being created to show that.

- Updates on Financial Guidance

K. McCullough further discussed the IJA at PennDOT. 2022 funding is available including additional BOF (bridge-off system funding). That will need to be programmed through amendments. Spike and TSMO awards will be announced very soon. Other parts of the IJA include EV charging and carbon reduction but there is not federal guidance yet. D. Martin asked if there will be any limitation on EV charging locations. K. McCullough said alternative fuel corridors will be given preference. C. Lyle said there is an upcoming workshop of alternative fuel corridors that she will share with the MPO. F. Petrini asked if public funds would be used for the fuel or just the infrastructure. K. McCullough said the purchase of the fuel would depend on the end user, only the infrastructure could use public funds. C. Friday mentioned that the surrounding electric infrastructure will be as important as or more important than the charging stations themselves.

### **5. Transportation Study Applications**

Secretary Aloiz presented the recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee to fund Fairview's study with UPWP base funds, to submit the City of Erie's 12 Street Reimagined Study for

PennDOT funding and to submit Wesleyville Borough's application for their intersection study for PennDOT connects funds. The TAC recommended that the City of Erie's parking study be delayed until a public planning process can be undertaken.

K. Wyrosdick said the City of Erie has budgeted their matching funds in the 2022 budget.  
F. Petrini said Wesleyville has also budgeted their 10% match in the 2022 borough budget.  
B. Kuhn asked about Girard Borough's study for the SR 20 and Rice Ave intersection. Secretary Aloiz said that the intersection is being incorporated into the current betterment project on SR 20 so no study was needed.

A motion was made by B. Kuhn to accept the TAC recommendations. It was seconded by D. Mitchell.

*The motion passed unanimously to follow the TAC's recommendations.*

#### **6. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) July 2022-June 2024**

Secretary Aloiz presented the UPWP as approved by PennDOT, FHWA and FTA.  
B. Kuhn made a motion to adopt the UPWP. It was seconded by D. Mitchell.  
There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. Long Range Transportation Plan update**

S. Thompson-Graves from WRA presented an update on the Long Range Transportation Plan. The steps completed include previous LRTP project review and plans, and new issues identified by public outreach. A potential project list was developed with the categories of Highway, Betterment, Bike/Ped, Local and Studies. Prioritization criteria was reviewed and decision lens criteria updated. A funding scenario has been developed which includes the 46% reduction from the 2017 plan. A second scenario may be included that takes into account the IIJA funding.

The next steps for the LRTP include the prioritization of projects, applying the fiscal constraint, and sending the project list to PennDOT for Air Quality Conformity Analysis by the end of the year.

A draft report will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee in January and put out for public comment January 27<sup>th</sup>-February 25<sup>th</sup> with the final adoption on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Secretary Aloiz mentioned that there were questions in the chat about how to create a signalized intersection at the Bayfront and Cranberry Street. A pedestrian push button was recently installed but drivers do not stop. S. Thompson-Graves said a signal warrant analysis would be needed.

B. McNulty said that that signal warrant analysis is currently being undertaken. If the numbers warrant a traffic signal then PennDOT can incorporate the betterment into the Bayfront project.

#### **8. Performance Measure 1-Annual Safety Target**

Secretary Aloiz presented PennDOT's 2022 safety targets to the Committee.  
A motion was made by B. McNulty to accept targets. It was seconded by D. Martin. There was no discussion.

*The 2022 PennDOT safety targets were adopted unanimously.*

#### **9. Project Updates**

- EMTA updates

D. Duran of EMTA presented that Court Gould is working on their strategic plan, 15 new paratransit buses have been delivered, the joint operations facility is fully constructed and finished and the public fueling station has been completed and is now open to the public. Also, EMTA held their fourth annual stuff the bus event on November 19th and held 2 career fairs.

- PennDOT Project Newsletter

R. Johnson of PennDOT District 1-0 presented TIP project updates. Secretary Aloiz asked if there will be accessible signals at 12<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Erie. R. Johnson said yes and T. McClelland said the project was already LET and will go into construction next year.

## **10. Other Business**

- 2022 Meeting Schedule

A draft meeting schedule for the MPO in calendar year 2022 was presented by Secretary Aloiz. Some meetings had to be staggered from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month due to public comment periods for the LRTP and the TIP.

A motion was made to adopt the 2022 meeting schedule by D. Martin it was seconded by B. Kuhn.

*The 2022 meeting schedule was adopted unanimously.*

- Annual Obligation Report

Secretary Aloiz shared the draft annual obligation report with the committee. It documents all highway/bridge/interstate and transit projects that received federal funding in the past federal fiscal year. Erie County received over \$27 million with another \$44 million obligated to the interstates. When the report is approved it will be posted on the MPO website, shared on social media and emailed to the MPO mailing list.

- Chairman May thanked Mayor David Mitchell and County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper for their service.

## **11. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by D. Martin. It was seconded by B. Khun. The meeting adjourned at 11:03am.