

**Erie MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**November 10<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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

A recording of the meeting can be viewed here: [https://youtu.be/w\\_yT5g6ZUq4](https://youtu.be/w_yT5g6ZUq4)

Those in attendance were:

<b>Voting Members</b>		<b>Guests</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
City of Corry	David Mitchell	PennDOT maintenance	Jim Shaut
City of Erie	LeAnn Parmenter	Our West Bayfront	Anna Franz
	Jason Sayers (alternate)	Urban Engineers	Charity Stover
	Chuck Scalise (alternate)	Millcreek Township	John Sebesta
County of Erie	Honey Stempka	PennDOT D 1-0	Ron Johnson
			Courtney Lyle
			Lyndsie DeVito
ECAB	Bill Kuhn	PennDOT Central	Kevin McCullough
ECATO	None	FHWA	Ronique Bishop
EMTA	Dani Duran (alternate)	TranSystems	Brian Krul
ERAA	Derek Martin	Community Activist	Freda Tepfer
EWPPA	None	Governor's Office	Mike Ferritto
Fairview Twp	Jim Cardman	Senator Toomey	Ashley Megat
Harborcreek Twp	Tim May		Cindy Purvis
Lawrence Park Twp	None	Northwest RPO	Travis Siegel
Millcreek Twp	Matt Waldinger	EMTA	David Robinson
PennDOT Central	Brandon Leach Mathew Crea (alternate)		
PennDOT 1-0	Brian McNulty Tom McClelland (alternate)		
Summit Twp	Mark Welka Matt Jonas (alternate)		
Wesleyville Boro.	Fred Petrini		

15 voting representatives or voting alternates were in attendance plus 3 additional alternates and 16 non-voting attendees. A quorum was reached.

**Summary of meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Mitchell calls the meeting to order at 10:01am.

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

F. Tepfer addressed the board. Concerns were voiced about the need for more pedestrian consideration in the LRTP goals and objectives, lack of public planning process in the City of Erie's parking study application, and pedestrian access management during the SR 20 repaving. Questions were raised about the public involvement in Human Oriented Transit Plan in the UPWP, as well as pedestrian signalization on 12<sup>th</sup> street and other ongoing projects.

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

### **a. 2021 TIP Modifications**

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

### **b. 2023 12-year TYP including the 4-year TIP**

C. Lyle of PennDOT D-1 presented the revised project list that included gap funding the Bayfront Central Corridor Project.

## **4. Safety Performance Measure (PM1)**

Secretary Aloiz presented the annual targets that PennDOT has created for Erie County.

A motion was made by Derek Martin to recommend the Coordinating Committee adopt PennDOT's targets. The motion was seconded by B. Kuhn. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. Federal Funding Update**

K. McCullough of PennDOT Central office presented an update of the Federal Spending Bill that passed both branches of congress, but still requires the executive signature. There is the potential that the new funding could be a part of the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

## **6. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) draft**

Secretary Aloiz the draft UPWP incorporating comments from B. Leach at PennDOT and R. Bishop of FHWA. In response to F. Tepfer's question, the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan updated will be updated by EMTA by November 2022, not 2021. Federal Transit Administration comments, supplied by C. Beyatas, still need be incorporated into the document and the special study must be defined.

A motion was made to move the adoption of the UPWP to the Coordinating Committee with those edits and additions by D. Martin. It was seconded by T. May. The motion passed unanimously.

Four municipalities applied for study funding through the UPWP. Of the four, only one met the criteria needed for the UPWP funding—the study was identified in a public planning process, the municipality could pay 10% matching funds, the sponsor presented the study to the board, and the total cost was within the fiscal constraint of the UPWP. That study was the PA Corridor Relief Study in Fairview Township.

A motion was made to include the PA 98 Corridor Relief Study in the UPWP by T. May. It was seconded by M. Welka. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

The City of Erie's 12<sup>th</sup> Street Reimagined-Land Use and Transportation Study in the City of Erie requires more funding than the UPWP has available. A motion was made by B. Kuhn to send this study for PennDOT supplemental funding. It was seconded by J. Sayers. F. Petrini asked if the

study would be removed from the PennDOT connects funding consideration. E. Aloiz said it would be if it were funded by the supplemental funds. The motion passed unanimously.

The City of Erie Parking study qualifies for PennDOT Connects funding. In response to F. Tepfer's questions about the public involvement in the planning process, J. Sayers responded that he was not sure if the downtown summit was a public event. Chairman Mitchell suggested no action be taken until clarification of the public involvement could be made.

Traffic study at the intersection of Buffalo Road and Station Road in Wesleyville would qualify for PennDOT Connects funding. Chairman Mitchell suggested adding at least 10% local match will help in seeking funding. B. Kuhn made a motion to move the study forward to the Coordinating Committee. It was seconded by B. McNulty. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Secretary Aloiz discussed the local objectives and the ranking of the objectives. Due to the loss of CMAQ funding and a reduction in other funds, not many new projects will be included in the update. It is the opinion of MPO staff and consultant, WRA, that small changes are needed. Tweaks to the existing objectives include emphasis on equity and environmental justice and criteria for pedestrians and updated safety criteria. B. McNulty said that the selection process in 2017 worked well and that pedestrian needs were taken into account under multiple categories. F. Petrini made a comment that freight accessibility and mobility is very important.

F. Petrini made a motion to move the objectives and ranking forward. It was seconded by B. McNulty. The motion passed unanimously.

Note: The time between the TAC and the CC meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> is NOT an official public comment period although comments can be made at meetings and by contacting the secretary. The official 30-day comment period will be in February 2022.

## **8. Project Updates**

R. Johnson of PennDOT District 1-0 presented the project newsletter.

## **10. Other Business**

Chairman Mitchell introduced the new governor's northwest regional representative, Michael Ferritto. He can be reached at (717) 503-1489. Chairman Mitchell announced David Robinson is joining the staff of EMTA as the government and community relations administrator.

## **11. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Kuhn. It was seconded by J. Sayers. The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

For more information or questions please contact Secretary Emily Aloiz (814)-451-7325 or [eoaloz@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:eoaloz@eriecountypa.gov).