

MINUTES

SHENANGO VALLEY METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION COORDINATING/TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 – 10:30 A.M. - MCRPC Offices
Hermitage, PA

PERSONS PRESENT

Marcia Hirschmann
Daniel Gracenin
Jeremy Coxe
Pete Longiotti
Ryan T. Eggleston
Deborah Casadei
Tom Paxton
Bob Lucas
Jim Morton
Ron Faull
Kevin McCullough
Kathy Zook
Robert Hannigan
Stephen Theiss
Barb Brown
Dick Brandes
Mirta Reyes-Chapman
Mabel Selby
Andrea Folkertsma
Mark Miller
Harmon Fennell
Bill Petit
Bill Jones
Jeff Dunlap
Frank Gargiulo
Erin Wiley
Mark Longiotti
Mike Wilson
Steve Schettler
Nathan Clark
Mariah Hanson
Fred Hoffman
Phil & Mary Yasnowsky

REPRESENTING

Hermitage City
MCRPC
Hermitage City
Greenville Borough
Greenville Borough
PennDOT
Pine Township
Sharon City
Wolf Creek Township
Liberty Township
PennDOT
Eastgate Regional COG
PennDOT
Mercer County Trails Association, Inc.
Springfield Township
Jefferson Township
Eastgate Regional COG
West Middlesex Borough
Grove City Borough
Mercer County
Shenango Township
PennDOT
SVSS/MCCT
PennDOT
Farrell City
PennDOT
State Representative
Sharpsville Borough
PennDOT
Concerned Citizen
PennDOT
Sharon City
Interested Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hirschmann called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2007

Ms. Hirschmann asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the Minutes of the February 13, 2007 meeting. There being none, Ms. Hirschmann asked for a motion to approve. Mrs. Brown so moved, Mr. Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

TIP ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Mr. McCullough presented an overview of 2 amendments and also several modifications to the TIP. There being no questions, Ms. Hirschmann asked for a motion to approve the amendments/modifications. Mr. Longiotti so moved, Mr. Gargiulo seconded. The motion passed.

UPDATE ON LONG RANGE PLAN STATUS

Mr. Gracenin informed the MPO that he would be traveling to Harrisburg to make a presentation of the Long Range Plan to the ACM committee for comments and input. Mr. Gracenin mentioned that this was no being required of FHWA as part of the consultation process.

2007 STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION HEARINGS/TIP UPDATE

Mr. Gracenin informed those present that the TIP update process would again start later in the year. Mr. Gracenin mentioned that as always those from the public would have an opportunity to make presentation to the State Transportation Committee. The hearing would be held in Hermitage on August 30, 2007. Mr. Gracenin asked that anyone wishing to present should notify the MCRPC so that we can schedule the speakers. Mr. Gracenin also noted that preferred method of testimony is electronic submission. Mr. Gracenin then answered questions from the group.

UPDATE ON THE COORDINATED SERVICES PLAN BETWEEN SVSS/WTRA/Niles

Mr. Gracenin informed the MPO that an agreement to develop a Coordinated Services Plan would be developed between the Pennsylvania and Ohio transit partners. Mr. Jones then provided the MPO with details of the plan.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

An overview and update status of enhancement projects was provided by each of the applicants that were present. Questions were then answered by those applicants.

UPDATE ON COUNTYWIDE GIS PROJECT

Mr. Gracenin provided the MPO with an update of the County-wide GIS project. Mr. Gracenin informed the MPO that a RFP was being developed and that a consultant would be selected sometime during the summer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gracenin discussed with the MPO a new requirement to rank applications for transit 5310 funding. This is now being required by PENNDOT. Mr. Gracenin informed the MPO that two (2) applications were received: Mercer County Community Transit; Saint Paul Homes. Following discussion, Ms. Hirschmann asked for a motion to rank the projects. Mr. Brandes made a motion to rank MCCT number one and St. Paul Homes number two. Mr. Longiotti seconded. The motion passed.

The MPO next discussed the possibility of moving \$150,000 from the Stonework project to other projects in need. Following discussion Ms. Brown made the motion to reevaluate the Stoneboro project. Ms. Folkertsma seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Gracenin,
MPO Secretary