Williamsport Area Transportation Study

Coordinating Committee

Teleconference Public Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026 Coordinating Committee Teleconference Public Meeting: Held at 33 W. Third Street, Lyco. Conference Room 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA 17701 and various locations via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER (Regular WATS Technical Committee Public Meeting)

At 1:00PM Eric High called the meeting to order and also mentioned that this meeting will be recorded. Attendance included:

- Andrea Bahoric: PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management
- Eric High: PennDOT Engineering District 3-0 Executive
- Chris King: PennDOT District 3-0
- Gerald Wertz: PennDOT District 3-0
- Preston Mausteller: PennDOT District 3-0
- Justin Batiuk: PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management
- Jenny Picciano: Lycoming County Commissioner Alternate
- Ed Feigles: Lycoming County Commissioner Alternate
- Scott Williams: City of Williamsport Mayor Alternate
- Bill Scott: City of Williamsport Engineer
- Cameron Serafini: River Valley Transit Alternate
- Steven Beattie: JRA Executive Director
- Eric McKitish: Williamsport Regional Airport Executive Director
- Barb Schmouder: Lycoming County Boroughs Representative
- Dan Merk: STEP, Inc
- Kristin McLaughlin: SEDA-COG MPO

- Steve Herman: SEDA-COG MPO
- Bill Burdett: Lycoming County Association of Township Officials Representative
- Emily Mrochko: WATS Secretary/Transportation Planner

MINUTES

It was asked if there were any issues with the minutes from the previous meeting on December 8, 2025. No issues were found. Motion to approve was by Steven Beattie 2nd by Barb Schmouder. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerald Wertz, PennDOT District 3-0, provided an update on the I-99 designation. A signing contract was let on November 5, 2025 for $7.5 million to update signage and add trailblazing signs to US-220 and I-80. Above Trout Run, 4 Mile Road has been closed due to FHWA requirements. The final designation package has been sent to PennDOT Central Office for review and it will be sent to FHWA by the end of February. Sign placement should begin in the spring. An effective I-99 date will be released in summer 2026.

ACTION ITEMS

2024-2025 WATS Annual Report Adoption:

Emily stated the Annual report is on the WATS website for review. Motion to approve was by Eric McKitish, 2nd by Scott Williams. Motion carried to approve the annual report adoption.

Recommend 2027-2030 WATS Draft TIP for Public Comment:

Emily explained that with this approval, the WATS TIP public comment period will be open from March 1 to March 31 2026. The public meeting will be held March 10, 2026 via Teams. It will be presented at the Lycoming County Commissioner's Meeting on march 5, 2026 as a media release item. Emily will also be presenting the TIP at the March RVTA and Lycoming County Planning Commission meetings. Motion to approve was by Jenny Picciano 2nd by Barb Schmouder. Motion carried to approve the WATS draft TIP for public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2027 TIP Update:

Emily stated they are still waiting on the statewide list of projects and narratives. Once they are received and added to the draft TIP, the final draft will be sent to all Technical and Coordinating Committee members before being released for public comment. Justin thanked Emily and Chris for their coordination on putting the 2027-2030 WATS TIP together. Eric explained how the Interstate TIP is its own document with its own funds which WATS TIP to fund projects on I-180.

Modal Updates:

RVTA: Cameron Serafini was present to provide an update. He discussed the 3rd and Chestnut bus stop project. RVTA is working with PennDOT to secure potential engineering funding. The Transit Development Plan is looking to conduct public outreach soon. Capital projects include repairs to TT1 and TT2. Token Transit is set to launch this summer. There will be training sessions for passengers and bus operators. RVTA is working with DPS to coordinate when disaster strikes. RVTA is also working with PRC to clear snow from bus stops. From December to February ridership was approximately 140,000.

Williamsport Regional Airport: Eric McKitish was present to provide an update. He reported Stallion is the airport's newest tenant. The Montoursville Borough has vacated a portion of S Loyalsock Rd to the terminal to allow the Montour Street connector project to begin with has been approximately 35 years in the making. Total airline passengers for 2025 was approximately 6,000 which was a 300% increase from 2024. They have been in conversation with several additional carriers. New facial technology has been installed and is a great asset for passengers.

JRA: Steven Beattie was present to provide an update. They were awarded a $400,000 multimodal grant through DCED for a railroad crossing replacement in Danville Borough. They were also awarded $2.1 million pf PennDOT RTAP funding for 5 bridges for rehabilitation

STEP Inc: Dan Merk was present to provide an update. The new building is on schedule for April completion. Find My Ride app training is continuing and to date they have trained approximately 100 agencies across Lycoming and Clinton Counties. Hopefully by the end of March cross county trips will be possible. Ridership for the year is at approximately 40,000 riders

Management Action Report: Chris King reported a slight increase to meet the low bid of the Montgomery River Bridge Rehab Project. The Lycoming Mall Interchange Lighting Upgrade was added. Preliminary engineering was added for a few projects for resurfacing Northway Rd and Washington Boulevard from Market to Third Street. The MPO received approximately $300,000 in PROTECT funds for the Third Street to 4 Mile Drive project which includes a bank stabilization as well as resurfacing.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Herman from SEDA-COG advertised the Active Transportation Workshop they will be hosting in March with PA Downtown and WalkWorks.

ADJOURN

Eric asked for any final comments or thoughts, hearing none, Steven Beattie made a motion to end the meeting 2nd by Eric McKitish. The meeting ended at 1:28PM

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Mrochko
WATS Secretary