Williamsport Area Transportation Study

Coordinating Committee

Teleconference Public Meeting Minutes

May 12, 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 Gerald Wertz 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
- Gerald Wertz: PennDOT Engineering District 3-0 Executive - Alternate
- Chris King: PennDOT District 3-0
- Justin Batiuk: PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management
- Jenny Picciano: Lycoming County Commissioner - Alternate
- Marc Sortman: Lycoming County Commissioner
- Scott Williams: City of Williamsport Mayor - Alternate
- Bill Scott: City of Williamsport Engineer
- Cameron Serafini: River Valley Transit Alternate
- Eric McKitish: Williamsport Regional Airport Executive Director
- Barb Schmouder: Lycoming County Boroughs Representative
- Dan Merk: STEP, Inc
- Steve Herman: SEDA-COG MPO
- Bill Burdett: Lycoming County Association of Township Officials Representative
- Emily Mrochko: WATS Secretary/Transportation Planner
- Pat Crossley: Williamsport Sun Gazette

- Gene Porochniak: Federal Highway Administration

MINUTES

Gerald Wertz asked if there were any issues with the minutes from the previous meeting on February 10, 2026. No issues were found. Motion to approve was by Barb Schmouder 2nd by Bill Burdett. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

2027-2030 WATS TIP Memorandum of Understanding approval:

Emily stated this action item is to approve the memorandum of understanding. Justin stated it is procedural to approve the MOU before the TIP. Motion to approve was by Jenny Picciano 2nd by Barb Schmouder. Motion carried to approve WATS TIP MOU.

2027-2030 WATS TIP Recommend for Adoption:

Emily stated this action item is to adopt the 2027-2030 WATS TIP. The TIP went through the public comment period in the month of March. It was approved by the WATS Technical Committee with no additional comments or questions. Justin noted on page 136, the PennDOT TSMO Funding Initiative project on the TIP as well as on page 152, the Self-Certification Resolution had a slight language change from the draft TIP. Motion to approve was by Cameron Serafini 2nd by Scott Williams. Motion carried to adopt the 2027-2030 WATS TIP

MPMS 122535 Amendment:

Chris King stated this amendment is converting an existing project from a state funded to a federally funded project. The project is to mill and resurface Rt 15 south from the end of the barrier section to Blind Road. The project is planned to be let in 2028. Motion to approve was by Bill Burdett 2nd by Scott Williams. Motion carried to approve the amendment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Title VI and Public Participation Plan updates and on-site review:

PennDOT Central Office sent an office regarding the three year on-site review of the Title VI and Public Participation Plans. Present for the review was Emily, Justin, RVTA and STEP. They reviewed all of the documents and did not find any major issues. Now that the documents have been reviewed beginning with the WATS Technical Committee meeting in August, they will be reviewed and recommended to go to public comment period to be adopted by the end of the year.

Modal Updates:

RVTA: Cameron Serafini was present to provide an update. 366 surveys were completed as part of their Transit Development Plan outreach efforts. The 3rd and Chestnut project is still moving forward. Upcoming capital projects include the bus wash with water reclamation and sprinkler replacement. Ridership from January to early May was 300,493. In the month of April there were approximately 18,000 riders per week. RVTA met or exceeded the State Transportation Innovation Council met or exceeded all 6 measures, 1 out of only 14 agencies across the county to do so. Token Transit will go live on June 29th. Payment options will include the app, reloadable cards, or exact change.

Williamsport Regional Airport: Eric McKitish was present to provide an update. He will be attending an air service conference in Chicago next month to present the case for additional air service to the Williamsport Regional Airport and the region as a whole. Eric has meetings scheduled with at least 8 carriers for possible additions to air service. They are working with DEP to bring approximately 20 acres out of the floodplain and establishing a clean fill agreement.

STEP Inc: Dan Merk was present to provide an update. They had their last construction meeting today, May 12. The final walkthrough will be next week and the grand opening will be June 26th with the PennDOT Secretary of Transportation to be in attendance. PennDOT is finalizing the cross county Find My Ride scheduling which will increase transportation opportunities for the residents of Lycoming and Clinton counties. STEP recently completed piloting a mapping tool for PennDOT called GraphHopper. The goal is to optimize routes to reduce miles and save the passengers money.

SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority: Steven Beattie was not present to provide an update.

Management Action Report: Chris King was present to provide an overview of the MAR. He highlighted a new study phase across US 220 in the Muncy Valley area due to flooding that occurred last year. There was a large influx of de-obligations, federal funds savings from previous projects. The funds were added to the WATS Reserve line item. Funds were used to advance a bridge project on I-180 over Loyalsock Creek to apply deck preservation treatment. PennDOT is aware of the asphalt and diesel price adjustments so project savings from early in the year may change through the construction season.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Justin stated the TASA awards were announced and Lycoming County received $1.5 million for the Riverwalk extension project

ADJOURN

Gerald asked for any final comments or thoughts, hearing none, Bill Burdett made a motion to end the meeting 2nd by Eric McKitish. The meeting ended at 1:23PM

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Mrochko
WATS Secretary