

PUBLIC-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
MAY 31, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The seventh meeting of the Public-Private Transportation Partnerships Board (Board) was convened by Secretary Leslie S. Richards, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, in PUC Hearing Room 1, Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:**

Honorable Leslie S. Richards  
Honorable Randolph Albright  
Mr. Gregory Davis  
Mr. James Kunz, Jr.  
Mr. Ronald Drnevich

**Members Not Present:**

Representative Steven Santarsiero

**OLD BUSINESS:**

On a motion by Ron Drnevich, seconded by James Kunz, and unanimously approved, the meeting minutes from the November 24, 2015, were approved.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

Secretary Richards welcomed everyone to the board meeting and acknowledged and thanked the two (2) new members to the P3 Board:

Gregory Davis, appointed by Governor Wolf  
James Kunz, appointed by Senator Costa

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **RAPID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT:**

The Rapid Bridge Replacement project was approved by the Board in September 2013. This was the first P3 project to be approved. Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners was selected as the Development Entity in October 2014. Financial close was completed this past March. Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners is tasked to replace 560 structurally deficient bridges across the commonwealth. The Department will maintain ownership of the bridges, but the Development Entity is responsible for maintaining each bridge for 25 years after replacement. All bridges are to be replaced by December 2017. To date, forty-eight (48) bridges have been successfully replaced and open to traffic. Thirty (30) bridges are currently under construction with a committed goal of 180 bridges for 2016.

No action required by the Board.

### **NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BRIDGE RENEWAL PROGRAM:**

This proposal includes the design, construction, financing, and maintenance for the replacement and rehabilitation of 34 bridges in the county. Twenty-eight bridges will be replaced and 6 will be rehabilitated within a 4-year timeframe. The project objectives include enhancing the overall condition of the county bridge inventory, eliminating structurally deficient bridges, reducing the quantity of functionally obsolete bridges, addressing safety needs, removing weight limit postings, and exceeding traditional delivery schedule. The county has issued the Request for Proposals and has scheduled a pre-bid meeting to be held before the proposal due date of June 9, 2016.

No action required by the Board.

### **COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TRANSIT:**

This project was approved by the Board in September 2014. The project will bring fueling stations to selected transit agencies across the commonwealth as they begin to transition from diesel fleets to natural gas buses and vehicles. The Department is looking for a consortium to design, build, finance, operate and maintain CNG fueling infrastructure for transit agencies and also allow them the opportunity to see more broadly to other public and private fleets, providing outside the fence access. This will be a twenty (20) year contract with the selected partner. In January, three (3) teams were short-listed and a series of one-on-one meetings have been held with each proposer. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was finalized in December 2015 and proposals were received in January 2016. PennDOT announced the preferred bidder in March 2016.

Through the partnership, the Development Entity, Trillium, CNG, will:

- The selected proposer will design, build, finance, operate and maintain CNG fueling stations through a 20-year, \$84.5 million public-private partnership agreement with PennDOT.
- Stations will be built over the next five (5) years, with the firm also making CNG-related upgrades to existing transit maintenance facilities.
- Seven (7) of the constructed fueling island will be accessible to the public, with the option to add additional sites in the future.

When complete:

- The CNG fueling stations will supply gas to more than 1,600 CNG buses at participating transit agencies.
- These vehicles' engine life will be enhanced due to cleaner combustion versus conventional vehicles.
- Based on the existing buses' fuel usage, when the projected CNG buses are all put into service, 20 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions will be eliminated each year. This takes into account CO2 production throughout the fuel life cycle, including production.
- Market demand will be expanded as individuals and small-fleet owners will have access to CNG.

Mr. Drnevich asked how the fueling management system will be arranged and Mr. Dale Witmer responded that Trillium will be responsible for the collection and operation of fueling monies.

No action required by the Board.

#### WIRELESS TELECOM PARTNERSHIPS:

Under this partnership, the private sector would identify and market existing PennDOT assets (bridges, signs, buildings, maintenance facilities, towers, land, etc.) where wireless antennas and related equipment could be attached or constructed and market those opportunities to wireless service providers. Three shortlist firms, Crown Castle, Parallel Infrastructure, and SASI have been selected to submit their proposal. The RFP is in draft phase and will be issued in late 2016.

No action required by the Board.

#### SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING:

The Sponsorship and Advertising program (“Program”) was passed by the P3 Board in January 2013. Contract was awarded to Travelers Marketing in December 2013. Travelers Marketing was tasked to create the Program and advise the Department in its consideration of sponsorship and advertising opportunities with respect to marketable assets owned by the Department and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (“PTC”), with Department approval.

- Freeway Service Patrol: Travelers secured State Farm to sponsor the Department’s roving safety patrol. This 3-year sponsorship will generate \$425,000 in sponsorship revenue for the Department each year.
- Rest Area/“Safe Phone Zone”: This concept will allow an entity to sponsor the 35 rest areas in the commonwealth. Branding rest areas as “safe phone zones” provides a proactive solution to ban texting while driving. The sponsor’s name will be placed on highway signage indicating to the motorist that a rest area is up ahead. The revenue generated will help to offset maintenance and operation costs of the rest areas.

No action required by the Board.

#### AMTRAK STATIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: KEYSTONE CORRIDOR – MIDDLETOWN STATION:

The Keystone Corridor is a 349 mile railroad line linking Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Amtrak currently runs two services along the Keystone Corridor – the Keystone Service or Keystone Line (Harrisburg to New York City) and the Pennsylvanian (Pittsburgh to New York City). This P3 project is specific to the Middletown Station and accompanying facilities.

PennDOT is working with Amtrak to relocate the Middletown Station from Union and Mill Streets to a new location on Ann Street/Airport Drive (SR 441) at West Main Street (SR 230) near the Penn State Harrisburg campus. The project will make the transit station more accessible to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) platform requirements and offer multimodal connections by accommodating a bus stop, airport shuttle, connections for students, and covered bicycle racks.

The structure for the Middletown project is a long-term land lease agreement with operations and maintenance concession agreement. The length of the project will depend on the funds available and the list of terms and responsibilities of the private sector. Under this arrangement, PennDOT will lease the property to the private developer who will design, build, finance, maintain the station, parking facilities, and commercial property for a specified time.

No action required by the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF P3 PROJECT CANDIDATE:**

### PTC FIBER OPTIC CABLE

Presented by Mark Compton, Chief Executive Officer, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

The proposed installation of a fiber optic cable with wireless mesh overlay along the 550 mile-extent of the turnpike and extensions. The fiber optic cable will provide communication capacity for the PTC, PennDOT, and other Commonwealth needs. The PTC proposes a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Maintain (DBFOM) partnership which will allow a private partner to market and lease the remaining capacity.

On a motion by Ron Drnevich, seconded by James Kunz, and unanimously approved, the PTC Fiber Optic Cable project was approved to proceed.

### UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS UPDATE:

This year, the P3 Office has received 2 unsolicited proposals in April 2016:

- Safety Service Patrol along the Pennsylvania Turnpike – This proposal calls for emergency road service patrol covering mile markers 359 to 333 east and west bound mainline of the Turnpike as well as mile markers 20 to 33.9 north and south on the Northeast Extension.
- Mobile Brush Solution for Snow and Ice on Vehicles – This proposal offers a mobile brush solution along PA highways to clear accumulated snow off of the tops of trucks, tractor-trailers and buses prior to transit that is fast, effective and safe. TrucBrush is a patented, mobile brush device which connects and is hydraulically powered by a front-end loader, common equipment used for ground snow operations. The location(s) for this mobile service would be determined by PennDOT based on trucking traffic, congestion and seasonal snow accumulations.

No action required by the Board.

### APPROVAL OF THE 2015-2016 P3 OFFICE REPORT FOR PENNSYLVANIA:

The P3 Office presented the P3 Report for Pennsylvania which describes the activities of the office and provides an update to all P3 projects.

On a motion by James Kunz, seconded by Gregory Davis, and unanimously approved, the P3 Report for Pennsylvania was approved for release.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business was presented to the Board for their comment and consideration.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Secretary Randolph Albright, seconded by Ron Drnevich, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.