

PUBLIC-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 29, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The eighth meeting of the Public-Private Transportation Partnerships Board (Board) was convened by Secretary Leslie S. Richards, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 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 Mr. James Kunz, seconded by Mr. Ron Drnevich, and unanimously approved, the meeting minutes from the May 13, 2016, were approved.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

2016 active year for P3

1. Executed contract PennDOT / CNG
2. Middletown station project – shortlist of proposals (75 people attended forum)
3. P3 101 webinar held October 27, 2016 to educate P3, Central Office and District staff including executive leadership, project managers, technical staff and engineers, planning and programming personnel, communications and community relations staff, and environmental resource professionals. Over 300 participated; will schedule future webinars.

RAPID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT:

To date, 123 bridges have been successfully replaced and open to traffic. Sixty (60) bridges are currently under construction. Five (5) bridges to be completed this year. PennDOT and Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners are developing a schedule to complete these bridges.

No action required by the Board.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BRIDGE RENEWAL PROGRAM:

The Northampton County Bridge Renewal Program is planning to replace twenty-eight (28) bridges and rehabilitate five (5) others across the county in a four-year timeframe.

No action required by the Board.

COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TRANSIT:

PennDOT selected Trillium CNG as the preferred proposer to supply gas to over 1,600 CNG busses at twenty-nine (29) transit facilities throughout the commonwealth. PennDOT has granted Notice-to-Proceed 1 (NTP-1), which gives Trillium the ability to start design work related to the CNG stations. A key prerequisite for the approval of NTP-1 was the development and approval of the Project Management Plan. Trillium is currently finalizing the design of the first stations to be constructed and opened in early 2017 – Johnstown, State College and York.

The Honorable Randolph Albright requested a clear construction schedule. Mr. Bonini will email to the board.

No action required by the Board.

WIRELESS TELECOM PARTNERSHIPS:

PennDOT issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on May 19, 2014, and eight (8) firms submitted Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) on June 27, 2014. The field of proposers has been narrowed to three (3) Shortlisted Proposers who will be invited to respond to a Requests for Proposals (RFP) in early 2017.

To jump start the procurement process, PennDOT intends to meet with each of the Shortlisted Proposers to review the project and discuss any comments on the draft RFPs.

Selection of the preferred proposes is anticipated in Q4 2017.

No action required by the Board.

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION BOARD:

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's project – bandwidth needs for voice and data communications to eliminate non-cash transactions– is not being championed by the P3 Board/PennDOT. The Turnpike is forming their teams and will submit proposals in 2017.

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING:

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. Travelers has not been able to secure a sponsor.

Tire Filling Stops: Travelers proposes an alternative to co-brand rest areas and welcome centers as "Tire Filling Stations." In addition to generating sponsorship revenue to support our rest areas and welcome centers, Tire Filling Stations encourage frequent tire maintenance. The Department can promote safer driving practices on its roadways by inviting the traveling public to stop and check their tires.

No action required by the Board.

AMTRAK STATIONS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: KEYSTONE CORRIDOR – MIDDLETOWN STATION:

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.

To promote this initiative, the P3 Office and the PennDOT Multimodal Deputate hosted an industry forum on September 28th near the project site. Over seventy-five (75) attendees participated. Additionally, the P3 Office held a site visit on November 16th to provide a walk-through of the site for interested developers.

No action required by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS UPDATE:

This year, the P3 Office has received three (3) unsolicited proposals:

- Gateway Raingardens: Partnerships for Stormwater Management: to develop a statewide “Gateway Raingarden” program for Pennsylvania under the leadership and management of PennDOT.
- Mitigation Bank Development on PennDOT Land: a 10-15 year statewide project to develop wetland, stream and species mitigation credits on PennDOT owned land.
- Oakland Interchange Improvement Project: the project consists of innovative transportation enhancements to optimize mobility, mitigate congestion, provide an Oakland Gateway, and support economic development.

No action required by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Upcoming P3 101 Webinar to be held prior to May 2017. Mr. Bonini will send the October 27th webinar to the board members.

Mr. Davis asked “with the new administration a lot of federal money is being spent in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.”

Secretary Richards will forward to board members any AASHTO news on the new DOT Secretary Elaine Chao.

Mr. Drnevich commented that previously P3 spent less money and the projects were completed in a timely manner.

Next meeting is May 18, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Mr. Gregory Davis seconded by Mr. Ron Drnevich, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.