

TROC June 14, 2021 Meeting 6 Minutes





The Transportation Revenue Options Commission (TROC) held its sixth meeting virtually on June 14, 2021. The meeting began promptly at 1:00 P.M., and was conducted via Zoom; it was also accessible through a public link to Zoom. Paul Caulfield and Keith Chase facilitated the session.

The session agenda follows:

1. **Meeting Objectives**
2. **Commission Chair's Opening Remarks**
3. **Schedule/Milestones Review**
4. **Review of Draft Final Report Outline**
5. **Work Groups' Revenue Projections**
 - Compiled Results
 - Individual Work Groups' Results (10-minute presentations/Q&A for each)
 - Mileage-Based User Fees (MBUF)
 - Tolling Scenarios
 - Vehicle Registration Fees
 - Taxing Scenarios
 - Multimodal Revenue Sources
 - Transit Revenue Sources
 - Local Solutions
 - Toward Consensus: Comments and Considerations from TROC Members
6. **Briefing**
 - Federal Funding Initiatives (Larry Shifflet, TROC Executive Director and PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning)
7. **Meeting Summary and Public Comments**
8. **Commission Chair's Closing Remarks**
9. **Next Meeting Date: June 24, 1:00 – 3:00**

Meeting Objectives

Session co-facilitator Paul Caulfield presented the following meeting objectives:

- To review work groups' evaluations of revenue opportunities.
- To review the TROC Final Report structure and contents.
- To review federal funding considerations.

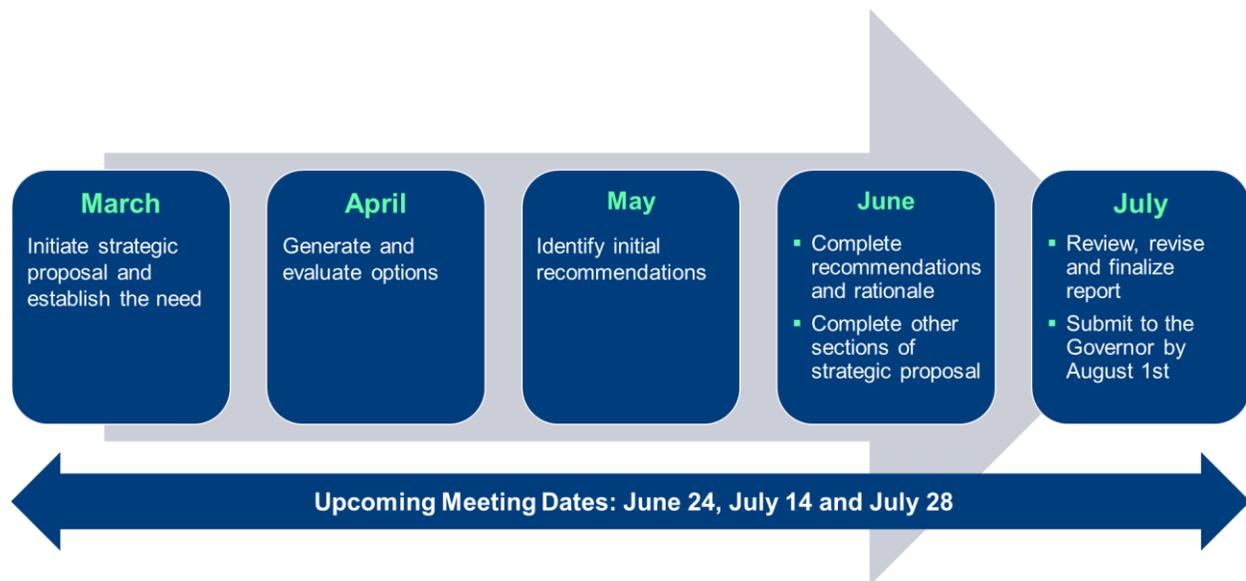
Commission Chair’s Opening Remarks

Commission Chair Gramian officially opened the session by thanking Commission members for their work to date. She noted that Commission members have participated in the hands-on activity of projecting the impacts of various revenue options on the needs presented in prior meetings. This exercise, she noted, prepares the way for ultimately framing the Commission’s strategic proposal.

Commission Chair Gramian asked for and received a motion to accept the minutes of the prior meeting, which was given, seconded, and approved by all, without objection.

Schedule/Milestone Review

Paul briefly reviewed the overall schedule (below), noting that the July meeting dates (July 14 and 28) had been confirmed and invitations would follow. He noted that the July dates fell on Wednesdays, which would allow an extra day following the last meeting for the drafting of the final report before its submission to Governor Wolf.



Review of Draft Final Report Outline

Co-facilitator Keith Chase presented the following draft outline of a final report format for Commission members’ review and consideration.

1. Introduction

- TROC purpose and methodology
- Scale and age of system

- PennDOT modernization
- Current funding challenges

2. **Proposed Commonwealth Transportation Funding Strategy**

- Guiding principles
- Long-term strategy
- Near- and mid-term solutions
- How the proposed approach compares to those of other states for varied sources

3. **Modernizing Federal and Local Transportation Funding**

- Federal
- Local

4. **From Recommendations to Reality**

5. **Conclusion**

- Call to action

Acknowledgments

- TROC member list and affiliations

Work Groups' Revenue Projections

Paul presented the compiled results of work groups' submissions. Work groups who addressed specific categories of revenues (MBUF, tolling, fees, taxes, etc.) discussed their individual submissions. Questions and comments were gathered through open discussion, Mentimeter and chat.

The compiled results and the work-group revenue projections are included in the full presentation posted on the website: <https://www.penndot.gov/about-us/funding/Pages/TROC.aspx>. Mentimeter input is also posted on the website (in PDF). Questions submitted through chat are being addressed through the established Q&A process.

Note: Given the current focus on PSP Funding in the formulation of the Commonwealth budget, addressing the TROC's disposition toward this revenue source was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Briefing

TROC Executive Director and PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning Larry Shifflet provided a presentation on federal funding initiatives. His presentation focused on the American Jobs Plan,



Fast Act reauthorization, and communication at the local, state, and federal levels. Larry's presentation is included in the full session presentation posted on the website.

Meeting Summary and Public Comments

The session concluded with a brief summary of the session's outcomes and a preview of the next session.

A period for public comment was opened to allow members of the public not otherwise able to submit their input through the public Zoom platform to participate. No additional comments were voiced.

Commission Chair's Closing Remarks

In closing, Secretary Gramian thanked all Commission members for their active engagement in what she termed a "great meeting." She commended Commission members for their thoughtful comments, dialogue and the open and transparent process as we move into the last six weeks of our time together. She encouraged members to "rally to advance a strategic proposal that makes a compelling case for bold, united action for multimodal transportation solutions." She also noted that Pennsylvania "needs and deserves solutions that will support transportation for future generations."

Paul closed the meeting by noting the need for the Commission to "turn the corner" and frame the options analyzed as recommendations, along with the rationale for each, in the final stages of the Commission's efforts. The meeting closed at 2:58 P.M.