

PUBLIC-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 28, 2017

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Members Present:

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

Members Not Present:

Representative William F. Keller
Mr. John J. Martino

OLD BUSINESS:

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OLD BUSINESS:

RAPID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

The Rapid Bridge Replacement project was approved by the Board in September 2013. This was the first P3 project approved. Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners was selected as the Development Entity in October 2014. Financial close was completed March 2015. Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners is tasked to replace 558 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 2018.

As of the P3 Board meeting, 350 bridges have been successfully replaced and open to traffic. Forty-three (43) bridges are currently under construction. PennDOT and Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners have developed a schedule to complete the remaining bridges.

No action required by the Board.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BRIDGE RENEWAL PROJECT:

The Northampton County Bridge Renewal Project 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.

Bridge #157 was the first bridge completed. A ribbon cutting was held on October 27, 2017. The development entity will maintain the bridges for 10 years.

No action required by the Board.

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION BROADBAND PROJECT:

This project includes the 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 is developing a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Maintain (DBFOM) partnership which will allow a private partner to market and lease the remaining capacity.

The PTC issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in July 2017. On September 21, 2017, statements of qualification were received from 6 teams which are currently being

evaluated and scored. Based on qualifications, the PTC will select teams (shortlist) that will be invited to respond to the project RFP.

No action required by the Board.

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING:

The Sponsorship and Advertising program (“Program”) was passed by the P3 Board in January 2013. A 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. Travelers has not been able to secure a sponsor.

No action required by the Board.

KEYSTONE CORRIDOR: MIDDLETOWN STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

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.

In January 2017, PennDOT announced that Keystone Connections qualified for the next phase of procurement. The Department has been conducting one-on-one meetings with the team in the development and ultimate distribution of a draft Request for Proposals.

No action required by the Board.

Wetlands Mitigation Banking Project

An unsolicited proposal was submitted in October 2016 for wetland mitigation banking. Through a Public-Private Partnership (P3), a private partner has proposed for PennDOT to develop 140 acres for a wetland banking site in Chalfont, PA. The land is already owned by PennDOT and will provide on-demand wetland mitigation credits for both PennDOT projects as well as other private development projects which have wetland impacts located in the same watershed. The P3 Board approved this project in July 2013.

Since Board approval, the PennDOT staff and its consultants have been working to coordinate with the appropriate regulatory agencies at the state and federal levels to ensure that procuring a wetlands mitigation bank through a P3 agreement is appropriate. A field view with regulatory agencies has been scheduled. A late 2018/early 2019 procurement is anticipated.

No action was required by the Board.

COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) FUELING STATIONS FOR TRANSIT AGENCIES:

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. Trillium CNG out of Houston was chosen as the Development Entity to design, build, finance, operate and maintain CNG fueling infrastructure for transit agencies while permitting the opportunity for public outside the fence sales to other public and private fleets.

Trillium CNG will supply gas to 1,600 CNG busses at twenty-nine (29) transit facilities throughout the commonwealth. Seven (7) stations are open: Johnstown (includes a public station), York (public station), Donora, Greensburg, Ebensburg, State College and Aliquippa. An additional 10 stations are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2018.

No action required by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS UPDATE:

This year, the P3 Office did not receive any unsolicited proposals in October.

The P3 Office did receive one proposal in April 2017. The submission, Environmental Solutions P3, came from Resource Environmental Solutions. As a part of the evaluation of this proposal, the P3 Office is working to determine the merit of the proposal as a P3 project.

No approval requested or needed at this time from the P3 Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Bonini noted that the next P3 Board meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Mr. James Kunz seconded by Mr. Gregory Davis, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.