

**INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORTATION,
AND SUSTAINABILITY (ITTS)
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Committee: Chairperson, Mr. Weiss, Ms. Burckley, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Strenfel
Staff: Mr. Krack, Mr. Watson, and Ms. Getzfread

I. Call to Order at 7:01pm.

II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Lutzker asked the status of the Streetscapes project for Gay Street.

Mr. Krack reported the project is scheduled to start in about two weeks.

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

No updates or discussions.

IV. New Business

A. Motion to recommend Borough Council approve the GVF Shuttle proposal in the lump sum amount of \$25,000.

There is no additional information at this time. This item will come back to the Agenda at a later date.

B. Discussion regarding Streetscapes proposal from Emmet Street between Franklin Avenue and Dayton Street.

Mr. Krack reported this item came from Mr. Kirkner who at the last Council Meeting asked that the Borough look into a Streetscapes project for Emmett Street.

Mr. Weiss questioned the need for such a project and thought such a project would be better served on Franklin Avenue between the bridge and the Recreation Center.

Mr. Krack noted that the area along Emmett Street does not appear to provide enough room for a parking lane and new sidewalks. That if sidewalks were improved, residents would continue to park as they do thereby destroying the new sidewalks.

Mr. Krack stated he and Mr. Watson would reach out to PennDOT for a meeting to discuss what, if anything, could be done on the road since it is SR-113.

V. Infrastructure Updates

A. Engineering Reports (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

Mr. Weiss noted the information in the two reports was very concise and generally could answer most of the questions on the rest of the Agenda.

B. Stormwater Management

Mr. Krack reported that Staff is reviewing information for a potential PA Small Waterway Grant to mitigate one of the areas identified in the Engineer's report.

C. The Phoenix Wheel

Mr. Krack reported the various components which are currently stored at Valley Forge University would be identified and taken to another location in the Borough to layout and determine what, if any, additional parts may need to be fabricated.

VI. Transportation Updates

A. Bridge and Starr Street

Mr. Krack reported that Staff met with the Priest and members of the Brotherhood for the Church to review the plans. Staff and the engineer will meet with them in early May to review any questions they may have regarding the proposed project.

B. Paradise Street – Phase 2

Mr. Krack reported the engineer was given the approval to move forward with the next phase and that Staff will meet with the engineer in May to determine next steps and proposed schedule.

C. Hall Street

Nothing new to report.

D. Mowere Road

Ms. Getzfread reported that due to a glitch in the electronic program, PennDOT is not able to provide the Contract for signatures at this time. Staff needs the signed contract in order to put the project out to bid as details in the contract must be incorporated into the bid documents. Staff asked for a paper version of the contract and was told that could not be provided.

E. French Creek Trail

Mr. Watson stated that he is working on a meeting with Tague Lumber to layout the schedule for installing the new fence and then prepare the work area to install that portion of the trail.

F. Train Station

Ms. Getzfread reported that the SRPRA Board Meeting was held at Borough Hall on Monday. AECOM is progressing with review of the existing infrastructure for the proposed rail line and where the stations may be located along the rail line.

G. Washington/Gay Intersection return to stop signs

Mr. Watson provided additional information regarding upcoming costs to replace the controller cabinet and relocation of the traffic signal standards. While there will be costs to remove the existing equipment, add stop signs and repair the ADA ramps, those costs will be much less than current projections.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize Staff to apply to PennDOT for removal of the existing traffic signals. Seconded by Mr. Moore. Motion passed 4-0.

H. Walkability

Mr. Krack provided background on the original Walk Phoenixville Pedestrian Accessibility Plan.

Mr. Weiss asked Staff to provide an update on actions taken by the Borough or others that remedy any of the recommendations in the Plan.

I. Parking Study Update

Ms. Getzfread provided an update that Bowman will commence the pre-PXV Inside/Out assessment the first week of May and then will follow after the closures commence with the second assessment to determine the impacts of the closure.

VII. Sustainability Updates

A. PXVNEO

Mr. Krack reported that the consulting firm will be on site next week to set up their systems. We will then start the system to capture additional data and then

shut the system down. The consulting firm will then assess the information and provide recommended next steps for eventual full startup operations.

B. Municipal Building Solar Installation

Ms. Getzfread reported the Borough Engineer should receive the various submittals for review next week. Once approved, the final design and installation should begin in mid to late May.

VIII. Technology Updates

Nothing new to report.

IX. Public Participation

Mr. Saneck asked about the location of the building where the Wheel was being located. He also asked about the removal of the traffic signal at Washington Avenue and Gay Street.

X. Adjournment at 8:17 pm by Ms. Burckley

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm.