

PENNSYLVANIA STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 12, 2021



Please note that these minutes are not intended to capture every individual comment, but rather to identify critical discussion points and highlights of the STC business meetings.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Yassmin Gramian, P.E. convened a special business meeting of the State Transportation Commission (STC) at 10:33 am on January 12, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present on the Phone:

1. Honorable Yassmin Gramian, Chair
2. Honorable Chad M. Amond
3. Honorable Ronald J. Drnevich
4. Honorable George M. Khoury, Secretary
5. Honorable Tim Hennessey
 Mr. Matthew Rucci, Alternate Present
6. Honorable Michael Carroll
7. Honorable Kim Ward
 Mr. Nolan Ritchie, Alternate Present
8. Honorable John P. Sabatina
 Mr. Jason Gerard, Alternate Present
9. Honorable Sharon L. Knoll, Vice-Chair
10. Honorable James D. Kingsborough
11. Honorable Frank E. Paczewski
12. Honorable Paige Willan

Commissioners Not Present:

None.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Secretary Yassmin Gramian, P.E. welcomed Commissioners and guests to the special STC meeting. Ms. Gramian explained that the meeting is scheduled to review and approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Rail Freight projects.

**2020 RAIL FREIGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(RFAP) AND RAIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(RTAP): By Jennie Granger.**

Deputy Secretary for Multimodal, Ms. Jennie Granger, AICP, presented the 2020 RFAP and RTAP projects. Ms. Granger explained that there are twenty-six projects totaling \$31,310,658 being considered for approval.

Ms. Granger noted that this year's total is below the usual \$40 Million because there were not enough applications. She said that some counties hesitated to apply because they would have to provide the match and the current funding uncertainty makes it challenging to do so.

Mr. Drnevich asked about the number of applications received.

Ms. Granger answered that there were only 3 or 4 that were not approved.

ON A MOTION by Ms. Sharon Knoll and seconded by Mr. Chad Amond the 2020 Rail Freight Assistance Program and the Rail Transportation Assistance Program were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Gerard asked about the timeline of the press release announcing the programs' approval.

Ms. Granger said later today.

Mr. Amond asked about the locations of the three non-approved projects.

Ms. Granger said that she will follow up. She also noted that the projects are distributed geographically across the state.

As a follow up item, Mr. Steve Panko from the Bureau of Rail, Freight, Ports, and Waterways supplied the counties where the three non-approved projects are located: Adams, Bucks, and York.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON A MOTION by Mr. Ronald Drnevich and seconded by Mr. Frank Paczewski, the special STC meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.