

PENNSYLVANIA STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
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CALL TO ORDER:

Honorable Robert B. Pease convened a business conference call of the Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission (STC) at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2016 in Harrisburg, PA.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Honorable Leslie S. Richards, Chairwoman, via phone
Honorable Robert B. Pease, P.E., Vice Chairman, via phone
Honorable Edward J. Cernic, Sr. via phone
Honorable Ronald J. Drnevich, via phone
Honorable William F. Keller, alternate present, via phone
Honorable James D. Kingsborough, via phone
Honorable George M. Khoury, via phone
Honorable Sharon L. Knoll, via phone
Honorable Frank E. Paczewski, via phone
Honorable John C. Rafferty, alternate present, via phone
Honorable John Sabatina, alternate present, via phone
Honorable John Taylor, alternate present
Honorable Frederic M. Wentz, via phone

2016 RFAP

Deputy Secretary Toby Fauver presented the 2016 Rail Freight Assistance Program and the 2016 Rail Transportation Assistance Program. 25 projects were recommended for funding at a cost of \$14.7 million. Three projects were not recommended and they were Dow Chemical, Erie Forge Steel, and the Kovalchick Corporation.

Commissioner Knoll asked why Erie Forge, Inc's project was not recommended for funding. Mr. Fauver explained that projects are scored based on a cost/benefit model.

Commissioner Drnevich asked if the scoring criteria for project recommendation is available online. Mr. Mike Sorbo explained the cost/benefit model. It includes trucks eliminated, jobs created, and an inbound/outbound analysis.

Commissioner Knoll asked that PennDOT Staff follow up with Erie Forge, Inc to explain why their project was not recommended and Mr. Fauver stated that this would occur and an interview with all grantees is part of the granting process.

Mr. Eric Bugaile asked about the Colebrookdale Railroad RTAP project and Kovalchick's RFAP project. Mr. Sorbo explained that neither project scored high enough on the cost/benefit model to be recommended.

ON A MOTION, the 2016 RFAP projects were unanimously approved.

2016 RTAP

The 2016 Rail Transportation Assistance Program recommended nine projects for funding at a cost of \$42.8 million, and two projects were not recommended for funding. The applicants not recommended for funding are the Colebrookdale Railroad, and the Union Railroad Company.

Mr. Fauver explained that RTAP is part of the Capital Budget but the RTAP projects require a capital budget authorization. The state share is \$30 million total.

ON A MOTION by Commissioner Knoll and seconded by Mr. Bugaile, the 2016 RTAP was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.