

**Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee
Minutes
May 21, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am in Port Authority's Neal H. Holmes Board Room at 345 Sixth Avenue, Fifth Floor, Pittsburgh, with the following in attendance:

Via WebEx Board Committee Members

John Tague, Jr., Chairman

Jessica Walls-Lavelle – via Conference Call

Ann Ogoreuc

Stephanie Turman

Board Members and Solicitor

Jeff Letwin

Representative Austin Davis

Opening Remarks

Mr. Tague, Committee Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from the February 20, 2020 Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee Meeting

Mr. Tague asked Committee members if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none and members approved the minutes.

Long Range Transportation Plan Briefing (D. Huffaker & A. Silbermann)

Mr. Huffaker, Chief Development Officer, discussed a brief overview of the Long-Range Plan. You may be wondering why during this pandemic The Port Authority is embarking on this ambitious plan. While our immediate focus is to ensure that our riders and employees are safe as possible, no crisis should cause us to be stagnant and not safe. The Pandemic highlights the importance of our transit service. We must plan a transportation system that is accessible, affordable to everyone, reliable, flexible, comprehensive and safe. The pandemic presents the perfect opportunity for us to reevaluate the Port Authority service and ensure we are well positioned to meet the needs of the county tomorrow and prepare for the next 25 years and beyond.

Ms. Silberman, Director of Planning, will give more details on the plan. Our Long-Range plan is called **NexTransit** and we have been working on branding over the last few weeks. Some of the components of this plan include:

- Public and Stakeholder Outreach – big component of this project

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- Finishing up a report on some of the background information and previous plans that have been done to date. Trying not to duplicate work that has already been done.
- Market & travel demands for future population and job growth as it is expected to be in 2045.
- Report on investment opportunities and growth in the future and how do we move forward as a region and how do we pay for continued investment in transit. Not only does this include our existing system but any growth we want to work on or change we have over time.
- Technical memo prioritizes some of those investments that we will be doing at some of those corridors, deemed priority through the public process and developing some ridership and cost estimates for those and prioritizing which investment we move forward on next. Draft and final report at the end of the process.
- Very robust public engagement process throughout this plan, this is the biggest component of this plan and the consultants that we have helping us out with it and there will be six themes throughout the public engagement process. These themes will stay steady throughout this plan.
- The theme we are working on right now and you will start to hear more about publicly throughout the month of June is the **Benefits & Barriers to Transit**.
- Where do people want to go? What are the gaps in the existing system and where to people feel or know they can't travel to today, or travel as quickly as they like to and frequently as well as they would like to? How can transit fill those gaps in the future.
- Specific Prioritized areas – which one is most important and start look at funding strategies and how do we pay for those future corridors of transit. Did we get it right at the end of the process to make sure that our public engagement throughout has been robust and the public really feels ownership over this plan and over our roadmap for the future.

Questions from Board Members and Others

1. Ms. Turman: is there any CDC from communities as stakeholders or tenant council presidents and from some of our low-income areas as well on this committee?
 - a. Ms. Silbermann said I would have to look specifically at the list, but we do have some housing organizations. I can send the list to the board members. We are happy to add organizations and If there are any groups that the board members think we should include please reach out to me. We are trying to stay away from really

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neighborhoods specific groups in the stakeholder advisory group just because there are so many of those. We did try to capture more umbrella type organizations, but we did try to be very inclusive of committees that need transportation services.

2. Ms. Turman as far as the schedule you are in the red can you send a breakdown on where you are and more information on it.
 - a. Each row had a color code did not mean anything negative. The public input plan is being finalized and will be put-on long-range plan via web. The calendar we kept vague not exactly sure what are public input is going to look like. It is a generic plan but have a more specific plan within the next three months.