



## Identifying Transportation Opportunities

Tuesday - July 23, 2019

### Notes

**7:30am** Welcome | Breakfast

**7:45am** Kirk Stoner | *Planning Director*

Kirk Stoner welcomed everyone and provided scenarios of transportation past, present, future. The vision is to look ahead at transportation in our region and determine what it will look like:

- What mobility options are available
- Change the way we connect our employees with the workforce
- How is public transportation reinventing itself
- What barriers exist that challenge transportation
- Technology changes
- How much will it cost

**7:50am** Vince DiFilippo | *Commissioner*

Commissioner DiFilippo welcomed everyone and mentioned the importance of hosting this meeting due to the changes with CAT services and listen to transportation experts regarding those changes. The topics covered in today's summit will look at transit employee partnerships i.e. van pools and the future of autonomous vehicles.

**Jim Hertzler** | *Commissioner*

Commissioner Hertzler welcomed everyone and mentioned that there needs to be a renewed focus on a better transit system for our constituents, residents, and employers. CAT is moving in the right direction, however, there is a lot of work to be done with financial challenges and an uncertain future. What do the key stakeholders have to say, what are the needs of our employers, what partnerships are possible and is CAT being restructured to better meet customers' demands of a west shore circulator.

**Gary Eichelberger** | *Commissioner*

Commissioner Eichelberger welcomed everyone. This forum is important to bring together employers and other organizations to create dialogue and change the way the community envisions its transportation system needs. We need to come up with additional solutions that change with current technologies.

**7:57am** Jennie Granger | *AICP, Deputy Secretary Multimodal Transportation, PennDOT*

Jennie Granger thanked the Commissioners for holding this event. Development has occurred, however transportation has not kept pace. Jennie outlined initiatives such as funding for highways, the 2013 law known as Act 89; she mentioned that the Federal government has not kept up with funding needs. A negative impact to public transit centered on a recent lawsuit against the Turnpike Commission; a group of truckers sued the Turnpike Commission stating that the turnpike should not be obligated to pay PennDOT \$450 million per year to fund public transit and transportation improvements in the state from fees it collects on the Turnpike's tolls. This funding allows for planning, design, and construction of public transit; reconstruct stations for ADA compliance, and a multimodal comprehensive approach. We need to make transportation sustainable in the long term.

**8:12am** Q&A

An obstacle when walking and biking is Norfolk Southern. Is there a way to convince them to cooperate? Jennie offered to help out any way that she can.

**8:25am** Richard Farr | *Executive Director, rabbittransit*

February of 2018 rabbittransit entered into a management agreement with CAT to provide financial and management services. PennDOT has been supporting the process. CAT is working on a Modernization Plan for public

transportation such as fare collection that has been upgraded to an electronic system, which allows for easy tracking of constituents and their stops. CAT switched to mobile ticketing on cell phones, updated the website, have GFTS files available like google transit, for example to assist in trip planning. The biggest initiative and project to date is the system redesign. Rich asked the audience to take the survey on their website to provide feedback.

At each table is an Employer Transportation Partnership flyer – Rich Farr met with employers to coordinate transportation needs with varying work schedules and hours. A mobility service would be an app on a cell phone that will work for whatever transit service you need.

### **8:35am** Q&A

There was mention of transportation for employees living in Harrisburg and working in Carlisle at the warehouses. A bus service was organized for the employees transportation needs.

### **8:45am** Douglas Paskowski | *Director, Business Rental Sales Enterprise Commute*

Their goal is helping employers get employees to and from work. Smaller businesses need a smaller service such as van rental services. This could be added into benefits for employees by their employers covering the cost.

### **8:50am** Q&A

**9:00am** Jeff Bergsten | *Director, Planning, Traffic & Its, Civil & Environmental, Michael Baker International*  
Automated = cruise control / autonomous = drives itself. Why have this conversation (or why move in this direction?) – 94% of crashes are a result of human error, so this could save lives. On the market side, there would be a need for mobility service trips. Our vehicles run approximately 2 hours a day, back and forth to work, etc. Future vehicle service could result in vehicles running many hours a day. Curbside pick-up /drop off would be more important than parking garage space. New legislation was passed last year with three items: 1. Automated Work Zone - example of sitting in a truck working could become automated; 2. Platooning, which means vehicles run electronically that link close together, which saves fuel; 3. Governors Lead Action Committee is working to push additional legislation. Another Bill in legislation is regarding an Automated Shuttle.

### **9:10am** Q&A

A statement was made regarding the need for education on the future transportation services.

Q - What happens if an autonomous vehicle has a glitch in the system?

A – Safety is number one, which is why it needs thorough testing of different scenarios.

### **9:20am** Closing Remarks

Kirk Stoner thanked all the Speakers and sponsors for the event.

### **9:30am** Dismissed

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