


TROC July 14, 2021 Meeting 8 Minutes





The Transportation Revenue Options Commission (TROC) held its eighth meeting virtually on July 14, 2021. The meeting began promptly at 1:00 P.M. and was conducted via Zoom; it was also accessible through a public link to Zoom. The video of the session is at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eSpe_5pVfo.

The session agenda follows:

1. **Meeting Objectives**
2. **Commission Chair's Opening Remarks**
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5. **Briefing**
 - Modernization and Efficiencies (PennDOT Executive Staff)
6. **Draft Document – Update and Review**
 - TROC Member Review Process
 - Review and Comment Schedule
7. **Meeting Summary and Public Comments**
8. **Commission Chair's Closing Remarks**
9. **Next Meeting Date: July 28, 1:00 – 3:00**

Meeting Objectives

Session co-facilitator Paul Caulfield opened the meeting and presented the following meeting objectives:

- To review Draft Strategic Funding Proposal.
- To discuss next steps for TROC member review of draft report.
- To receive a briefing on modernization and efficiencies.

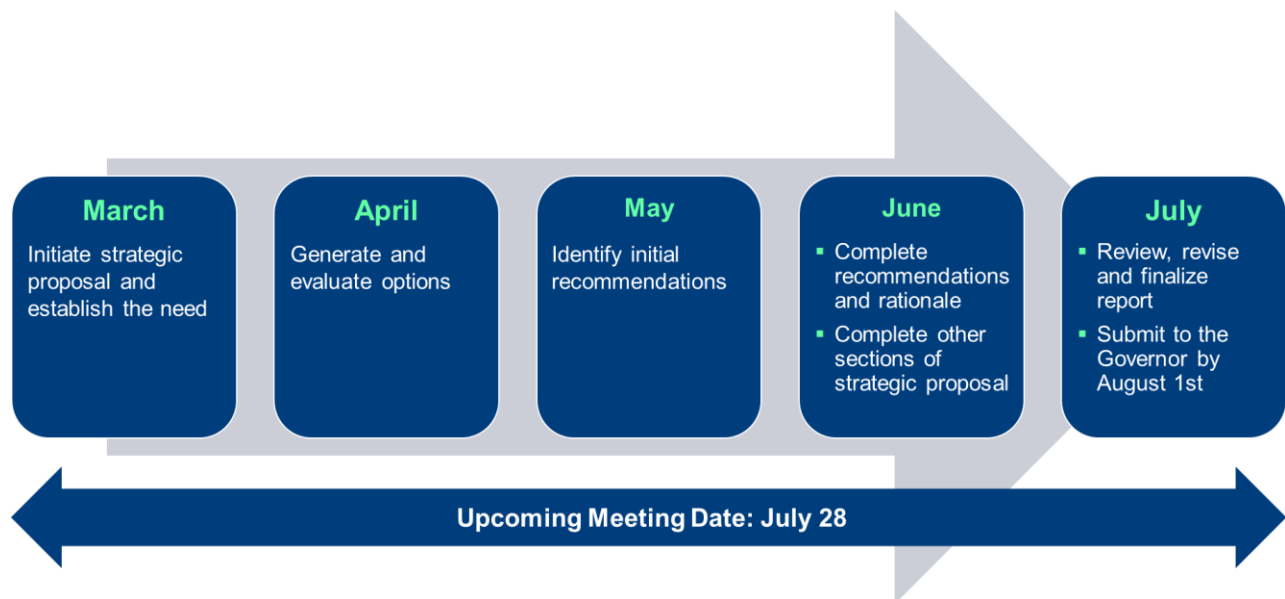
Commission Chair’s Opening Remarks

Commission Chair Gramian thanked Commission members for their work to date. The Chair noted that there are just two weeks remaining in the project. She indicated that the final two weeks would be dedicated to completing the formal funding proposal for submission to Governor Wolf. She encouraged TROC members to help identify ways to strengthen the proposal throughout this review process, beginning with the overview to follow in the day’s agenda. Chair Gramian made special note that the proposal must be:

- Balanced – leveraging a mix of revenue sources and approaches.
- Responsible – resulting in the real and tangible reduction of unmet needs.
- Reasonable – not placing undue burden on the public.
- Focused – keeping in view the revenue targets for each of the three phases.
- Real – We cannot just tweak old practices but must be bold, as the future of our Commonwealth is at stake.

Schedule/Milestone Review

Paul reviewed the overall schedule (below), noting that the July 28 meeting had been confirmed and invitations would follow.



Strategic Funding Proposal – Update and Review

Paul led the Commission members through a review of the strategic funding proposal. First, they reviewed the estimated additional annual revenue in billions by phase.




Next, the Commission reviewed the funding targets by category. This information is included in the full session presentation posted on the website.

Briefing

Larry Shifflet (TROC Executive Director and PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning), Michael Keiser (P.E., Acting Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration), and Kurt Myers (Deputy Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services) provided an informative presentation on cost saving initiatives and streamlined efficiencies. The presentation's major topics were PennDOT Efficiencies, Traffic Control Enforcement and Safety, Project Delivery, Inter-Agency Coordination and Finance, and Driver and Vehicle Services. This presentation is imbedded in the full session presentation posted on the website.

Draft Document – Update and Review

Commission members then reviewed the process and schedule for reviewing the draft final report.



Meeting Summary and Public Comments

The session concluded with a brief summary of the session's outcomes and a preview of the next session.

A period for public comment was opened to allow members of the public not otherwise able to submit their input through the public Zoom platform to participate. No additional comments were voiced.

Commission Chair's Closing Remarks

In closing, Commission Chair Gramian thanked the session's presenters and members of the Commission for their efforts throughout the process. She underscored the point made by Deputy Secretary Myers on the central role of customer service in any effort made to improve transportation. Finally, Chair Gramian appealed to TROC members to take a leadership role in bringing the process to a successful conclusion and in improving the entire system for all Pennsylvanians in the years to come.