

ECONOMIC/TRANSPORTATION ROUNDTABLE #2 CLEARFIELD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OCTOBER 3, 2005

ATTENDEES

Jodi Brennan, Director of Clearfield County Planning Office
Meredith Krejny, Planning Specialist of Clearfield County Planning Office
Dick Shaffer, Clearfield-Lawrence Twp. Airport
Amy Kessler, North Central PA Planning & Development Commission
Bob Shaffer, DuBois- Jefferson County Airport
Dana Null, Appalachian Wood Products
Representative of Fullington Bus Co.

INTRODUCTIONS

Those in attendance gave a brief introduction of themselves and whom they were representing.

REVIEW GOALS OF LAST ROUNDTABLE

County Planning Director, Jodi Brennan, asked participants if there were any additions or modifications to the last roundtable minutes. She asked specifically if there were any additional goals that we should add. After lengthy discussions by participants on economic development agencies, their roles, area transportation projects and funding opportunities, the following goals were asked to be added to the list.

- Economic Development Agencies and Industrial Development Agencies to unite and pool efforts – cohesive message
- One Economic group for the county

DEVELOP IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR TOP 5 GOALS

Participants were provided a list of the top five goals that were prioritized by participants at the first roundtable. They were asked to assist in developing an implementation strategy for achieving those top five goals.

Following is a summary of the feedback provided by those participants by goal.

Goal #1 Connect B&P Railroad with R.J. Corman Railroad

- RJ Corman and B&P Railroad to sit down at the table and lay out feasibility plan to connect both rail lines

Goal #2 Develop Better North-South Highway

- Support Projects that enhance 219 and other north-south routes

Goal #3 Increase Participation in Educational Opportunities

- Basic life skills need to be taught in High School such as work ethic, balancing a checkbook, socialization skills
- Bring career opportunity presentations to the classrooms at an early age

Goal #4 Streamline Infrastructure, Smart Infrastructure Planning/ Identify Growth Areas

- Develop economically competitive package i.e. Don't price yourself out of business

Goal #5 Develop Ways for Streamlining Project Delivery

- Support linking of transportation and NEPA
- Faster response time from review agencies
- Limited unnecessary paperwork
- Agency cooperation

Participants were thanked for participating and were informed that the comprehensive plan update will continue into next year, so there is still time for additional goals to be submitted to the planning office. Minutes will be prepared and sent to participants in the near future. Minutes from all minutes will also be made available on-line at the county's planning website.