



## Washington County Transit Study Stakeholder Committee Meeting #4

**Date:** *Tuesday, December 11, 2007*  
**Time:** *1:30 PM to 3:30 PM*  
**Location:** *South Strabane Volunteer Fire Department*

Those in attendance included the following individuals:

Affiliation	Name	Organization
Stakeholder Committee	Larry Maggi	Washington County Commissioner
	Tim Thomassy	McDonald Borough
	Pam Church	Burgettstown Borough
	Sam Stockton	City of Washington
	David Wohlwill	Port Authority of Allegheny County
	J. Bracken Burns	Washington County Commissioner
	Nicholas Gerek	State Representative Jesse White's office
	Pam Honaker	City of Washington/GG&C Bus Company
	Sharon Russell	Senator Barry Stout's office
	Bill McGowen	Washington County Redevelopment Authority
	Harlan Shober	Chartiers Township
	Joseph Yankovich	Congressman Jon Murtha's office
	Stephen Hall	Washington County Housing Authority
	Lue Ann Pawlick	MIDA
	John Lenzner	City of Washington/GG&C Bus Company
	Darlene Bigler	Community Action Southwest
	Linda Cairns	Washington County Department of Human Services
Don Angelone	Washington County Transportation Authority	
Technical Advisory Team	Sheila Gombita	Washington County Transportation Authority
	Dave Good	City of Washington/GG&C Bus Company
	Chuck Imbrogno	Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
	Marc Roncone	Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority
	Tom Klevan	Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
	Carol Uminski	Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Consultant Team	Phil Brown	Gannett Fleming

Press: Barbara Miller from the Observer Reporter was also present at the meeting.

### ►► Introductory Comments

Phil Brown began the meeting with a review of the agenda.



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### ►► Presentation of Study Findings and Recommendations

Phil Brown then proceeded with the presentation of the study findings and recommendations. The presentation addressed the recommended transit service improvements, the funding analysis, and the assessment of institutional options for providing transit services in Washington County. Meeting participants asked questions and made comments throughout the presentation; these are recorded below.

### ►► Questions and Comments

Question: Were the intercept survey events advertised ahead of time?

Answer: Not to the general public, but stakeholders were informed of them in the newsletter. The public open houses were advertised.

Question: How was the attendance at the open houses?

Answer: The attendance was light at best.

Comment: We need to include light rail and commuter rail in the study.

Response:

The study considered options in view of financial limitations.

It did not look at all possible options.

The study did not provide detailed projections of future growth.

Explanation: The local matching funds required to provide existing transit services will increase by 5% a year until the 15% local match requirement is reached.

Question: Is state/federal \$ available?

Answer: Act 44 regulations have not all been written yet. However, funding of service expansions will depend on the expansion over time of the overall amount of funding for transit in PA.

Comment: Transit funding currently is skewed towards the two bi metro areas. It should be distributed more widely around the state.

Question: How does the Transit Coordination Council option relate to the Washington County Transportation Authority? Shouldn't the Authority provide this function?



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Answer: It would provide a forum for coordination and decision making.

Question: Does the City of Washington-WCTA Contract option limit the area of service?

Answer: No – WCTA under this option would likely provide some of the other proposed services outside of the city as well.

### ▶▶ Meeting Adjournment

A final opportunity for questions and/or comments was provided and then the meeting was adjourned.