

Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc. Subcommittee on
Transportation 1972 September Meeting Notes

Meet. Notes

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Present: (FRTF) Charles Epstein, Thomas Kiley, Betsy Parkhurst, Edward Schechter
Lester Shapiro, Thomas Shelburne, Dr. Wallace Stettler; (FRTF Staff)
Andy Shaw, Betty Schechter; (EDC) John Hibbard; (EDC Staff) Howard
Grossman, Bob Shephard, Bonnie Smith

1. Presentation by Mr. Hibbard of a brief summary of EDC background and a clarification of its responsibilities. Under two federal acts, the Public Works and Economic Development Administration Act and the Appalachian Redevelopment Act, EDC became authorized to work for the coordination of economic progress of this area and was designated a participating agency in the Council of Governors of the thirteen states known as Appalachia. EDC's primary functions:

- a. the seeking out and presentation to interested parties of data concerning the seven county area of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- b. assistance to counties and municipalities in this region in getting supplemental federal funds through the Appalachian program
- c. project notification and review; information clearinghouse

EDC does not have any authority derived from legislation - it cannot plan on its own initiative. It has neither executive nor implementation power; its only power is that of persuasion and the influence it has in government channels has grown out of the recognition it has gained for its expertise and information function. Putting EDC's relation to EDA in a capsule, Mr. Hibbard said, "EDC can tell EDA what it thinks and then accept what EDA decides." He added that because EDC has established credibility; there is mutual respect between the two agencies.

2. Discussion of the difficulties facing the Sanitary Authority. Mr. Shapiro stated the problem: EDA funding of many projects held up due to its requirement of EPA certification, which depends on assurance of plans for secondary treatment; because of the presence of large quantities of mine acid in the Susquehanna locally, secondary treatment would not be useful at this time; moreover, flood-afflicted municipalities are presently hard put to finance primary treatment, and, therefore, the Sanitary Authority is unified in opposition to the added taxation that secondary treatment would require. Mr. Shapiro put forward two possible resolutions of the problem:

- a. persuading the State Department of Environmental Resources to withdraw its requirement for secondary treatment for two to three years, using the argument that the massive dislocation of flood-afflicted communities makes such a waiver necessary
- b. arranging a compromise whereby the Sanitary Authority does not commit to secondary treatment but does commit to planning for it

It was moved and passed that: the FRTF Planning and Development support Mr. Shapiro's committee's pursuit of a compromise.

3. Discussion of conditions and financial needs of urban renewal disaster areas. Mr. Grossman listed the first steps which must be taken in order to secure federal grants for urban renewal:

- a. agreement by local and county officials to certify communities applying for grants as "blighted." The Luzerne County Redevelopment

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Authority then makes Survey and Planning applications with the assistance of its consultants

- b. submission of these S & P applications to HUD and to the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs (both of these agencies can be expected to provide some of the needed funds) and to EDC which has coordination responsibilities. The effect of an approved S & P application is to "reserve" the requisite monies

After distributing a chart showing the first group of S & P applications to come to EDC for comments (chart attached for those members not present), Mr. Hibbard expressed the opinion that the urban renewal program with its reservation of funds is the best source of redevelopment funding for flood-affected communities.

4. Discussion of proposed EDC resolution on policy relative to Flood Recovery Urban Renewal S & P applications (resolution attached for members not present). Mr. Hibbard said that EDC is not looking for FRTF endorsement of exact wording of resolution, but, rather, its endorsement of EDC's approach, which is to look to urban renewal for redevelopment funds and to go ahead with fund reservation.

Mr. Schechter asked why the proportion between money requested for planning and that requested for execution of plans varies so greatly between municipalities. Mr. Grossman and Mr. Ziolkowski answered: there is pressure to conform to federal government deadlines for applications; HUD will review estimates made by consultants employed by each community; to the best of EDC's current knowledge the applications are satisfactory; EDC's responsibility at this stage is to approve or disapprove on the basis of whether the applications are satisfactory as far as coordination of planning is concerned on this it can approve; EDC is satisfied that reasonable competency will be applied to the proposed projects.

After Mr. Schechter said that FRTF cannot accept all the whereases in the resolution and it was pointed out that such acceptance is not required, the following motion was made by Mr. Schechter and passed: the FRTF Planning and Development Committee supports these fourteen projects to the extent that they are properly presented for preliminary submission and that there is no obstacle in these plans to eventual coordination by the appropriate agencies.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Planning and Development Committee will be held when written answers to the list of questions presented to Mr. Traussi of HUD are received.

Minutes of Meeting between Planning and Development Committee of FRTF and Executive Committee of EDC - Friday, September 22, 3:30 p.m., EDC Headquarters

Present: (EDC) Howard Grossman, John Hibbard, Bonnie Smith, Leonard Ziolkowski; (FRTF) Ben Badman, Thomas Kiley, John McCole, Betsy Parkhurst, Edward Schechter, Lester Shapiro, Thomas Shelbourne, Mrs. Sanford Weiss; (FRTF Staff) Andrew Shaw, Jr., Betty Schechter, James Tarity

Distribution and discussion of kit containing EDC background material

Mr. Grossman told the group that EDC's primary interest in the flood recovery effort is long term and, calling attention to one document, "New Directions", said that it is currently the Council's "basic document."

(The introduction to "New Directions" states that, not only geographically, but also, economically and socially, the impact of the flood is regional, and that, therefore, solution of flood generated problems requires a regional approach. The document's introduction states:

...it is not a complete program...it deliberately does not discuss many short range or ongoing problems in which the EDC and other agencies are involved. Although immediate programs associated with flood relief are vital, EDCNP sees a great need for longer range planning of programs...This long range program is intended to serve as a framework by which northeastern Pennsylvania can implement an agenda for long term, permanent regional action.

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The document's Preface notes that as a result of the flood, opportunities exist to make "positive and lasting changes within the region" and outlines an agenda for regional action as follows:

- I. Diversify the economy - sub-goals: improve employment opportunities; raise per capita incomes.
- II. Develop human resources - sub-goals: improve education and manpower programs; increase social services.
- III. Improve physical environment - sub-goals: conserve and develop natural resources; improve community facilities; enhance appearance of communities
- IV. Modernize local government
- V. Improve and diversify transportation system
- VI. Increase housing quality and supply
- VII. Increase involvement in public affairs - sub-goals: encourage solution of regional problems; provide public information on regional progress

Minutes of Meeting between Planning and Development Committee of FRTF and Executive Committee of EDC continued

Other documents in the EDC kit include: report on economic impact of Tropical Storm Agnes on Luzerne County (Aug. 1); an EDC report outlining "work program items which should be given high priority in regional flood recovery planning"; an outline of the "Project Notification and Review System in Northeastern Pennsylvania"; and EDC outline of "Goals and Objectives for Northeastern Pennsylvania: the Next Ten Years"; EDC Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 1971

Discussion of applications for redevelopment grants

Responding to questions from Mr. Kiley, Mr. Grossman said: HUD makes final determination on whether the boundaries of redevelopment areas proposed by a particular municipality are acceptable; although a comprehensive plan for Luzerne County and some detailed plans for certain small municipalities have been developed since 1960, no plan has been developed, especially for Wyoming Valley; local urban renewal plans need updating since flood has generated new conditions (i.e. need may be seen for ban on development in certain river areas); applications to HUD for urban renewal funds made in two parts: Part I - for implementation money; HUD can either approve, reject or recommend modification of urban renewal plans submitted to it.

Mr. Shapiro suggested contacting a Washington non-profit organization that specializes in helping fragmented communities consolidate (name of organization can be gotten from Carlucci office).

Mr. Grossman explained EDA Technical Assistance grants: they have only indirect relation to urban renewal projects for they are made only for such needs as staff, consultants or studies of such things as site development for new industry.

After EDC staff people pointed out that, depending on the nature of the need involved, applications for urban renewal grants must be made to one or another of a variety of federal agencies, Mr. McCole suggested a joint EDC-FRTF effort to arrange for a single funnel for HUD, EDA, and EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) funds. Mr. Ziolkowski said such an effort has little likelihood of success since each agency operates according to its own regulations and is subject to its own set of political pressures. Mr. Kiley said that in the face of flood generated emergency situation, attempt must be made to override bureaucracy.

Discussion of FRTF role in process of reviewing applications for federal grants

Mr. Schechter suggested that EDC and FRTF agree on criteria for Survey and Planning grants, and asked if the two agencies could require that such applications be interrelated. Mr. Hibbard replied that the EDC is currently proposing such a requirement to the EDA, and suggested that FRTF urge redevelopment authorities to use interrelationship of planning as a criterion for their consideration of various plans.

Minutes of Meeting between Planning and Development Committee of FRTF and Executive Committee of EDC continued

Mr. McCole suggested that Luzerne County and Wilkes-Barre City Redevelopment Authority (both currently understaffed) be combined as an emergency measure. Mr. Grossman pointed out that such a combination would require joint action of County Commissioners and City Council and Mr. Hibbard added that, regardless of the logic of a proposal involving state and federal funds, political considerations will color the resolution of the problem.

After reminding the group that EDC's major concern is for the seven county region, Mr. Hibbard expressed the hope that the FRTF would keep in mind that Wyoming Valley is a part of this region. He added that EDC is interested in information about applications. Mr. Schechter asked EDC to provide FRTF with "position papers" on applications which would include its own recommendations and summaries of alternate positions. Mr. Schechter suggested that FRTF determine those areas of redevelopment in which it is most interested and gave as an example the question of relationship between applications from various municipalities for sewage improvement grants in light of government requirement of secondary treatment.

Mr. Grossman pointed out that the application procedure is extremely complicated and technical and that there is pressure to get them "in the work." Mr. Kiley replied that because the public identifies what goes on in the flood area with the FRTF, it is important that the Task Force be in on, and conversant with redevelopment activities.

Mr. Shapiro noted that FRTF would welcome EDC help on getting EPA to agree that hiring an engineer on the Sanitary Authority problem is not necessary now; He added that the Sanitary Authority's problem is to get a HUD grant and that this is presently stalled because the EPA is presently requiring that Sanitary Authority retain an engineer. Mr. Shapiro also noted that the overall artistic quality of area reconstruction should be an important consideration and suggested that this might be a cohesive influence.

The meeting ended with an agreement that the EDC and the Planning and Development Committee of the FRTF meet regularly on Wednesdays at 4:30 P.M. at EDC Headquarters.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:15 - Dr. Sander
3	4 LABOR DAY	5 Sterling 8:00AM Mtg. Tennis 9:00AM ROLA	6	7 Picnic Mtg. FRI 12:00 Ex. Can. FRI 10:00 Co. Cons. Mtg. 11:00 City Council Mtg.	8	9 ROSH HASHANA
10	11	12	13 11:00 Marvin B. B. B. Lunch on Wed. H. 4:00 Transit Mtg.	14 8:00 Mtg. FRI 6:00 Dinner & Dance 7:30 P.M. Ex. Can. FRI 8:00 Transit Mtg.	15	16
17	18 YOM KIPPUR	19 12 noon Carucci. Office 11- 12:15 Ex. Co. C	20	21 8:00 Mtg. T. Co. FRI 9:30 - San. Agency 10:00	22 8:00 Mtg. re Planning 12:00 - Lunch - Mtg. re Planning 12:00 noon Planning Committee	23
24	25	26 Tom 6: Dinner 5:17-8:30 7:31	27 10:00 Fed. Dep. w/ Paulant. 1:30 Standards 4:30 Planning Comm. Mtg.	28 10:00 T. A. Mtg. Costume Contest Young. Undressed	29 11:00 Dr. Plavin 12:15 Mtg. Col. Blue Rm. - Sterling	30 Roth Lenny Dex

Meeting Notes, FRTF, Transportation Committee, 8/31/72

1. Follow up on EIS for Cross Valley - E.S. discuss with Max Rosenn.
2. Follow up with Lee Case re North Street, East of River Street.
3. Talk to Jim Costantino about design base at North Street bridge - 13,500 cars per day.
4. Kiley follow up with Thomas re use of railroads.
5. Heiselberg will draft letter re North Street extension to legislators.
6. Bigler and E. S. will try to get River Street out of courts by voluntarily dropping suit. People involved include J. Geddes, Jack McCormick, Sarah Lee, Lee Csala, Rachel Guttman, Keene Mitchell, Tony Masari, the students of Wilkes-College, and also perhaps Mrs. Payne and Ralph Hazeltine representing the Historical Society (DeWitt, Smith, and H. Schooley).

9/6 - Telephone calls to G. Saito
Miscavage
Landon
Hemilay
Reid
William -
Wideman rd
City council flap. -

Comm 400
M 1/1
9/7

Bigelow

Schaeffer - Complaint EIS on
K Valley -

Mark Jones.

Herb Bannice -

Eng. Co. Camp - moved up & dispose

N x Valley - approved in look -

approved - Type size & location -

- BCMA N - has been given go.

33 ps. - 2 man/whisper per piece

Ed - Call Jim Constantino re
EIS & 4/2 statements on
Sec 1 & 2

Rt of Way
PUC. -

ES - Call Harrington

Schmidt
Rosenstein
Haiselberg
Bigelow
Carbett
Wiley
Schuman

Miscavage

9/6/72

1st Mtg. last night..

Commissioners should have talked - -

Don't agree w/ Transit Authority

Tax

Lack of Downtown Support.

~~FF~~

Committee formed.

Financial way
no funds at this time !!

Sent

Joe Williams -

~~822-0145~~

Subject:

To:

Mrs Reid -

822 1383

822 8433

Ref

Date:

STEELE CORPORATION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

9/7 - (Continued)

North St. -

Ed S. ^{think?}

N. St to I-81 - letter from
Ed. H.

Russell Lackey - new man on
Task Force. -

~~Ed S. - call Castanero re
1 yr vs 2 yr -
Underwood vs Young. -~~

Jack Leighton - Quinn's man -

9/7 Call

Joe Wilkain \$22 ^{at 11:00} 5188 / 22 1383
re City Council Mtg.

Ray Samdanthor Tay Se as
Castanheira - an
Young

4,000,000
modd city
2,000,000
unticketed.

Legal question ^{is} raised
prop of people can be
included in Demo. prop.

Carlucci:

Local

"Terrible traffic jams in city"

Mtg on Monday,

Key people 1 PM

9/7/71

Munn, Solinski, Wilman, Dunn, Gallagher,
Corbett, Misavage, McGowan, Gorman,

Planning group expand by. —

1.
2.

Mtg w/ City Council to explain
Transit Authority Plan. —

Agreed to appointment of
two nominees from
City Council (Joe Williams and
Bennie Gallagher) to my Committee.

I agreed, in name of Co. Com.
that WB City could have an
important voice on new
T/A — i.e. 2/0/7 or 2-3/9 etc.

They agreed — I offered them
complete control if they would
also accept obligations — they
refused.

Model Cities funds asked. —

Discussion / Max Rosen

9/5/72

1. Transit Situation -
A. J. Podaste Man for the Authority
Review of the Meeting

Scribner

2. River Street

7. Fed/State problem
to Planning & Dev. Comm.

3. County Authority

4. EIS X Valley

5. Loss re Home Rule

6. Broaden Base

Initiative -

7. Andy H. re Little

○ → Sandani
Hickman
* Kiley
Rose
Faxon
Bolt

A. Humphreys
✓ Quinn
✓ Shultz
* Lashford
Anderson

✓ Hardwick
Brewing -

I. Sanitary Water Board

Pennsylvania Environmental Protection Agency ordered a study on conversion from primary to secondary treatment. The firm employed for this proved unsatisfactory, so contract was voided.

The Corps of Engineers has repaired sewage plant to 95% efficiency. Mr. Heiselberg thinks only thing holding plant up now is unreasonable attitude of "Authority". The "Authority" says secondary treatment would not be helpful because of mine acids in the river.

The redevelopment plans of four communities are held up by Environmental Agency which insists on secondary treatment.

Mr. Schechter suggests: Task Force investigate whether primary or secondary treatment more desirable, and then convince appropriate officials and people to go along with decision. He says "if secondary treatment will take a year, let's get relaxation of the requirements"...also, "question of primary versus secondary treatment is not a matter of good guys versus bad guys".

Judge Rosenn suggests: get following together: Water Board, EDA, Environmental Protection, Ed Heiselberg, Task Force.

Action: motion made and passed to refer matter to Planning and Development Committee for appropriate action.

II. Contractors and Unions

Some of the problems involved in local contractors' refusal to participate in Mini-Repair Program resolved when Judge Rosenn, Mr. Grace, Mr. Sordoni, and the Army Engineers met. But contractors still balked at working in Wilkes-Barre because of red tape obstacles. When those mentioned above met with Bernard Gallagher and representatives of the Presidential Staff, Mr. Gallagher said only City Council could make necessary changes. A meeting with City Council, the City Inspector, the Army Engineers and federal representatives produced agreement by Council to waive applications for licenses and permits and to require only payment of \$50 license fee by each unlicensed contractor.

III. Total Living Environment

Question: Who should pay for such services as garbage collection, fire and police protection, ambulance service, provision of laundry and shopping facilities at the 37 mobile home sites?

- a) the federal government thinks this a local obligation and that if help is needed, the state should provide it.

Total Living Environment (continued)

- b) State thinks it's a federal responsibility and wants Task Force to say so.

Mr. Sordoni thinks residents of sites should pay for these services and that if any government help is needed it should come from local government or the State. Mr. Kiley agrees: points out that mobile home site residents' lives basically unchanged except for where they're living. Mr. Sordoni says there are plenty of jobs and unemployment insurance available.

Judge Rosenn says issue is collective services such as fire and police protection that are usually provided by community. Dr. Michelini says that Mr. Royston is responsible for coordinating state and federal services and has been gathering information on required community services, which agencies had been providing them, and these agencies' plans for providing them in relocated communities. He will brief Judge Rosenn, Mr. Knauer and Mr. Carlucci on this on 9/8

Mr. Schechter points out that federal-state tug of war pervades recovery effort; he thinks it's largely a political matter. He suggests it is ^afunction of the FRTF to cool the heat between them. Mr. Schechter also suggested that the FRTF broaden its base..

IV. Problem presented by Flood Action Committee(Min Mattheison, Thelma Bosch and Michael Solomon among its members)

General agreement on need to convince Flood Action Committee that Flood Recovery Task Force has its interests at heart. Agreement reached to arrange meeting between Michael Solomon(who had requested meeting with Judge Rosenn), others he may want to bring along, and Judge Rosenn and a few members of the FRTF Executive Committee.

V. State Aid

Not much state aid has materialized to date. Municipalities are losing tax money as a result of the flood. Senator Schweiker will introduce an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code in regard to the \$5000 forgiveness.

VI. Visit by Representatives of the FRTF to Biloxi

Agreement was reached to get a group together for this purpose.

VII. Next Meeting : arranged for Thursday evening, September 14th, at 7:30 at Weckesser Hall, Wilkes College

9/7 - Executive Comm. Mtg F.R.T.F.

1. Sanitary Water Bd. Problem referred to Kiley's committee on Planning & Dev. -
ES. Send Kiley my letters. -

2. Fed vs State assistance - ^{Dirk?} Paul Keyser? Earlean Rep.

3. Flood Victim Council - ? Theodore Dordie. ^{Johnson} ^{Northrup}

4.

9/7 2nd call to Jim Cantanaro.

1. Model Cities fire is out.
2. Jim Yang re 1 or 2 yrs. - DEWIO grant
3. "Terrible traffic jams in city". -

4. Relationship b/w State & Fed. -

Jim C re:

1. - Good
2. Let them work on it a while before we step in too heavy ^{way} - J.C. has talked to Yang - the problem will go away. -
3. Leave it to Corbett & Wilshire for a while.
4. will talk again on Monday - but he wants very low profile vs. Kanish & Perm DOT.

9/8 - Called Weidman -

discussed mtg w/ city council and told him
the "fire was out."

He approved my offer to expand my committee.

He " " my offer to have city represented on
TA.

Advised him no decision will be made
till mid next week on demonstration
or Capital grant. -

called Harrington -

- cannot understand stamp on 3rd Page -
did not originate from local, district or
Harrington Penn Del. -

- discussed mtg on Monday - now
called off w/ Fed's -

Heiselberg

delays in getting out program on both
demand & cap growth.

Meeting of 9/11 6:15 ?

9/8 Underwood:

Proposed director - Oversee w/ experience -
PR demonstration

Simpson & Curtani

C.A. more

Birbeck Assoc. -

Gross & Taylor

- Munster -

Back Mfg. Sec. Assoc.

investigation - 500. -

9/11 Lunch w/ Constantino.

1. CTS for Sec. 1. & 3. now in Harrisburg w/ PennDOT
Sec 1 in final form; Sec 3 draft only
will be hand carried thru Fed. steps when
~~are~~ turned over to Fed.

2. Transit - do not push 2 yr demonstration
yet. May develop naturally.
This group should go; I discussed objectives of his \$5. 150 thousand
local share. Told me stay re
Transit revig. on major support
when he heard OGP ~~rejected~~
will only support until 10/18.

3. Asked for schedule on permanent
N. St Bridge -

4. This Laptop -

Wilderwood (w/ ^{of} Transit Intg) Phone 9/11/72. -

1st problem - Hott & heavy - levels of service very high & now -

Sluiter & Kuntner. (Simpson & Cuntner)

2nd problem - Secty Kuntner - still preparing for Jan 15th

Cap. Grant - Model City \$70, - 80
balance operating. -

ES - objection - after two yrs. -
- 300,000 (max 400,000)

with local share 100,000 ±

Ed will accept responsibility of 'selling' this local support

9/12 Costantino call. -

informed him of 13th problem - he will discuss around; agrees we must not take lightly. Will put me in touch w/ Tom Phelan, Regional Admin., Dept of Labor, TPh. will call me.

Rosen call. - ditto. -

he will hold off taking it to Costantino until after I talk to Phelan

9/12 - (can't) Weidenman -

1. very happy w/ Simpson & Cuthra - Shiner
2. Concerned about Lulo acceptance of pension fund under the WB Transit agreement - SAC also aware and will help us in evaluation of WBTr assets.
3. I asked him whether any Transit Auth. Deficit would be funded by ~~the~~ County-wide tax, or would it just be assessed against the municipalities served? He said, without question, County-wide. - He said I could so advise Joe Williams & WB City Council.
4. I again mentioned 300K deficit 100K Co. share. - He said OK. - Harrington -

1. Mtg LLTS about 9/30
2. will change roster of Lake Co. members on LLTS so that there are only 2 from Lake Co and one (1) from Scranton instead of 3+2 as minutes of 8/11 mtg show.
5. Tomy de Angelo re
 - a) 9 ~~concrete~~ projects on Topic 1 let today
 - b) Will contact Leo Corbett and Ed Hershberg re N+R River St. Interchange. -

9/12 ⑥ C.H. - Shiner of Simpson & Curtis
called to advise ~~he~~ re 13C he had spoken
to Mr. ²⁰²⁻⁴²⁶⁻¹⁹³⁶ Munter (MPTA Legal) in Wash.
who had suggested we contact Dept of Labor's
Mr. Larry Yudd 202-961-4261

⑦ Paul Kane office Mgr. FRC apprised of situation
will try to get to Phelan's asst (Phelan in
Europe on vacation) and will call
me back.

Also, ^{he} says Grassman and Zilkowski
now recognize problem of increased level of
service ~~on~~ which may be dumped on
public agency (County) after Oct 18, which
will be uneconomical to run, and want
to do some Federal "head bumping"
on this subject - Kane says he will
keep me informed on this matter.

⑧ Roldanski -

1052 - Sect. EIS will be w/ Tenen Fed DOT today.

9/13
remind
not
Requested

Waiver of 4x F&EIS requirements made
by Bill Vipperman (Mr. Cancellor
office)
wants me to ask Costantino
what is status of Waiver
request.

Feb Delabon
(9) Arthur

understands the problem -
reluctant.

Bill Woodward.

Will try to get to WD this P.M. - or have rep here

Fenton
Herman
Snijder
Viperman

215-597-0465

9/13 (1) Radomski

from Messer

Fred
Bernard

N. Street 9/5 - letter to Fenton requesting waivers
on public hearings only for
permanent structure N. Street
Requesting CR funding be used for
from 3rd Ave to River St.

NO
answer
on this
letter.

if Negative Reply - we need public hearing at once
on 3rd Ave to 4th Ave.

PO 52 Sec 1/3. - 9/7 Bill V. took to Washington
request to use special funding
which if granted would carry
contaminated waiver on HJ
but would require submission
of EIS. -

Cost.
This decision
must be made
in Washington

Cost
Notes
will
follow

Sec 1 went to Fed DOT 9/11 given
Sec 3 " " " " 9/12 Draft
if we have to

9/13

② Tony DeAngelis -

Materials problem on TOPICS stuff -
9 pages out yesterday West Side
14 more coming -

Redevelopment Authority
New Consultant -

③ Tom Harrington - he agreed - new consultant not necessary

④ Called Bernie Gallagher re Redevelopment
new consultant. He says he agrees
with me - (May not understand)

⑤ Carucci - 1. IBC problem - He'll get
involved. - (denies)
2. Carucci Statement - Denies report from 9/12 - Free Bus Service.
3. Effect of increased revenue on
public agency (TA) at Fairview.
He will call me for appointment
after he gets back from Washington.

6. Advised Heiselberg re Carucci denial. - also discussed
7. Advised Underwood re " denial. Archaic calls.

8. Asked BTS to get out press release denial.

9. Andy Hennigan - spoke to Chas. Shaffer who just
wants a few more \$'s to settle on
Park Place. 1052-2cc1

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9. (Continued)

- Honnigan will ~~and me~~ discuss River St. situation w/me at Ex. Com. Mtg. 9/14. -

10. Holt advised that after discussion w/ Archer he has spoken to his Internat. Union V.P. (Smith?) ~~who~~ who has agreed in principal that we can retrench after the emergency. - I instructed him to write into any draft a guarantee of the pre-flood level of service and employment, and nothing more. - I also said that any deal would have to be agreed to with the County solicitor. - He is optimistic it can be favorably worked out.

11. Call from Mr. George Grace OEP.

Ass't Dir. Programming - OEP.

202-395-6120

He called at Corbucci's request to help out on 13C. -

I advised him re (10) above that we probably did not need any help now, but would call again if ~~later~~ we did. - now assured of support.

I mentioned policy and conflict between TA and OEP and he is now aware and will act if required. -

12. - see notes of TRANSIT mtg's. -

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Notes of September 13, 1972, Item #13.

At dinner with Jim Young, Ed Madison, and Linda Watkins of UMTA, I gathered the following general observations:

- 1) Madison has all the funds needed for our capital development and he and Watkins are certain they are not going to run into any problems. It is for this reason they want the paper work to be perfect - so no opportunity is afforded to the bureaucrats or the GAO at a later date to shoot holes in our plans. For this reason, although Madison may be able to accept the capital grant application with a letter of intent to form an authority from the county commissioners, he and Watkins are pushing hard for the formation of the authority first, before the acceptance of the application.
- 2) Jim Young's Services and Demonstration Department has the smallest budget of any of the UMTA Divisions. It is least able to provide substantial grants for this development program. Young means what he says when he keeps repeating that he cannot extend this item beyond 12 - 15 months. His total budget is in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 to cover all of the S&D requirements in the U. S., and to allocate \$200,000 for this community is very substantial for him.
- 3) They feel nothing can get through UMTA unless approved by Carlos Del Rio, Administrative Director, and they will be reporting to him.
- 4) They suggest we find other sources to amplify the development program - through OEP, HUD, or PennDOT. They will help us in pointing out the unusual problems here which makes this more than just a development program.
- 5) Watkins feels we should be very careful with our notices of hearings and the way in which we conduct these hearings. They should not be perfunctory and they should give everyone a reasonable opportunity to be heard. They should be carefully recorded and transcribed. This is necessary, from her point of view, in order that she may give quick review and approval to the hearing procedures without running the risk of later criticism that this was not properly performed.

Thursday Aug.

9/14/72

FRTF - Agenda

mtg 9/14

Transit.

Cap. Grant

Service Dev. Grant.

mtg w/ City Council

Authority at Once

Simpson & Curtani -

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TOPICS - I.A. Program

New Consultant for Red. Auth?

College Problems.

45-60 days.

N.S.

N.S. Permanent

N x Valley, -

E.S.

Corbett

Campyngan

Bisler

Radomski

Tority

Marveling, -

OV

ES. - get answer to 9/5 letter -

N.S. Request by P. Dot. ER funding for BR.

EIS needed for N.S. -

NxValley → Joe Ostronski -

Stan Batchek - BCM+N project chief.

9/14/72 Item #1, Telephone Conversation With Ed Wideman

He is aware and willing to act promptly on the immediate need for the formation of a TA. Suggests meeting in Wilkes-Barre 9/19 with county commissioners, Jim Shiner, and county solicitor (Johnson). I agreed.

I described to him the funding problem as we now see it and the need to get PennDOT and Carlucci (OEP) together on the issue of the cut-off date of the OEP subsidy and the opening of the North Street bridge. He understands, approves the efforts I am going to make and will do whatever he can to influence opinion. He agreed that the basic threat we should use is the one that without substantial additional financial support we will just forget about the whole public transportation system and allow the mess to become the responsibility of the Federal government.

9/14 (continued)

- ② Archer - DOL - ~~was~~ checking to see what Holt accomplished yesterday. I said things apparently going ok. - He will stand by. - 215-597-0465

- ③ Carl Putnam - Gen. Atty. Wash. DC
Re: Continuation of "No Fare" -
18 months trying for no fare w/ VMTA - VOLPE.
BC - does not protect job level -
Cited our example. - He agreed that our case would guarantee jobs for pre flood, but only seniority & lay off provision for post flood.
Spoke very hard on using this area as a free fare demonstration. I was non-committal; said I would discuss it with Co. Commissioners

- ④ Constantino 1. On Transit. He thinks Jake Rash does have reason to be pleased. He wants to talk to Jake. He encourages my talking to Carlucci. He is not optimistic that OERT money can get into the demonstration to fill the \$600m gap that there

9/4/72

4. can't

may be other compromises available which he will explore. He will also discuss with Trishinger.

c. On 9/13 ① requests. - Gave me answers and he will flip as noted on sheet.

5.

Franki Caney (for Carlucci) - Will set up mtg on Tuesday ^{9/19} turn ② + Carlucci - Costantino should be present. - Can't make it until then. I explained very briefly what the problem was. -

6.

Jim Costantino - recited ⑤. He can't be there on 9/19. Suggests I see Carlucci myself + suggested maybe I talk to Caney - I said no - Carlucci has to face the problem. He has not yet talked with Trishinger or Hanib. -

Do List

1. ~~Carlucci denial~~
2. ~~Manelberg draft of letter to legislators.~~
3. ~~Write memos re C.R.~~
~~Charts for various projects..~~

Call Constantino - Young doesn't have enough \$ - 2 yr.

Call Carlucci

~~Wideman~~

" Paul Kame re Food Head Bugging
9/12 ⑦

✱

Re 9/13 ⑦

824 2187

Exec. Com.

1. Suits at N River - & at NY Valley.
 2. Map of PR Committee. - Press Cooperation
needed. - Fauke & Forster
 - 1) Carlucci says transit if: 1) N.R.
 - 2) Academy of R.
 - 3) Contractors give.
- ?

RECEIVED

Present: Judge Max Rosenn, Attorney Joseph Quinn, Attorney Andrew Hourigan, SEP 22 1972
Mr. Edward Schechter, Dr. Francis Michelini, Mr. Edward J. Boltz,
Mr. Harold Rose, Mr. Charles Hardwicke, Mr. Thomas Kiley, Mrs.
Betty Kanarr Bierley, Mr. Roy Morgan, Mrs. Carol Kregan, Mr.
Andrew Shaw, Mr. James Tarity, and Mrs. Betty Schechter

1. Extension of deadline for filing of applications for SBA Loans

Announcement has been made of an extension of the deadline to October 31st. According to Mr. Carlucci, the administration will support legislation on flood insurance, which may have sharp teeth in it. Mr. Carlucci would welcome comments on this legislation.

2. Trip to Biloxi

Those going to Biloxi will leave Sunday morning, October 1st and return either Monday night or early Tuesday morning. The trip down and back will probably be made in an Air Corps plane. Mr. Lashford will make the arrangements for the trip.

3. Meeting between representatives of the FRTF and representatives of the Flood Victims Action Committee

This meeting produced the following results: The Flood Victims Action Committee found that it has objectives in common with the FRTF; in response to a request from the FVAC for FRTF support on further efforts to secure co-insurance, Judge Rosenn suggested that they contact Representative Flood in this regard, as he is best equipped to help them in Washington; Judge Rosenn told the FVAC that at present the FRTF believes that emphasis should be placed on obtaining help from Harrisburg for efforts to secure more financial support for flood victims.

A motion was made and passed to the effect that a joint committee made up of a subcommittee of the FRTF and another of the FVAC be formed to work on expediting the repairs of homes of flood victims.

4. State Legislation

Attorney Hourigan reported that he and Mr. Shaw will meet with Senator Murray to map out an approach to Lt. Governor Kline. The following suggestions on topics to be considered in Harrisburg were made:

- 1) getting highway projects on the capitol budget
- 2) relief for flood victims with respect to income tax
- 3) grants in aid for particularly hard hit flood victims
- 4) reinstatement of previously endorsed tax relief: percentage of loss with deduction of amount received from the federal government

5. Legal Staff

Judge Rosenn reported that seven attorneys have indicated their willingness to serve the FRTF as a legal staff. He added that requests from members of the Task Force for legal assistance will be channelled through a still to be designated chairman of the legal staff.

6. SBA Loans on property owned by the Chamber of Commerce and under mortgage to PIDA

It was agreed that Mr. Morgan would follow up reports that applications for SBA Loans from people leasing Chamber of Commerce owned property under mortgage to PIDA are being turned down.

7. Housing for Displaced Persons

Mr. Shaw reported that difficulties of contractor-HUD relationships are under control.

8. FRTF Staff

A motion was made and passed to ratify the hiring of:

Andrew Shaw (\$12,000) ... as of September 5th
Betty Schechter (\$9,000) ... as of September 5th
James Tarity (\$7,000-7,500)... as of September 7th
Alice Ellman (\$5,980-6,500)... as of September 19th

9. Reception to honor Mr. Carlucci

It was agreed that the Task Force host a reception at the Treadway Inn to honor Mr. Frank Carlucci some time in October. Spouses of Task Force members will be invited and the reception will be financed by tickets sold to Task Force couples. Attorney Quinn suggested that invitations be sent to the county commissioners, city officials, Senators Schweiker and Scott, and other appropriate people. A motion was made and passed that a committee be formed to set a date for the reception and make the necessary arrangements.

10. FRTF relations with EDC

Judge Rosenn reported that Mr. Theodore Robb is interested in knowing the exact nature of the FRTF-EDC relationship. It was agreed that action be taken at once on formalizing this relationship.

11. Sanitary Authority

Mr. Kiley reported that Attorney Quinn will appoint an ad hoc committee to look into this subject in depth. Mr. Morgan reported that it is his impression that Mr. Goddard considers the drainage of mine acid a serious problem and thinks the FRTF should press for a solution. Mr. Schechter and Mr. Kiley indicated that they believe it is not desirable for the FRTF to get involved in this controversy because the question of primary versus secondary treatment is not directly related to the flood.

12. Recovery Fair

Judge Rosenn reported that Secretary of Pennsylvania Community Affairs Wilcox suggested a summer celebration of the area's recovery from the flood. Agreement was reached to notify Secretary Wilcox that his suggestion is being considered and to explore the possibility of a joint FRTF-Fine Arts Fiesta

Recovery Fair (continued)

project if, after what is expected to be a very difficult winter, it is agreed that there is cause to celebrate.

13. Discussion of whether a new slogan for the recovery effort is needed

Suggestions were made that the slogan now in use be replaced by "Better Than Ever" and that a lapel pin bearing a heart be devised. No agreement was reached.

14. Discussion of action needed to guard against widespread hardship in the event of "blizzard crises" this coming winter

Mr. Kiley suggested that a list be compiled of people who are willing to take into their homes temporarily those people whose heating systems fail. Judge Rosenn asked Mr. Shaw to talk to Mr. Roysten and Mr. Carlucci about devising such "blizzard" contingencies as a supply of extra mobile homes. It was agreed that the FRTF will work on this project jointly with the Flood Victims Action Committee. Attorney Hourigan suggested that Mr. Shaw ask federal government officials to guard against a possible winter failure of heating contractors' inventories.

15. Susquehanna River Basin Association

Mr. Morgan suggested that the FRTF be ready to react to the plotting of "flood-plain guidelines."

Beltz, Rose, Hardwick
Houngan, Biesky, Morgan, Quinn
Eds., Rosen, Michaelini,
Tarity, Schuchman, Shaw
Crepas

AGENDA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FLOOD RECOVERY TASK FORCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1972

WECKESSER HALL, 7:30 P.M.

- ✓ 1. September 30th deadline on SBA loans 10/30 -
- ✓ 2. Letter from Attorney Lou Feldman concerning modular homes
- ✓ 3. Problems with contractors in Mini-Repair Program
- ✓ 4. Ratification for hiring of staff A. Shaw, Betty S. J. T.
- ✓ 5. Meeting to honor Mr. Frank Carlucci (leaving soon) Paul Royster will carry on.
- ✓ 6. Recovery Fair
- ✓ 7. Trip to Mississippi 10/1 - Sunday AM return Monday night or Tues. AM. (check w/ Ed L.)
- ✓ 8. Report of meeting with Flood Victims Action Committee
- ✓ 9. State Legislation
- ✓ 10. Meeting in Harrisburg
- ✓ 11. SBA loans on property owned by the Chamber of Commerce and under mortgage to PIDA
- ✓ 12. Sanitary Authority - Secondary treatment
- ✓ 13. Status of housing for displaced people
- ✓ 14. Legal Committee - Suits on N. Rivers - { 7 acceptances - Be thru Andy Shaw.
- ✓ 15. PR publicity Policy.. - Press Relations..
- ✓ 16. Our relationship w/ EDC.

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FEDERAL AGENCIES ACTIVE IN AGNES FLOOD RECOVERY OPERATIONS

- OEP - Office of Emergency Preparedness Direction of Short Term Flood Recovery Operation
- FRC - Federal Regional Council - Coordination of long term flood recovery planning and grant delivery program of the following:
 - HUD - Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - EPA - Environmental Protection Agency
 - OEO - Office of Economic Opportunity
 - DOT - Department of Transportation
 - HEW - Department of Health Education and Welfare
 - LEAA - Law Enforcement Assistance Administration
 - SBA - Small Business Administration - Department of Commerce.
 - COE - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - USDA - Department of Agriculture
- GSA - General Services Administration Administrative support to all federal agencies
- OMB - Office of Management and Budget Executive Office of the President
- IRS - Internal Revenue Service Department of the Treasury
- VISTA - Volunteers In Service To America
- NOAA - National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration - U.S. Department of Commerce - (Weather and Flood Forecasting Service - may also utilize NWS - National Weather Service
- USGS - United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior
- BOR - Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Department of the Interior
- SRBC - Susquehanna River Basin Commission
- FAA - Federal Aviation Administration Department of Transportation

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OTHER ACRONYMS

MIC Municipal Information Center Operation by Office of Emergency Preparedness
HTF Interagency Housing Task Force
FTS Federal Telephone System

Objectives? Criteria?
What do we do?

How does it work? -

Wm. J. Edwards
Pittston.

Luz Co Red Auth
WB Red Auth 27 -
42 -
69.

Planning - ? ~~no.~~

Monitoring -

Luz Co Planning Committee
WB City Planning

E.P.C. Criteria

Agency?

Consistency?

w/ Regional Plan.

EDC is the planning agency.

Monitoring functions for Committee

Timing? - Schedule.

\$500^m request

? available

14 applications for
urban renewal
survey & planning funds.

Flood Recovery Task Force - 9/15/72

1. Jack Kinstlinger - Kinstlinger said he had not had a chance to talk to Underwood since the 9/13 meeting but had spoken to Costantino this morning. He recognized, as I did, that an impasse existed at the present time. He said the Secretary was very firm in his belief that he had had a deal with the Federal government that if he got a temporary bridge up by early '73, the Feds would maintain free bus service and the "emergency" until that time. Therefore, he felt betrayed when they came out with the 10/18 date as the end of OEP support and was not in the mood to move off his position. No more than the \$200,000 now committed to the transit development would be made until this matter was resolved. The Secretary also has good political instincts according to Kinstlinger, and feels strongly that in an election year OEP will be forced to extend the emergency bus service.

I told Kinstlinger that this was fine from Harrisburg and Washington point of view, but that I did not like to see the people of this community caught in the midst of this game, which is not in their best interests. I asked him if he thought the Secretary would be willing to see some compromise along the following lines:

- a) The OEP stops support as announced on 10/18.
- b) Transit authority takes over operations under a demonstration grant.
- c) OEP or other Federal agencies provide special funding toward a demonstration grant because of the unusual nature of the Wilkes-Barre flood related emergency. Such special funding could be less than the cost of maintaining present bus service for the 90 days between 10/18 and 1/15 ($\$7,700 \times 90 = \$693,000$), but would be given as a grant to the development project understanding the extra burdens imposed upon the transit facilities in order to take care of the special flood related service level - say \$400,000 or \$500,000. Then Secretary Kassab could release needed additional funds - \$100,000 or \$200,000 more than already committed to support the demonstration program.

Kinstlinger thought this compromise might be possible. He suggested as an alternative that we get OEP to continue funding but charge a minimum fee of say 10¢ or 15¢ per ride. I told him this had been explored before and turned down by OEP. He said they had found nothing in the OEP or UMTA law which prevented this, and that he felt the turn down may be more political than legal. He, therefore, suggested that we re-introduce it as an alternative.

He felt that I should discuss my compromise proposal directly with Secretary Kassab, and that it would be more useful if I did that directly than if he brought it to Kassab.

Flood Recovery Task Force - 9/15/72

2. Call from Ed Heiselberg. He advises that the 13C matter is now under control. Putnam says he will send necessary letter for 13C clearance. Simpson and Curtin will communicate directly with Putnam for precise wording of letter.

3. Tom Kiley. In order to get the understanding and approval of FRTF, I spoke to Tom Kiley today and explained what I had in mind and the compromise I proposed to offer to OEP-Carlucchi. He agreed 100%. He also agreed that it would not be necessary for me to clear this further with Rosenn. I told him I would proceed.

4. Secretary Kassab. I described the suggested compromise to Kassab. He said it was great - he would not let OEP off the hook but if we could arrange this face saving device and allow them to consider the emergency over on 10/18, that would be fine with him. He said that if I could get 1/2 million dollars out of OEP, we would probably have no difficulty in getting the additional \$100,000 funding from PennDOT, although he would have to check the legal way in which he could do this. He reported that he had confidence in our FRTF and in me, and stated that I could act in his behalf in discussing this matter with Carlucchi.

5. *Advised John Munner of S. & C.*

6. *Called M. Murray re inst. Extension on Cap. Budget.*

FRTF - Meeting of 9/18/72

1. I met with Jim Costantino and Frank Carlucci. I described the problem. Carlucci was not immediately agreeable to the possibility of picking up the entire unfunded portion of the demonstration program. He felt very strongly that the state had to participate to a greater degree than that presently indicated. He admitted Kassab has reason to believe that he had a deal on the North Street bridge, but the deal was made not at the highest authority and Carlucci regretted but indicated that he had been forced to change this arrangement. It is important from the OEP point of view to move away from emergency status and he has been directed to head his policy that way.

He said he would like to consider the matter when more facts were available and asked that Costantino and I prepare alternatives for him and let him study the numbers a little further.

Costantino and I did make some preparation and Costantino submitted it to Carlucci later in the afternoon. At that meeting Frank Carney was also present.

2. Costantino called at 8:00 P. M. to advise that Carlucci's attitude was now more conciliatory. He believed that the presence in this area of Mr. Wilcox indicated a change in the relationship that had developed between the Federal and state people. At any rate, Carlucci felt that a more conciliatory attitude was warranted and suggested the following:

a) Federal government would consider paying for all additional costs of maintaining an adequate level of service to the new mobile parks for a period of one year.

b) Federal government will consider paying for the extra scheduling and the additions to service caused by the flood (principally by the North Street bridge wash-out), up to 1/15/73.

It was not determined as to where the money would come from but only that they would consider means of making such payment. This was conditioned upon the fact that the state would loosen its restrictions on this project. Costantino said that in a late afternoon call with Kassab, he received encouragement that the state would reconsider their position, now that the Federal government was moving towards compromise.

FRTF - 9/19/72

1. Telephone with Bill Underwood.

I reviewed developments of 9/18 and suggested that Underwood try to get back to me by 11:00 A. M. before my meeting with the County Commissioners.

2. Frank Carney and I discussed the afternoon meeting which he had with Costantino and Carlucci. Carney considered that the Federal government would consider these additional payments as indicated to me by Costantino. He pointed out that he did not know from what agency the payments would be made. He indicated they were awaiting some affirmative response from the state before making definite commitments.

3. Bill Underwood phoned me back. He had not been able to get to the Secretary. After discussion, he did agree that I should tell Simpson and Curtin that they had a contract and he also agreed that the funding issue would eventually work itself out and that money would be available for the demonstration program.

4. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, Jim Shiner recommended:

- a) That we organize an authority at the earliest possible time.
- b) That the authority enter into a purchase of service agreement with the private companies at a rate of approximately 88¢ per mile. *vs. 81*
- c) That a letter of intent be drawn up between the county and Simpson and Curtin to authorize their services.

It was agreed that the city was not yet prepared to name its representatives on the authority and that the commissioners were thinking of a 9 man authority. Action on this matter will probably be post-poned about 1 week.

Ed Heiselberg explained the status of the capital grant for the development program. I mentioned that funding was still not confirmed but apparently is working out between the Federal and state agencies.

5. Phone call with Jim Shiner.

He will complete his preliminary estimates on additional costs of service per Carlucci's concept by this afternoon and will get to me promptly.

6. I called Ed Wideman and suggested that he call Kassab to point out his political-democratic interest in seeking Kassab's support. He said he would call him this afternoon. I told him of Shiner's promise on funding.

9/19/72

✓ 1. Bill Underwood. -

✓ 2. Frank Canby

3. Bill Underwood. -

4. Mfg in Co Commissioner Office. -

Crokin, Wiseman, Tolman, Gallagher, Wilheim, Miller,
Clark, Shaw, Shiner, Schulte, Hesselberg

Options -

- a) - Private Ownership -
② Purchase of Service -
③ Full subsidy -

1) no public participation
let it go without any
public participation.

b) - Public Ownership -

who -

County Auth.
City of WB
Bi-County. -

How -

- 1) Buy out and lease back. -
2) Management contract. -
3) Buy out and have in-house
management. -

⊗

Recommended. -

\$55/mile. -

9/19 Mtg - (continued)

FIRTF note { VA is turning down mtg on purchase
of house in S. W-B (near Mercy
Hospital) per JJ O'Malley. -

EDC.

Webster. - Trying to work out
cost

9/20 Co. Dev. Admin - Rosignol -
Mont Howard - Tech. Ass. Man.
IB & B/dy. -

Grants for Tech. Assistance
~~~~~ <sup>fund</sup> approve public who impact projects. -



Morning w/ Ray Radomski,  
Reliance Steel Co. - Metal Deck  
McKeesport, Pa.

9/20.

Letter  
8/24 request to FHWA  
To Fenton  
from Kim's

request for

- 1) assignment of more people to  
Fenton office to keep on  
getting quick review. -
- 2) 100% Fed Funding on a recovery basis.
- 3) Fed. Rapid Response

Nothing yet 9/5 letter. -



2/50  
Continuation  
meeting Monday?

9/21

Tell Ed H re dealer



9/20 (continued)

1. P.M. called Solomon and received final numbers from him which went into 5 page Transit Report - Draft 9/20/72
2. Explained details to Jack Kishner and Bill Hinderwood who understood and agreed to OEP @ 350<sup>th</sup> and Penn DOT at 500<sup>th</sup>. JK mentioned problem with what year Penn DOT will fund deficit; I said that if I could get the \$1.550 m package together he and the other <sup>prev</sup> would have to settle the problem of what year it is paid out. JK says its a good deal and PaDOT will back it if OEP comes up with 350<sup>th</sup> -
3. Explained deal to Jim Costantino - Great! Told him of my call ~~for~~ with J.K. - Great! Will send copy of Draft
4. Gave 9/20 Draft to Conroy, Lane, Nelson OEP. Conroy says, "It's a cheap way out of a tough problem." Nelson questioned rate of \$14<sup>50</sup> and 13<sup>00</sup> but Conroy felt he was quibbling. Discussed method of payment Conroy said quarterly payments p. in advance



~~Sam Watkins~~  
9/20 (cont)

perhaps administered by HUD. (?) Wants OER  
all payments as soon as possible. Suggested  
the could credit HUD now and have  
HUD pay out later. I said that is  
their problem but we must juggle  
the payments so we have something  
in 2nd year. He was confident  
Carlucci would accept this deal;  
will send it to him tonight; will decide  
by Thursday night or Friday A.M.  
Will let me know - thanked for  
help. - He can give us more time than  
10/18 if absolutely necessary. -

9/21 Linda Watkins called to  
see where we were. - I gave  
her status and she will pass  
on to Gann & Madison.  
Is optimistic



9/21 Agenda -

Thursday AM.  
Committee Meeting.

1. Transit - Status.

Authority

Equipment grant 2.6  
Demonstration Grant. 1.55  
Funding - 4.15

2. River St - North to South - (Bigler)  
Legal assignment.

3. North St Bridge -  
SCHEDULE III.

4. Traffic.

5. North X Valley -  
SCHEDULE II.

6. Planning (?)

Downtown O.R.

Distribute Work Description



7. R.R. situation - settle by end of year - f/m/p -  
amicable agreement w/ D. & H. - Dec. -  
R.R. Thomas & Thomas - will follow by  
WRANth. -



9/22

Underwood. - phone

①

Nash's final commitment?

Need to line up <sup>State</sup> ~~for~~ Mearns. -

I told him of time frame worries  
and Carney's statement re flexibility of  
10/18 date. - He was pleased and is  
optimistic.

②. Cr/Potterman Agency.  
Letter Shapiro. -

- San. Auth. Mtg. -

9/23 and 9/24

w/ Constantine - 2 calls. He is questioning the  
high hourly rate - finds it will be  
impossible to justify on a long run  
basis - recognizes the illogic of DCI  
objecting to a rate base which they  
established themselves, but is hopeful  
the figures can be adjusted. Will work  
on it. Will be in touch w/ me 9/25. -



9/25. - ① Iris Smirner. - advised him of Constantino's objection and present statement. He will work on figures, will call Lunderwood, etc. -  
I told ~~this~~ to him today is crucial.

② Ed Weidman - advised him. He must move Tuesday 9/26. City names for Lurie man authority are Thomas McBeckham, James Conahan, Robert Misoway. -

③ Jack Kristliger - ~~boy will fall back.~~  
Explained urgency. State will go \$500<sup>m</sup> most in 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. He has heard from Constantino already today - has suggested a renegotiation clause to solve problem. I asked for, and he agreed to send a commitment letter from Penn DOT - Kassib today for \$500.<sup>m</sup>

④ Advised Joe & re ②. He doesn't know them either.

⑤ Bert Lane B.A.? - I pushed for an answer. He said he would get the message to Conney - Corlucci.

(Did not  
come)



9/25 (Continued)

⑥ Continuation. -

Jim Young will be here  
Wed & Thursday. -  
Bill Atherton -

an URTA play will be raised in  
W.B. over a service

Releases we need a mtg. -  
will have one by weekend. -

Agrees we can't do something with-  
out better staff support from Young.

Young the weak link now. - Will  
get Young up here permanently until  
10/18. Revises time frame problems.

Agrees that probably we should hold  
off action on Authority until after  
his meeting. Will call me  
again. -

⑧ Wildman - Told his status. - We  
agreed no authority action warranted  
yet. He'll call a mtg Thursday if we  
need it. He'll try to get to see  
Carlucci tomorrow.

⑦ Heinberg recommends "do it now" -  
Also, Henigan suggests Authority web  
from Nauticall and Pittston. -







9/26

① Costantino - Carboni in touch w/ Allison of UNITA.  
Tring. in W.B. tomorrow -

Tring Cost in W.B. - Thursday. -

Scheiner

Ed.S. Cost, Tring, Heiselberg, <sup>Anderson</sup> <sup>Covay</sup>  
Model Cities - EDA. { Harry Miller -

1 Cost basis - most important  
Meeting Thursday - in office.

② Advised Heiselberg. -

③ Martin Schuels. - [Tring] Co. -

a) Expense SBH Business/Comm. -

287-9647

normal treatment. -

less trouble from the Bank.

71.2.5

72.2.0

71.2.5 } Tring 22. } Tring 22. } Tring 22. }

marginal-growing  
profitable business  
undercapitalized. -

④

Lester Shapiro. -

Dr. Sanders - Betty Ginnard (Ch. & Tring)  
in touch w/ Warren Carter - EPH grant in  
this area - will get back today -

Also report w/ Tring -

plant - planning - on stream in 2 weeks.  
Schedule for 2nd yr is loose. -



9/26 (Can 4)

Pa. Crime Commission - Harold Rosen -

⑤ Ann  
Transp  
Authenticity  
members

Ed. Smulter  
Bob. Leonardi - labor - U.S. man. -  
Leo Bergman -  
Joe O'Karma. -  
Russell Lockey. -  
McBeeham  
Comahan  
Hovielberg. -  
Whicaway -  
Sailor. -

⑥ Bigler - last meeting.

At Ashton another foggy boltcom.  
No clear crime idea of the  
way in which the FRC and  
the legal committee interact.  
No written description of what legal  
committee is responsible for.  
Goldberg will call me. -



+ 16 hrs a day Old Forge  
+ 16 " on the East Side

Upon the Discretion

of the



- ⑦ Young. - Meeting  
Costantino, Young. -  
Wants to come down today. -  
Remain 1) sub. of app. by Antler,  
2) project duration 18 mos.  
3) \$300 cash A  
4) budget for project mgs.  
5) max retention of emergency  
revenue emergency  
→ 6) need more than service's  
improvement.

Part + ride  
Picnic house  
In view of town fees.  
7) Spec. of mktg. - I mjo -  
must be more cause -

⑧ Take Kasib. -

Agreement w/ our approach =  
all have the money. -  
500<sup>00</sup>.

⑨ Underwood - He'll be at the  
meeting 10 AM. 9/28. - no problem  
w/ giving 7 points. -  
He may even have some more money for 2<sup>nd</sup> yr.



9/28/72

(10) Called Joe Williams: -

told him about meeting  
told him he was not interested  
he said he trusts me; wants  
Muscavato to be present or not  
whichever. - He will advise  
Gallagher. -

(11) Andy Shanti: -

- Discussed re WUSA w/ Interceptor -
- He told me of EOC meeting
- He told me of Wilcox problem
- I advised him of optamiter standing  
TP. -

(12) Goldberg.

He will work. I explained problems and  
proposed approach. He will contact Geddes  
for a meeting early at 10/2. -



9/27

MESSAGE

9/27 To COSTANTINO re.

- ① 1. Viperian - not here since last week.
2. FHWA - worst fears - back to where they were.
3. 9/5 - suggested approval of B1. W. LAR N. St. / Pellam St. intersection.

from Ray Rademski

- ② Jack Holt
  - ③ John Landon
  - ④ Frank Henry
- } brought them up to date on status. Told Holt + Henry to develop pre - during - post flood costs in order to justify DEP Rate. -

⑤ Young. - Demonstration Projects. -

- ④ 1. Park & ride areas w/ express to chd.
- ④ 2. Eco living bus lane.
- ④ 3. Preferential traffic light for bus.
- ④ 4. Trucking plg. fees. -
- ④ 5. Car parking
- ④ 6. Bike toll
- ④ 7. Park + shop pass. - Merchants visitation
8. Free ride shopping day. -
- ④ 9. Auto free zones

6/7 MARTIN



9/27- Mtg. FRTF - Planning Committee.  
EDC → EDA → to Fed - Phil then Fed Wash -  
no interrelation w/ state. -

Appalachia very involved w/ state.

EDC - Functions.

1. Data collection
2. Seeking out and assistance with funding to local communities
3. PNR - A-95 - Cleanhanda. -  
coordination  
community

4. EDC does NOT have a legislative / self  
initiative planning function.  
— no execution or implementation  
power

Can't say - DO THIS!

Can't say - STOP. - !

more subtle, persuasive, credibility. -

Has Leg. C.

Signed a resolution  
re Regional Planning  
w/ EDC - in '64, '65.

Lacked Clout w/  
WV U.S.A.

Mullin & Lancaster  
Assoc. Planning Sec.



9/28 cont 4

\$285 = OK

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| Budget      | 1550        |
| Ex. Am. non | 30          |
|             | <hr/> 1,580 |

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| WMTA    | 300        |
| DEP     | 285        |
| PennDOT | 500        |
| Modc.   | 450        |
|         | <hr/> 1535 |

1535

OK

GO

~~415~~

OK

9/28

Costan Line to El. re Ratanishi complaints + delays

1052 - Sec. 1 is in his office

9/11 submission

Fentons office

He is doing this himself -

Sec 2 - OK -

right.  
OK

Sec 3. EIS is back to State

w/ comments - 47. also.

Pepperman assigned here.  
new staff



6. Miscavage. - Explained problem.  
He-not Miller will be at  
meeting. -

9/28/72. Info note. -

Ray Rademacher.

1. Federal Gov't. -

Bailing out of commitment to keep  
a full time man here with  
authority

2. 8/24 Letter

3. 9/5 " NO action

4. 9/11 " Grand delivered EIS-4/  
1052 Sec 1. -

In view of this - at this ~~point~~

1. Permanent N.S. Project - Late '76. -  
3rd Ave to Pa Ave

2. 1052 - Sec - 2 - late 76

3. 1052 Sec 1 - summer 77

4. 1052 Sec 3 fall 77



9/28 - Re: River Street -  
Tam K. says get to Tim Gredler for answer.

1,550

300 -

500

400 -

425 -

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EDA

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Publicity & press release  
must be coordinated  
with Connors and  
Constantino.

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Griffard Capital Inc. - FRTF

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FRTF - 9/29/72

1. Jim Scheiner called and advised that on or before Wednesday morning he will need the following:

- a. Authority from the TA to immediate purchase of services agreement.
- b. Authority from the TA to appoint an advertising agency.
- c. Confirmation of status of Simpson and Curtin - this latter should be done no later than Monday. I assured him we would work on it. I suggested a Tuesday night rather than a Wednesday meeting with the Authority.

2. I advised Ed Wideman of the happenings yesterday. I told him of the need for a supplementary EDA grant, and he agreed. I told him of Scheiner's call and their needs. Wideman will appoint the TA today or Monday. He will call a special meeting of the county commissioners. I warned him on the matter of publicity and he said he would reserve this for Kassab and the Federal people.

3. I advised Andy Shaw of the situation relative to the EDA grant. I emphasized that we cannot take this out of FRTF funds. He, Heiselberg, and Sheppard will get together to discuss the matter with Harmel, and I told him not to involve me further in the matter, that I had nothing else to do, and they could work it out the best way they saw fit.

4. Conversation with Bob Sheppard, EDA, ditto #3 above.



E.S.

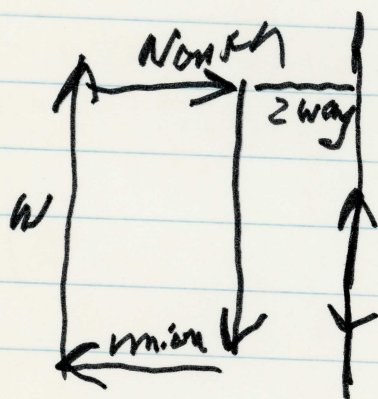
9/29

Bob Mueck of Directions Associates  
will be in his office until 4:45

215 643-5200

Bo S.      ↑ or ↓      Difficulty of  
perspective.

Effect on area if change.



downtown system

City planning

Phy Auth

School Bd. -

Comm &  
City Council

Univ of Penn Bank. -

1st Nat BK of C. Pa. -



