

AGENDA ITEM X - INFORMATION

November 18, 2009

Pictometry

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pictometry is a digital color imaging system and software program which allows users to view high-resolution digital color images (aerial photos) of a community from an oblique angle view. The Pictometry imagery displays features such as buildings, land area, roads, and hydrology to be viewed from several directions and at different scales. It will allow a user to easily locate and accurately measure any feature. The software and aerial imagery data has proven to be beneficial to assessors, planners, engineers, conservation commissions, first responders and decision-makers.

During the August 6 meeting of the MPO, Ms. Peggy Shelly, TCOG's 911 program manager came before the board requesting assistance in funding a portion of Pictometry's cost by the MPO. After extensive discussion (see August 6, 2009 minutes), Chairman Magers asked Mayor Budra (Pottsville) if he would head up a technical study group to determine the feasibility of such an expenditure for the MPO.

After a review by Mayor Budra, he submitted a report (see attached e-mail) for the board's consideration.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to review Mayor Budra's e-mail and make its recommendation based on its contents.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mayor Budra's e-mail