

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)
Minutes for the Committee Meeting on February 1, 2023

Attendance:

Voting Members

Bob Gordon	Hamiltonban Township (Chair)
David Laughman	Arendtsville Borough (Vice-Chair)
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Charles "Skip" Strayer	Adams County Planning Commission
Beth Nidam	SRTA – rabbittransit
Scott Small	Conewago Township
Robin Fitzpatrick	Adams Economic Alliance
Jim Martin	Adams County Commissioner
David Hazlett	Carroll Valley Borough
Nina Tipler	York Springs Borough

Legislative Representatives

Misty Wagner-Grillo	Congressman Joyce's Office
Catherine Wallen	Representative Ecker's Office
Chris Kimple	Representative Moul's Office

Adams County Office of Planning and Development

Andrew Merkel
Harlan Lawson

Others

Judie Butterfield	Gettysburg Borough
Laura Heilman	Commuter Services
David Juba	SRTA - rabbittransit
Kenana Zejcirovic	PennDOT District 8-0
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
Jeff Puher	PennDOT District 8-0
Matthew Crea	PennDOT Central Office
Edward Sheehe	PennDOT Central Office
Michelle Tarquino	PennDOT Central Office
Ronique Bishop	FHWA PA Division
Will Cameron	County Bridge Engineer
Stacey Rice	@Home in Adams County
Jack Ketterman	Germany Township
Kevin Holtzinger	Reading Township
Thomas Jolin	HABPI
Dennis Hickethier	HABPI
Darrin Catts	Oxford Township
Christine Demas	Mt. Joy Township
Chris Caba	YAMPO
Mike Pritchard	YAMPO
Jennifer Heller	Bermudian Springs School District
Bonnie Little	Conewago Valley School District

Media

Vanessa Pellechio	Gettysburg Times
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1. Introductory Comments

Mr. Gordon called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. It was established that a quorum was present. No items were added to the agenda.

2. ACTPO Re-organization / Selection of Officers

Mr. Gordon announced that his term as Supervisor of Hamiltonban Township will be expiring at the end of 2023, and so a replacement will have to be named at the end of his term. Mr. Mullins made a motion to retain the existing officer in their positions. Ms. Tipler seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gordon will remain as Chair and Mr. Laughman as Vice-Chair of ACTPO for 2023.

3. Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2022

Mr. Strayer made a motion to approve the October 26, 2022 ACTPO meeting minutes. Mr. Martin Seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Staff Updates – ACOPD

- a. Mr. Merkel reported on Developments of Significance being proposed in the county. Significant Developments include plan submissions proposing 25 or more total new residential lots or units, or 30,000 square feet or more of industrial, commercial, or mixed use development. There were three resubmissions and two new submissions in the 4th quarter of 2022, including:

- Green Pallet, Inc (Mt. Joy Township)
- Thunderbolt Self Storage LLC (resubmission; Union Township)
- Wade Run Community (resubmission; Mt. Joy Township)
- Mayberry at Mason Dixon (resubmission; Littlestown Borough)
- Cedarfield (Bonneauville Borough)

- b. Mr. Merkel reported that staff attended the following HOP, traffic study, and project meetings. Some discussion ensued on the various meetings.

- SRTP/PA Commuter Services Board meetings in November 2022 and January 2023
- PennDOT Meetings
 - Bi-Monthly Planning Partners Call (November 2022 and January 2023)
 - District 8-0 Planning Partners Call (November 2022)
 - Historic Metal Truss Bridge Management Plan
 - District 8-0 Highway Safety Plan
- Royal Farms HOP / Traffic Study meeting (Hamilton Township)

Mr. Merkel also reported that staff is preparing a letter of support for designating PA Bicycle Route S as part of the US Bicycle Route system. Bicycle Route S follows PA-234 and connects to US-30 to continue westward. He noted that staff will be recommending that the routes designated as PA Bicycle Routes be re-evaluated as part of the effort.

- c. Mr. Cameron presented on local metal truss bridges within Adams County. He noted that there are two historic metal truss bridges within the county: Adams County Bridge No. 5 (Rhodes Mill Bridge in Freedom Township) and Adams County Bridge No. 118 (Zeigler Mill Bridge in Butler Township). Rhodes Mill Bridge rehabilitation was completed in 2022 and the Zeigler Mill Bridge is a potential future project for a specific funding opportunity focused on rehabilitating metal truss bridges. A

program committee is currently evaluating a list of potential candidates for the funding and Bridge No. 118 is included in the evaluation as “high preservation priority”.

- d. Mr. Merkel discussed FFY 2022 Adams County Obligation Report. The MPO is required to post the report by the end of the calendar year following the close of the fiscal year. Traditionally the report has been posted in spreadsheet form, however, staff has reformatted the report in an attempt to make it more reader-friendly. The report is posted on ACTPO’s webpage.
- e. Mr. Merkel discussed the 2020 Census Urbanized Area maps that have been released. He explained that the definition of “urbanized area” has been revised, but staff has not yet been informed of the final implications of the change. When the Urbanized Area maps and figures have been finalized, ACTPO will likely evaluate the current by-laws and make updates as the board sees necessary.

5. Transit Update

- a. Ms. Heilman reported on 2022 year-end statistics for the Commuter Services program and employer relation efforts that have been underway.
- b. Ms. Nidam reported on the success of the new Same Day Shared Ride pilot program, which allows same day paratransit reservations. She also announced Transit Equity Day on Saturday, February 4, 2023.

6. Performance Measures for Adams County – Adams County

Mr. Merkel covered the annual adoption of the Safety Performance Measure (PM-1). He presented historic trends related to the safety measures included in PM-1. Traditionally, ACTPO has adopted the targets established by PennDOT, however, ACTPO does have the option to establish different targets. Ms. Nidam made a motion to adopt the 2023 PM-1 targets established by PennDOT and Mr. Green seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. Some additional discussion regarding the topic continued after the vote, namely regarding the performance measure process.

7. MOU between York MPO (YAMPO) and ACTPO - Staff

Mr. Merkel discussed a funding pot, the Carbon Reduction Program, established by IIJA/BIL legislation that is allocated based on urbanized area population. Because the Hanover Urbanized Area encompasses parts of both Adams County and York County, an MOU has been developed to outline how the funds will be handled between the two MPOs. The MOU is a formal agreement that the funds will be split based on the respective populations of the Hanover UA in each MPO. He explained that funding could potentially go to a regional project that benefits both MPOs, but the MOU is the first step in establishing the funding allocation. Mr. Strayer made a motion to approve the MOU between YAMPO and ACTPO and Mr. Laughman seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

8. 2022-2024 UPWP Addition – Adams County

Mr. Merkel explained that the Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options (ISATO) program established with the passing of IIJA/BIL legislation resulted in a small pot of funds becoming available to ACTPO through the Unified Planning Work Program for specific uses. Staff coordinated with PennDOT and FHWA to brainstorm potential allowable uses and settled on directing the funds toward the Active Transportation Tool that was identified as an implementation item in the most recent LRTP. Mr. Merkel

relayed The UPWP was amended in January 2023 to add this task with cooperation from the County Commissioners.

9. 2023-2026 TIP Update – PennDOT, Adams County

- a. Mr. Puher noted that there were 18 administrative modifications involving 14 projects made to the 2023-2026 TIP. There is no vote required for administrative modifications.

10. PennDOT Comments

- Mr. Mullins provided updates on three projects in Adams County:
 - The bridge replacement on Oxford Rd in Straban Township is expected to be completed July 2023. There is currently a detour in place.
 - PennDOT is hoping to have a consultant on board in mid-March for the PA-234 / Stoney Point Rd project and PA-234 / Peepytown Rd project. These projects are expected to be on one agreement.
 - The Finding of No Significant Impact was approved for the Eisenhower Extension Project and the consultant is working to update the project estimate.
- Mr. Crea announced that Conewago Township received \$55,094 in funding from the 2022 ARLE grant round for guiderail improvements.

11. FHWA Comments

- Ms. Bishop provided the following updates:
 - Additional resources related to IIJA/BIL discretionary grants.
 - RAISE grant NOFO is open until February 28, 2023.
 - FHWA and FTA are reviewing the recently released Urbanized Area information and will release a federal register notice designating new TMAs and other information related to Census information.

12. Public Comments

- Mr. Hickethier provided the following updates on behalf of HABPI:
 - 9/11 National Memorial Trail: Letters were sent by the 9/11 Trail Coordinator to municipalities regarding the trail signage, but Gettysburg Borough is the only municipality to respond to date.
 - A feasibility study is underway to locate the best option for a trail route from the Gettysburg Borough to the new Adams County Historical Society Building. He explained next steps in the effort for this project.
- Ms. Butterfield provided the following updates:
 - There have been very few traffic complaints related to the filming of a movie in Gettysburg Borough.
 - A planning committee has been established for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

13. Member Comments

- Mr. Gordon announced the board received a letter of resignation from Mayor Rita Frealing. Mr. Laughman announced the Borough's Association is actively looking for a replacement for the alternate position in light of Ms. Frealing's resignation.

- Mr. Martin announced that the traffic plan from the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg may be a good resource for planning the 160th Anniversary.

14. Next Meeting, Time and Place

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 26th, 2023.

APPROVED