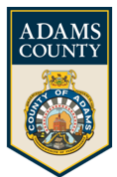


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April 28, 2021



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Staff Updates

HOP/Traffic Study/Project Meetings

- Cambrian Hills Commercial Development (Berwick Township)
- South Central PA Truck Parking Summit
- PA 234/Peepytown Road Intersection

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

- Kick-off meeting with PennDOT and FHWA – Feb 02, 2021
- LRTP Subcommittee Meeting – March 23, 2021
 - Primarily focused on Public Outreach Component of the plan
 - Review and Update of public outreach policies in the Public Participation Plan
 - Review of public outreach strategy for the LRTP

Public Participation Plan – Proposed Policy Update: Goals

Current Public Participation Goals:

- Ensure that interested parties in Adams County have an active and ongoing role in the regional transportation planning process
- Established a dependable process with open meetings and public access to technical data and non-technical information
- Increase public knowledge about the transportation planning process in the region and identify ways interested parties can become more involved
- Provide interested parties with multiple opportunities for meaningful involvement in the regional transportation planning process
- Identify, seek out and engage minority populations, low-income populations, Limited English Proficient persons, and persons with disabilities
- Employ effective techniques for outreach and communication
- Serve as a guide to ACTPO/ACOPD staff for outreach and participation activities and efforts involving transportation and other planning activities
- Document what we learn from interested parties in a format for consideration and use by the ACTPO Board ('the Board'), Adams County Planning Commission (ACPC), ACOPD staff, and others to improve our outreach and participation efforts

Proposed Public Participation Goals:

- Recognize that all interested **and affected** parties in Adams County, **including traditionally underserved populations**, have a stake in the transportation planning process
- Ensure that interested parties have an active and ongoing role in the regional transportation planning process
- Use multiple methods to distribute information so that all interested parties have access to the planning process
- Provide information related to the planning process in a clear, concise, and understandable manner
- Ensure the engagement process remains relevant and effective

Public Participation Plan – Proposed Policy Update: Principles

Current Public Participation Principles:

- Provide opportunities for public involvement and comment
- The transportation planning process will be clearly communicated to ensure that the
- process is apparent and understandable
- Identify broad list of stakeholders and EJ populations for public participation opportunities
- Encourage participation from EJ communities by tailoring outreach efforts to their needs
- Provide timely notices and easy access to information
- Hold meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times
- Encourage participation by promoting respect for different opinions
- Present information clearly and effectively through visualization and other proven techniques
- Incorporate public views and preferences into the decision-making process and document the consideration of comments.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the public outreach and involvement efforts periodically to identify necessary adjustments

Proposed Public Participation Principles:

- Identify a broad list of stakeholders, **including traditionally underserved populations**, for public participation opportunities
- Broadly notify interested parties through multiple channels about opportunities to be involved in the planning process
- Tailor outreach strategies to the needs of specific stakeholder groups
- Hold meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times
- Incorporate public views and preferences into the decision-making process
- Encourage participation by promoting respect for different opinions
- Continuously evaluate the engagement process to enhance public participation strategies

Public Participation Plan – Proposed Policy Update: Virtual Public Involvement (VPI)

How does it fit into Transportation Planning and Programming?

“New formats and applications for communication have emerged with the everchanging advancements in technology. People now have the capability to connect using telecommunication devices while being in different locations (referred to as “remotely”), or when meeting face-to-face is not an option.

Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) utilizes audio and/or visual tools to interact with interested parties. Collaboration may occur using just a phone conference line or may incorporate audio and visual functions using an online application (e.g. Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc.). In many cases, virtual meetings have the capability to be recorded, and viewed later by anyone not able to attend the meeting.

However, these modern communication methods do not come without caveats. VPI is hinged on the assumption that all people have access to the components necessary to connect remotely. Many forms of VPI require internet access and compatible devices, such as smart phones, tablets, or computers, which may not be available to all people. Even if the necessary devices are available, some participants may not possess the “know-how” or technological skills to use such devices, the applications, or both. Consequently, some populations may be excluded from the VPI process, albeit unintentionally.

ACTPO realizes that the shortcomings of VPI do not allow for the full realization or accomplishment of the previously mentioned public participation goals. For this reason, in-person engagement remains the preferred method for public participation activities. When possible, VPI may be combined with in-person engagement so that members of the public may participate remotely, if they prefer.

Even when connection is not an issue, stakeholders participating in public meetings remotely may not have the same opportunities; meeting materials may not be as clear, body language may become less of a factor, and dialogue may not occur naturally. Consequently, some populations may be at a disadvantage or excluded from the VPI process all together, albeit unintentionally.

All notices advertising virtual meetings will include the following information:

- *Time and date of the meeting*
- *Teleconference line with access information, which requires only a telephone for participation in the meeting*
- *A web link with access information to join the visual component of the meeting*
- *Contact information to request copies of meeting documents or to submit comment prior to the meeting.”*

Other Subcommittee Notes:

- The topic of social media came up, as it is excluded here. Staff explained that the county has just recently adopted a social media policy, however, does not yet use social media to disseminate county related information, due to legal obstacles. Any social media avenues explored for use will be done so very cautiously.
- It is the expectation of FHWA that public participation efforts return to in-person engagement after the limitations due to COVID-19 are lifted.

Public Participation Plan – Proposed Policy Update: Stakeholder List

Current Stakeholder List:

- Adams County Commissioners
- Adams County Office of Plan. & Dev't.
- Adams Cty. Economic Development Corp. → Adams Economic Alliance
- Adams County Boroughs
- Adams County Townships
- Adams County Association for the Blind
- Adams County CareerLink
- Adams County Head Start
- Adams County Housing Authority
- Adams County Literacy Council
- Adams County Office for Aging
- The Brethren Home Community
- Center for Community Health Partnership
- East Berlin Area Community Center
- Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce
- Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce
- Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village
- Hart Center → HART (Hanover Adams Rehabilitation & Training Center)
- Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12
- Rural Opportunities → PathStone
- SCCAP
- United Way of Adams County

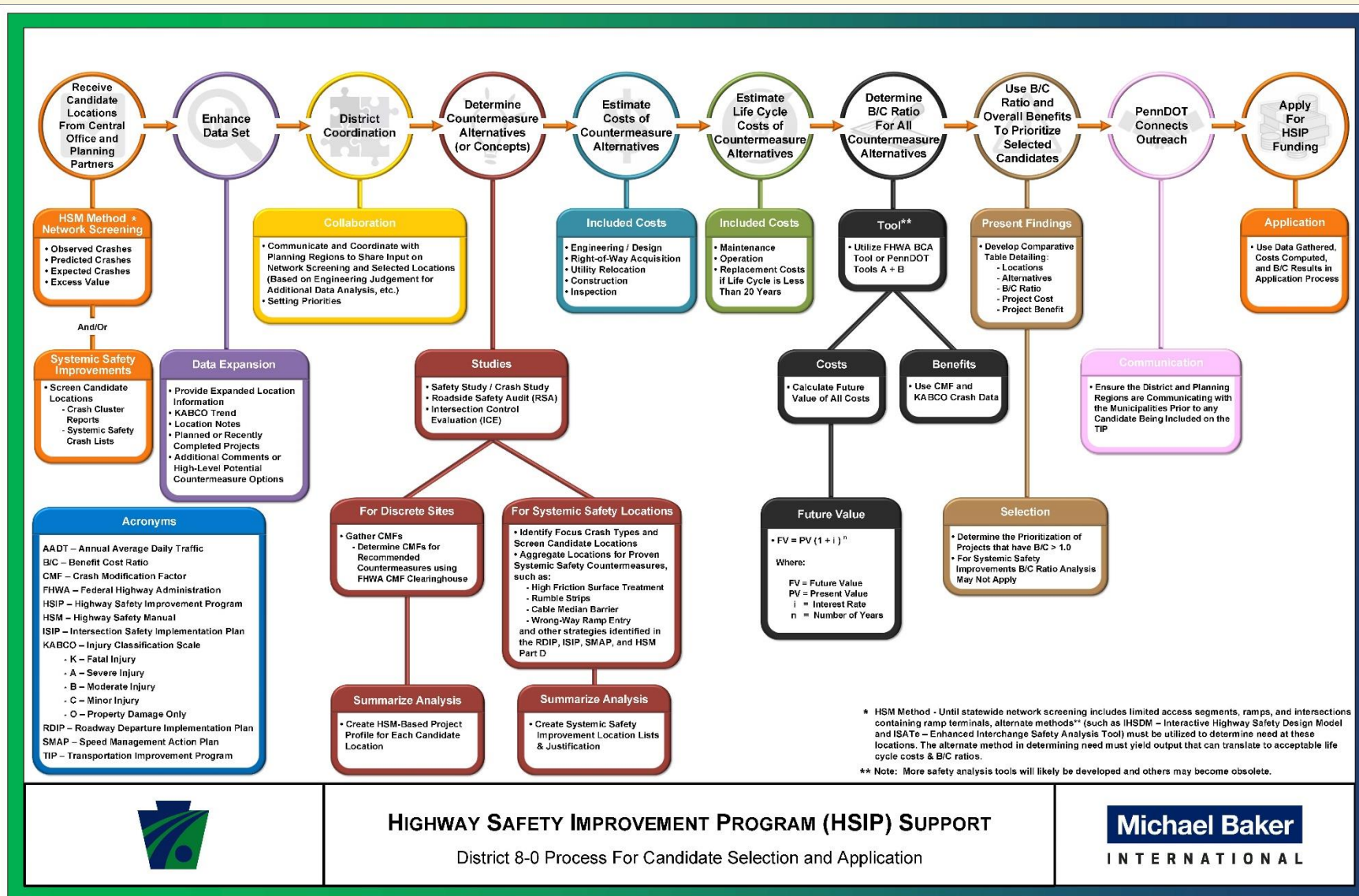
Proposed additions to Stakeholder List:

- @ Home in Adams County
- Los Manos Unidas
- Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (Rabbittransit)
- Susquehanna Regional Transportation Partnership
- Healthy Adams County
- Adams County Community Foundation
- HACC
- School Districts
- Keystone Health
- Adams County Emergency Mgmt/ Fire/ EMS/ Police Depts.
- Freight Associations
- Rail
- HAPBI
- **Agricultural Groups (Penn State Extension)**
- **Builders Association**
- **South Mountain Partnership**
- **Downtown Gettysburg**
- **Manufacturers/ Freight Shippers**
- **State Agencies (PHMC/ PA Fish & Boat Comm./ Dept. of Health/ PHMC/ etc.)**
- **Gettysburg National Military Park**

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

- Next Steps
 - Staff is working to develop survey and other outreach techniques based on feedback from the subcommittee input
 - Continuing to develop sections of the plan that do not require public input

HSIP Line Item Candidate Projects



PROJECT NAME: HSIP LINE ITEM

MPMS ID: 87811

First Appearance on TIP: 09/21/2009

PROJECT DETAILS

Primary Improvement Type: Highway Safety Improvement Program

State Route #: N/A

Name: N/A

Length: N/A

Geographic Limits: Adams County

Description: Highway Safety Line Item

Estimated Let Date: N/A

Estimated Year of Construction: N/A

Estimated Total Project Cost: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE

Federal: \$3,516,000 (HSIP) | 2nd 4-Years: \$2,637,000 (HSIP) | 3rd 4-Years: \$3,516,000 (HSIP)

State:

FUNDING SUMMARY							
Phase	Previous	2021	2022	2023	2024	2nd 4-Years	3rd 4-Years
Prelim. Engineering							
Final Design							
Utility							
Right of Way							
Construction							
Total		\$879,000	\$879,000	\$879,000	\$879,000	\$2,637,000	\$3,516,000
FY 2021—2024	\$3,516,000						
FY 2025—2028	\$2,637,000						
FY 2029—2032	\$3,516,000						

HSIP Line Item Candidate Projects

LEGEND	
	B/C > 1.0

County	Alternative	Location	Description	Estimated Cost	Present Value Cost	PA B/C	PA Benefit
Adams	1	SR 30 - Chambersburg Road	Install raised median barrier with access management	\$3,202,264	\$3,264,049	2.32	\$7,583,182
	2		Increase clear zone	\$1,877,768	\$2,033,663	4.21	\$8,555,315
	3	SR 234 - East Berlin Road and Stoney Point Road	Install roundabout	\$1,862,170	\$1,971,635	4.22	\$8,330,078
	4		Change intersection skew angle	\$1,013,593	\$1,047,775	2.65	\$2,780,604
	5		Relocate township owned leg of Stoney Point Road (northern leg) to intersect with Kimberly Lane approximately 750' east	\$1,222,729	\$1,213,511	0.48	\$586,625
	6	SR 1015 - Hanover Street and Red Hill Road	Install traffic signal with dilemma zone detection	\$516,099	\$611,984	10.18	\$6,231,522
	7		Increase triangle sight distance	\$501,868	\$542,479	12.59	\$6,828,492

Next ACTPO Meeting

July 28, 2021

1:00 p.m.