# Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO) Minutes for the Committee Meeting on April 27, 2022

### Attendance:

## **Voting Members**

Bob Gordon Hamiltonban Township (Chair)
Dave Laughman Arendtsville Borough (Vice-Chair)

Ray Green PennDOT Central Office Nathan Walker PennDOT District 8-0

Charles "Skip" Strayer Adams County Planning Commission
Bryan Johnson Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce

Nina Tipler York Springs Borough
Bob Rhoads Mt. Pleasant Township
Beth Nidam SRTA – rabbittransit
Scott Small Conewago Township

# **Legislative Representatives**

Catherine Wallen Representative Ecker's Office

## **Adams County Office of Planning and Development**

Sherri Clayton-Williams

Andrew Merkel Laura Neiderer Harlan Lawson

### Others

Judie Butterfield Gettysburg Borough
Stacy Newcomer Commuter Services
Jeff Puher PennDOT District 8-0
Christopher Kufro PennDOT District 8-0
Rich Reisinger PennDOT District 8-0
Ronnique Bishop FHWA PA Division
Will Cameron County Bridge Engineer

Dennis Hickethier HABPI Tom Jolin HABPI

Terry Scholle Mt. Joy Township

Stacey Rice @Home in Adams County

Bev Frey Oxford Township

Bonnie Little Conewago Valley School District

# Media

None

### 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. Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2022

A correction was made to the attendance list. Mr. Rhoads motioned to approve the corrected minutes. Mr. Strayer seconded, and the corrected minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

## 3. Staff Updates – ACOPD

- a. Mr. Merkel reported that staff attended the following HOP/Traffic Study/Project meetings since the last ACTPO board meeting:
  - Inch & Company Multifamily (Straban Township)
  - Gettysburg Regional Airport (Cumberland Township)
  - Huntington Fields (Huntington Township)
  - SRTP/PA Commuter Services Board meeting
  - PennDOT AQ Conformity Training
  - PennDOT Planning for EV Charging Infrastructure Funding
- b. Mr. Cameron reported that the 2022 interim local bridge inspections will begin in May, including seven County and eight Township bridges.
- c. Mr. Merkel informed the board that a current TIP project that entails adding ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) devices is set to be implemented, resulting in a traffic camera at every interchange along the US-15 corridor in Adams County.

# 4. Transit Update

- a. Ms. Newcomer reported for Commuter Service of Pennsylvania. She noted that over 70 meetings took place and 190 new members enrolled in the commuter database during the month of March. Also, Packaging Corporation of America competed in the Earth Month event and the 2021 Commuter Services Annual Performance report was released.
- b. Ms. Nidam reported that there are no significant updates for rabbittransit.

# 5. Presentation by Healthy Adams Bicycle Pedestrian Inc. (HABPI)

Mr. Hickethier provided an overview of Healthy Adams Bicycle Pedestrian Inc. He noted it is an all-volunteer staff. ACOPD staff played a short video developed by the organization for the attendees of the meeting. Mr. Hickethier noted that HABPI partners with many municipalities and encourages that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are incorporated during the planning stages of development projects.

# 6. 2023-2026 TIP - PennDOT, Adams County, CPTA

a. An overview of the Draft 2023-2026 Adams County TIP and the 2026-2026 Draft Transit TIP was provided by staff. Staff noted that the Draft TIP document must go through a 30-day public comment period. Notice of the public comment period will be advertised in both the Gettysburg Times and The Evening Sun. Mr. Laughman noted that The Evening Sun does not print a paper edition daily, and Mr. Merkel explained that the Gettysburg Times is the paper of general

record, and so advertisement in The Evening Sun is an extra effort to notify the public of the comment period. Staff will look into publication schedule of The Evening Sun and will advertise accordingly. Hardcopies of the Draft TIP packet will be placed throughout the county for the public to access during the public comment period and will also be available electronically on the Adams County website. Mr. Strayer motioned to authorize the Draft TIP 30-day public comment period from May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 through June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mr. Laughman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## 7. Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Adams County

Ms. Neiderer reported on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan and presented the working draft Plan document to the board. Many sections of the LRTP are in a completed draft form and other sections are nearing completion of a draft. She noted that a "first-cut" of the draft LRTP will be presented in more detail at the upcoming LRTP subcommittee meeting for input and feedback. She explained that the draft LRTP document will also have to go through a 30-day public comment period prior to adoption in July 2022, however, those specific dates are to-be-determined.

### 8. 2021-2024 TIP Update - PennDOT, Adams County

a. Mr. Puher noted that there were eighteen administrative modifications made to the 2021-2024 TIP since the January 2022 ACTPO meeting. There is no vote required for administrative modifications. Ms. Frey asked for a status update of the safety project at the intersection of Red Hill Rd and Hanover St. in Oxford Township. Mr. Walker noted the selection process will soon take place, as a meeting has already occurred with the union to put the project out for bid. He also noted that when the 2023-2026 TIP takes effect in October, the funding for the project will be obligated.

#### 9. PennDOT Comments

- Mr. Walker provided an update for the Eisenhower Extension project. The public comment period opened January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and closed March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and a final decision is expected to be made in the fall of this year.
- Mr. Kufro introduced himself as the acting District Executive for PennDOT District 8-0. He
  mentioned that PennDOT is expecting feedback from FHWA regarding the Eisenhower Extension
  project.
- Mr. Reisinger introduced himself as the AD of Design for PennDOT District 8-0.
- Mr. Walker announced that Kenana Korkutovic was hired as a District Planner for PennDOT District 8-0.

### **10. FHWA Comments**

 Ms. Bishop noted that there have been updates made to the BIL/IIJA website regarding funding information.

### 11. Public Comments

 Ms. Butterfield provided an update regarding the construction in Gettysburg Borough. Met-Ed, Columbia Gas, and Gettysburg Municipal Authority have worked together to update infrastructure throughout the borough. Construction work is expected to be completed by early July 2022.

#### 12. Member Comments

- Mr. Gordon mentioned that 8-1-1 gave a presentation at the most recent COG meeting. He noted that there has been discussion of resuming the county committee that coordinated efforts between utility companies and municipalities.
- Ms. Tipler asked where the ITS devices, discussed earlier in the meeting, will be placed specifically at the interchange locations. Mr. Walker responded that PennDOT will evaluate each location to determine the best placement for the devices.

# 13. Next Meeting, Time, and Place

a. Mr. Gordon noted the schedule for the future ACTPO meetings in 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2022. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 PM was moved by Mr. Small and seconded by Mr. Laughman.