

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)
Minutes for the Committee Meeting on October 26, 2022

Attendance:

Voting Members

David Laughman	Arendtsville Borough (Vice-Chair)
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Chris Kufro	PennDOT District 8-0
Charles "Skip" Strayer	Adams County Planning Commission
Beth Nidam	SRTA – rabbittransit
Scott Small	Conewago Township
Brian Johnson	Gettysburg-Adams Chamber of Commerce
Jim Martin	Adams County Commissioner
David Hazlett	Carroll Valley Borough
Nina Tipler	York Springs Borough

Legislative Representatives

Misty Wagner-Grillo	Congressman Joyce's Office
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Adams County Office of Planning and Development

Sherri Clayton-Williams
Andrew Merkel
Lisa Angstadt

Others

Judie Butterfield	Gettysburg Borough
Stacy Newcomer	Commuter Services
Kenana Korkutovic	PennDOT District 8-0
Carey Mullins	PennDOT District 8-0
Jeff Puher	PennDOT District 8-0
Ronnique Bishop	FHWA PA Division
Will Cameron	County Bridge Engineer
Stacey Rice	@Home in Adams County
Jack Ketterman	Germany Township
Thomas Jolin	HABPI
Dennis Kickethier	HABPI
Darrin Catts	Oxford Township
Christine Demas	Mt. Joy Township
Ralph Serpe	Adams County Community Foundation

Media

John Spangler	Gettysburg Times
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1. Introductory Comments

Mr. Laughman 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 – July 27, 2022

Mr. Strayer motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Martin seconded, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Staff Updates – ACPD

- a. Mr. Merkel reported that staff attended the following HOP/Traffic Study/Project meetings since the last ACTPO board meeting:
 - SRTP/PA Commuter Services Board meeting
 - SRTP/PA Commuter Services Long-range Strategic Planning meeting
 - PennDOT – Fall Planning Partners meeting
 - 2023-2026 TIP PennDOT Connects project meetings (10 total)

Mr. Merkel also discussed a new staff update agenda item titled Developments of Significance that will be forthcoming starting in 2023. This report would show new developments over a certain size proposed in Adams County. He noted that staff felt such a report would be more thorough and beneficial than the current reporting focused only on HOP/Traffic Study Meeting.

- b. Mr. Cameron noted that inspections of weight limited bridges were ongoing. He also discussed a letter received by ACTPO from Latimore Township regarding a Township bridge on Ridge Road over Latimore Creek that recent inspections showed deterioration sufficient to warrant a change in bridge condition status. A short discussion ensued regarding the timing of inspections. Mr. Hazlett raised a question regarding the timing of potential candidate projects.
- c. Mr. Merkel presented a comparison of the outcomes of the 2023 TIP and ONWARD2050 Long Range Plan public participation efforts. He noted that despite a significant financial outlay for print advertising, there were only two attendees total (in-person and virtual) at a combined four (4) public meetings. Additionally, he noted that only 1 out of 28 comments received could be directly traced to the print advertising while 18 of 28 could be traced to online or email outreach efforts. A discussion ensued about this trend. Mr. Merkel noted that this data would be used to shape ACTPO's forthcoming Public Participation Plan (PPP).
- d. Mr. Merkel discussed the 2023-2026 PA STIP Planning Findings. He noted these are prepared by FHWA as an after-action-review item of sorts to identify process from around the Commonwealth that work well and identify areas where additional focus and efforts are needed.
- e. Mr. Merkel discussed the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) application round, noting the submission deadline was November 14, 2022.
- f. Mr. Merkel discussed the Pennsylvania National Electric Vehicle (NEVI) Plan. He covered some basics on charging technology and which road corridors have been identified as Alternative Fuel Corridors, including US 15 and US 30 in Adams County.

4. Transit Update

- a. Ms. Nidam reported on ridership, local rebranding efforts and shared ride/same day service launching efforts.

5. Presentation by Commuter Services of Pennsylvania

Ms. Newcomer gave a presentation on the Commuter Service of Pennsylvania. She noted the overall program purpose, goals, employer/employee tools and commuter perks offered through the program.

6. Presentation on 9/11 National Memorial Trail

Mr. Hickethier gave a presentation on background of the 9/11 National Memorial Trail and its tie-ins to Adams County. Maps of the proposed trail route through Adams County were shown. Examples of signage to be installed along the route were also displayed. Ms. Angstadt noted that GIS maps of proposed sign locations had been prepared. Mrs. Clayton-Williams noted that outreach to municipalities along the route would occur soon. Mr. Laughman asked if the route would involve walking paths. Mr. Hickethier indicated no such paths were planned. Mr. Serpe noted community support for the 9/11 Trail, the Grand History Trail and potential connections between Gettysburg and Hanover and Gettysburg and Emmitsburg.

7. 2021-2024 TIP Update – PennDOT, Adams County

- a. Mr. Puher noted that there were two administrative modifications made to the 2021-2024 TIP prior to the end of the 2021 TIP before the start of the 2023 TIP. It was also noted that the SR 116 Bridge action involved funds from the annual August redistribution of obligation funds. There is no vote required for administrative modifications.

8. PennDOT Comments

- Mr. Reisinger gave a brief update on the Eisenhower Drive project, noting that the submission to FHWA was almost complete to submit for a possible decision and finding. He also noted that Final Design would hopefully move forward in 2023. In response to a question regarding construction timeline for the project, he noted that summer 2025 would be more realistic.
- Mr. Mullins and Mr. Green responded to a question regarding interactions between PennDOT and FHWA and PennDOT and FTA. Brief summaries of the roles of each agency were discussed.

9. FHWA Comments

- Ms. Bishop noted that in addition to the summaries provided by Mr. Mullins and Mr. Green, FHWA also assists PennDOT and MPO's with determining eligibility for federal funds. She also provided a link to a US DOT report on public involvement. Finally, she noted that the Thriving Communities grant program was recently opened.

10. Public Comments

- None.

11. Member Comments

- Mr. Laughman noted the schedule of meetings for 2023.

12. Next Meeting, Time, and Place

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25th, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 2:37.