

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

Attendance:

Voting Members

Bob Gordon	Hamiltonban Township (Chair)
Dave Laughman	Arendtsville Borough (Vice-Chair)
Meribeth Raves	PennDOT Central Office
Nathan Walker	PennDOT District 8-0
Charles "Skip" Strayer	Adams County Planning Commission
Robin Fitzpatrick	Adams Economic Alliance
David A Hazlett	Carroll Valley Borough
Jim Martin	Adams County Commissioner
Bryan Johnson	Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce
Nina Tipler	York Springs Borough
Bob Rhoads	Mt. Pleasant Township
Beth Nidam	SRTA – Rabbittransit

Legislative Representatives

Ashleigh Presnar	Congressman Joyce's Office
Catherine Wallen	Representative Ecker's Office

Adams County Office of Planning and Development

Andrew Merkel
Laura Neiderer

Others

Judie Butterfield	Gettysburg Borough
Rita Frealing	Gettysburg Borough
Laura Heilman	Commuter Services
Jeff Puher	PennDOT District 8-0
Ronnique Bishop	FHWA PA Division
Jack Ketterman	Germany Township
Chris Caba	York County Planning Commission
Will Cameron	County Bridge Engineer
Dennis Hickethier	HABPI
Christine Demas	Mt. Joy Township
Larry Dost	Latimore Township
Stacey Rice	@Home in Adams County
Scott Small	Conewago Township
Kevin Holtzinger	Reading Township
Bev Frey	Oxford Township

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. ACTPO Re-organization

Ms. Nidam made a motion to nominate Mr. Gordon as ACTPO Chair and Mr. Laughman as Vice-Chair. Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Strayer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2021

A correction was made to the year in agenda item #13. Ms. Raves motioned to approve the corrected minutes. Mr. Martin seconded, and the corrected minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

4. Staff Updates – ACOPD

Mr. Merkel updated the board on new voting and alternate-voting members. Mr. Gordon welcomed the new members to the ACTPO board.

- a. Mr. Merkel reported that staff attended the following HOP/Traffic Study/Project meetings since the last ACTPO board meeting:
 - Stevens Run (Straban Township) Traffic Impact Study meeting
 - Kortney Meadows (Straban Township) Traffic Impact Study meeting
 - Fall PennDOT Planning Partners Meetings
 - PennDOT Asset Management Systems Training
 - SRTP/PA Commuter Services Board meeting
 - LRTP municipal outreach meetings
- b. Mr. Cameron reported that the Shorb's Mill Road Bridge rehabilitation project is nearly complete. The bridge was open to traffic January 13, 2022. Also, the bridge maintenance project for the County-owned bridges is complete.
- c. Mr. Merkel noted that the FFY 2021 Adams County Obligation Report was posted to the ACTPO webpage. This report is required to be posted by the end of the calendar year each year.
- d. Mr. Merkel provided an overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The federal legislation passed at the end of 2021 and authorizes federal funding for infrastructure projects from FFY 2022- FFY 2026. He explained that some rulemaking has yet to be released by the FHWA and FTA for new programs included in the bill. He noted that the legislation increased the federal funds on the 2023-2026 TIP by \$14.237 million. Mr. Laughman asked if the grant programs included in the bill were in addition to the increased funding noted. Mr. Merkel explained that some grants may be competitive, and some may be determined by a formula. Ms. Bishop added that FHWA has released implementation guidance for the bridge formula program and fact sheets for the various funding sources for the bill.

5. Transit Update

- a. Ms. Heilman reported for Commuter Service of Pennsylvania. She noted that SRTP has been participating in virtual outreach with Adams County businesses and also with Adams County Commonwealth employees regarding the Rabbittransit Commuter Express service to Harrisburg.

SRTP has also completed the fall/winter program update. Ms. Heilman noted that Mr. Merkel was also appointed as secretary of the SRTP board.

- b. Ms. Nidam reported that Rabbittransit is facing challenges related to staff shortages. She noted that the latest service information is posted on the website. She also noted that although the “Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority” (SRTA) is the official name, the agency will still be operating under the name “Rabbittransit”.

6. Presentation by Healthy Adams Bicycle Pedestrian Inc. (HABPI)

- a. Mr. Hickethier provided an overview of Healthy Adams Bicycle Pedestrian Inc. He notes the organization is currently working on a rail trail project in Littlestown, which could potentially connect to Germany Township and Maryland, a trail/path access to the new Adams County Historical Society facility from Gettysburg Borough, and a trail along Boyds School Rd.

7. Performance Measures for Adams County

- a. Mr. Merkel gave an overview of the federal Performance Measure for Safety (PM1), which are adopted yearly. In the past, staff has recommended that ACTPO adopt the safety targets established by the state, which is again the recommendation. Mr. Martin asked if the number of miles traveled is taken into consideration when analyzing safety performance. Mr. Merkel explained that there are measures for the “rate of fatalities” and “rate of injury”, which take vehicle-miles-traveled into consideration. Mr. Laughman asked if any mandates have been set by the set to ensure the targets are being met. Mr. Merkel explained that currently, there are no mandates, however they could be implemented in the future if targets are consistently not being met. Again, he noted that the staff recommendation is for the board to adopt the safety measure targets established by the state. Mr. Strayer motioned that ACTPO adopt the safety targets established by PennDOT. Mr. Martin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Merkel suggested that the board authorize staff to sign the document denoting it’s decision regarding the PM1 targets. Mr. Laughman motioned to authorize staff to sign the document on behalf of the board, Mr. Strayer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval of Draft 2022-2024 UPWP

Mr. Merkel explained that the Unified Planning Work Program is the agreement between the county and PennDOT that identifies planning tasks and the expected funding for each task. Mr. Gordon asked if there were any significant changes to the agreement. Mr. Merkel there was a change to a data collection activity, which was a minor change. Mr. Martin motioned to approve the 2022-2024 UPWP as presented, and Ms. Nidam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Neiderer reported that the Long Range Transportation Plan public outreach activities were completed in December 2021 and the feedback has been posted to the ONWARD2050 website. She explained that the feedback will be incorporated into developing the plan, taking into consideration the financial projections, and other federal planning requirements. She explained that a methodology will be established for the project selection process, based on the public feedback. Mr. Laughman asked how long this particular plan will be used as guidance, considering changes may occur in the future. Ms. Neiderer and Mr. Merkel explained that the plan is revisited and required to be updated

every five years. She reviewed the LRTP timeline and explained that a public comment period will be offered prior to adoption in July.

10. 2023-2026 TIP Development Process – PennDOT, Adams County, CPTA

- a. Mr. Walker discussed the 2023-2026 draft TIP summary for Adams County. He noted that estimates for funding from IJJA are included in the draft TIP and ten new projects were added to the program.
- b. Ms. Walker reviewed the full detailed draft 2023-2026 TIP displaying projects and funding for each project. Mr. Holtzinger asked for clarification on what “milestone” refers to on the TIP. Mr. Walker explained that for the construction phase, the milestone date is denoting the estimated let/bid date and for the preliminary engineering phase, the milestone date is denoting the expected date of environmental clearances. Discussion continued regarding the two (2) PA-234 projects. Mr. Walker explained that these two projects will potentially be bid together so one project can begin after the other is complete. Discussion occurred regarding the let date for the Eisenhower Drive project.
- c. Ms. Nidam reviewed the draft 2023-2026 draft transit TIP. She explained that draft TIP includes funding for assets and operation costs. Improvements to bus stop amenities, including shelters, are also included on the draft TIP.

11. 2021-2024 TIP Update – PennDOT, Adams County

- a. Mr. Puher discussed the administrative modifications made to the 2021-2024 TIP since the October 2021 ACTPO meeting. There is no vote required for administrative modifications.

12. PennDOT Comments

- Mr. Walker provided an update for the Eisenhower Extension project. The public comment period opened January 24, 2022 and closes March 10, 2022. A public hearing is scheduled for February 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM at S.A.V.E.S. in Conewago Township.
- Mr. Puher noted that MPMS 87672, Shriver’s Corner Bridge, was bid for \$1,279,999.

13. FHWA Comments

- There were no additional comments from FHWA.

14. Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

15. Member Comments

- Ms. Fitzpatrick commended staff for their efforts.

16. Next Meeting, Time and Place

- a. Mr. Gordon noted the schedule for the future ACTPO meetings in 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2022. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 PM was moved by Mr. Strayer and Ms. Nidam, and Ms. Fitzpatrick seconded.