

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)  
Minutes for the Committee Meeting on April 28, 2021

**Attendance:**

**Voting Members**

David Scotty Bolton	Abbottstown Borough, ACBA (Vice-Chair)
David Laughman	Arendtsville Borough
Jim Martin	Adams County Commissioner
Beth Nidam	CPTA – Rabbittransit
Raymond Green	PennDOT Central Office
Nathan Walker	PennDOT District 8-0
Anne Geiger	East Berlin Borough
Charles “Skip” Strayer	Adams County Planning Commission

**Legislative Representatives**

L. Krichten	Senator Mastriano’s Office
Chris Kimple	Representative Moul’s Office

**Adams County Office of Planning and Development**

Sherri Clayton-Williams  
Andrew Merkel  
Laura Neiderer

**Others**

Judie Butterfield	Gettysburg Borough
Laura Heilman	Commuter Services
Will Cameron	County Bridge Engineer
Michelle Tarquino	PennDOT District 8-0
Jeff Puher	PennDOT District 8-0
Jonathan Owens	PennDOT District 8-0
Jen Crobak	FHWA PA Division
Jill Sellers	Main Street Gettysburg, Inc.
Charlotte Shaffer	Conewago Township Supervisor
Gregory Heefner	Reading Township Supervisor (Vice-chair)
Jack Ketterman	Germany Township Supervisor
Darrin Catts	Oxford Township Manager
Zach Bolitho	National Park Service
Nina Tipler	York Springs Borough Mayor
Ellen Ryan	Conewago Township Resident

**Media**

Michael Cooper-White	Gettysburg Times
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**1. Introductory Comments**

Mr. Bolton called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. It was established that a quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Martin motioned to approve the January 27, 2021 minutes. Ms. Nidam seconded, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**3. Staff Updates - ACOPD**

- a. Mr. Merkel reported that a transportation scoping meeting was held for the Cambrian Hills Commercial Development in Berwick Township. He also reported that Ms. Neiderer attended the South Central PA Truck Parking Summit. Ms. Neiderer added that this Summit provided background information on the issue of truck parking and an action plan for the southcentral region will be addressed in the future. Mr. Merkel reported that there was a meeting held last week between Reading Township, Representative Ecker's office, and ACOPD concerning the intersection of PA 234/Peepytown Rd. A fatal accident recently occurred at the intersection.
- b. Mr. Cameron reported that the 2021 biannual County bridge inspections began this month. He also reported that the Adams County Commissioners are reviewing bids for the bridge maintenance project. He also reported that Shorb's Mill Road Bridge is currently under construction.

**4. Transit Update**

- a. Ms. Heilman reported for Commuter Service of Pennsylvania. Commuter Services is concluding the "Earth-a-palooza" campaign, which allowed commuters to track "green" trips and participate in other social media initiatives. Area Chambers of Commerce also participated in the "The Clash of the Chambers" event. She also provided an update on the regional bike-share initiative. She explained that the regional bike-share coordinators will be exploring the next steps of the initiative next week.
- b. Ms. Nidam reported that the Gettysburg-Hanover fixed route is up and running. She also reported that the merger between Rabbittransit and CAT will soon be completed, with a target date of July 1, 2021. The new name of the organization will be Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority.

**5. Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Adams County**

- a. Ms. Neiderer reported that the Long Range Transportation Plan kick-off meeting with PennDOT and FHWA was held February 2, 2021. The LRTP subcommittee then met in March and the public participation component of the Long Range Transportation Plan was the primary focus of the meeting. Policy updates related to the goals, principles, virtual public involvement, and stakeholders were proposed to the Public Participation Plan. The subcommittee provided input on the proposed updates to be included in the revised Public Participation Plan. Discussion occurred regarding Virtual Public Involvement and the

necessity to provide both virtual and in-person opportunities for public participation. Mr. Merkel added that a hybrid format for public meetings is the recommendation of staff. Ms. Neiderer explained that staff is awaiting census information to complete other components of the Public Participation Plan.

- b. Ms. Neiderer reported that public outreach materials for the Long Range Transportation plan will be developed based on the input from the subcommittee and staff is continuing to develop sections of the plan that do not require public involvement.

#### **6. 2021-2024 TIP Update – PennDOT**

- a. Mr. Green discussed the administrative modifications made to the 2021-2024 TIP since the January 2021 ACTPO meeting. There is no vote required for administrative modifications.
- b. Mr. Merkel discussed the process for identifying candidate projects that are eligible to use Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. Among the locations that were analyzed, the three locations in the county that were identified as eligible for HSIP funds are a section of SR0030, SR0234 & Stoney Point Rd, and SR1015 & Red Hill Rd. He recommended that these locations move forward, so that PennDOT can program the use of HSIP funds on the 2021-2024 TIP. Mr. Walker added that additional projects will be evaluated for use of HSIP funds with the upcoming TIP update. He also requested that the board consider approval of the three candidate projects up for action today based on the highest estimated cost for each location. If approved, he explained that the cost of each project may fluctuate as they go through the design process. Mr. Bolton entertained a motion to recommend adding the three locations to the TIP for use of the available HSIP funds. Mr. Strayer made a motion and Mr. Green seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **7. TIP Development Process – PennDOT**

- a. Ms. Tarquino explained the TIP development cycle and mentioned that PennDOT is considering candidate projects for the upcoming TIP. She added that the process is a collaboration between PennDOT, the MPO, and planning partners. Mr. Martin asked if there is process to follow so that a particular project can be considered for the TIP. Mr. Merkel explained that there is a formal process for evaluating bridge candidate projects. He added that it is a goal during the Long Range Transportation Plan update to develop a more formal process for evaluating other types of projects. Currently, candidate projects are pulled from other planning studies. Ms. Tarquino mentioned that there have been discussions with Adams County to develop an informal subgroup for candidate consideration.
- b. Ms. Tarquino discussed PennDOT Connects and the various assistance and information that is offered to municipalities through the program. She also mentioned that LTAP offers free technical assistance to municipalities for local roads.

#### **8. PennDOT Comments**

- Ms. Tarquino encouraged attendees to visit the PennDOT District 8-0 website for project updates.

#### **9. FHWA Comments**

- Ms. Crobak mentioned that April 26 – April 30, 2021 is National Work Zone Awareness Week. She shared tips to travel safely through work zones.
- Ms. Crobak shared the opportunity for a new USDOT discretionary grant program. The RAISE grant program will replace TIGER and BUILD grant programs.

#### **10. Public Comments**

- Mr. Bolton acknowledged the written comments that were received from the public.
- Mr. Heefner inquired about the staff update regarding the intersection of RT0234/Peepytown Rd in Reading Township, as he missed it being discussed during the meeting. Mr. Merkel explained that the update simply noted that the intersection was discussed at a meeting between PennDOT, Reading Township, and the Adams County Office of Planning and Development and there may be action in the future.
- Ms. Sellers introduced herself as the new president of Main Street Gettysburg.

#### **11. Member Comments**

- Mr. Martin asked if anyone was aware of the status of the Move Over PA Law. Ms. Kimple clarified that the law went into effect on April 27, 2021.

#### **12. Next Meeting, Time and Place**

- a. Mr. Bolton noted that the next meeting is July 28, 2021 at 1:00pm. The fall meeting is tentatively schedule for October 27, 2021. The meeting was adjourned around 2:00pm.