

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)  
Minutes for the Committee Meeting on June 26, 2024

**Attendance:**

**Voting Members**

Name	Organization/Municipality	Present
<b>Adams County Boroughs Association</b>		
David Laughman, <b>Chair</b>	Arendtsville	X
Nina Tipler	York Springs	X
Judie Butterfield	Gettysburg Borough	X
<b>Adams County Association of Townships Officials</b>		
Louann Boyer, <b>Vice-Chair</b>	Conewago Township	X
Darrin Catts	Oxford Township	X
Scott Small	Conewago Township	X
<b>Adams County Commissioners</b>		
Jim Martin		
<b>Adams County Planning Commission</b>		
Skip Strayer		X
<b>Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority</b>		
Beth Nidam		X
<b>Gettysburg-Adams County Area Chamber of Commerce</b>		
Carrie Stuart		X
<b>Adams County Economic Alliance</b>		
Robin Fitzpatrick		X
<b>PennDOT Central Office</b>		
Casey Markey		
<b>PennDOT District 8-0</b>		
Kevin Keefe		X

**Alternate Voting Members**

Name	Organization/Municipality	Present
<b>Boroughs Association</b>		
Vacant	--	
<b>Townships Association</b>		
Vacant	--	
<b>Adams County Commissioners</b>		
Vacant		
<b>Adams County Planning Commission</b>		
John Lerew		
<b>Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority</b>		
Rich Farr		
<b>Gettysburg-Adams County Area Chamber of Commerce</b>		
Isaac Bucher		
<b>Adams County Economic Alliance</b>		
Vacant		
<b>PennDOT Central Office</b>		
Ray Green		
Ted Sheehe		X
<b>PennDOT District 8-0</b>		
Rich Reisinger		
Carey Mullins		X

Sarah McHugh	X
Emily Osilka	X

**State Legislative Representatives**

Name/Organization	Present
<b>Senate District 33</b>	
Sen. Douglas Mastriano	
Melissa Cruys	
<b>District 91</b>	
Rep. Dan Moul	
Chris Kimple	
<b>District 193</b>	
Rep. Torren Ecker	
Catherine Wallen	X

**Federal Legislative Representatives and Agencies**

Name/Organization	Present
<b>PA 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District</b>	
Congressman John Joyce	
Melissa Bull	
<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	
Ronique Bishop	
<b>National Park Service / Gettysburg National Military Park</b>	
Kristina Heister	
Zach Bolitho	

**Adams County Office of Planning and Development**

Name	Present
Andrew Merkel	X
Sherri Clayton-Williams	
Aaron Ebner	

**Other Attendees**

Name	Organization/Municipality	Present
Tim Beckwith	CommutePA	X
William Cameron	Adams Co. Bridge Engineer	X
Jack Ketterman	Germany Township	X
Gary Bolis	BLG	X
Christine Demas	Mt. Joy Township	X
Stacey Rice	@Home in Adams County	X
Casey Bottiger	Michael Baker Int'l	X
Lisa K. Smith	County of Adams	X
Bonnie Little	Conewago Valley SD	X

**Media**

Name	Organization	Present
Vanessa Sanders	Gettysburg Times	
Harrison Jones	Hanover Evening Sun	

## 1. Introductory Comments

Mr. Laughman called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. It was established that a quorum was present.

## 2. Approval of Minutes – June 26, 2024

Ms. Fitzpatrick made a motion to approve the April 24, 2024 ACTPO meeting minutes. Mr. Laughman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Staff Updates – ACOPD

- a. Mr. Merkel reported on Developments of Significance being proposed in the county. Significant Developments include plan submissions proposing 25 or more total new residential lots or units, or 30,000 square feet or more of industrial, commercial, or mixed-use development. He noted there were no such submissions since the last ACTPO meeting.
- b. Mr. Merkel reported that staff attended the following HOP, traffic study, and project meetings. Additional discussion followed on the various meetings.
  - SRTP/PA Commuter Services
    - Board Meetings (May)
  - PennDOT Meetings
    - Cross Keys Corridor Study Meetings
    - Bi-monthly Statewide Planning Partners Call
    - PennDOT UPWP Guidance Workgroup
    - PennDOT Connects Meeting – Freedom Township
  - PennDOT TIS Scoping Meetings
    - @Home in Adams County Transportation Work Group
    - Bicycle South Central PA – Gettysburg Bicycle Infrastructure Tour
  - PennDOT TIS Scoping Meetings
    - Gateway Boulevard – Straban
  - PennDOT Project Meeting
    - Mason Dixon Road Bridge over Rock Creek – Cumberland/Mount Joy Townships
- c. Mr. Cameron provided an update on local bridge inspection activity. He noted that 2024 interim inspections for bridges with a weight limit and/or in poor condition were underway. He also noted that the construction work on the bridge maintenance program for County-owned bridges was almost complete.

## 4. Transit Update

- a. Mr. Beckwith provided the following update on behalf of Commute PA:
  - Indicated that May was Bike Month.
  - Noted two upcoming promotions in September, including Walk, Bike, Bus and Car Free Month.
  - Now going under Commute PA following a rebranding effort.
- b. Ms. Nidam provided the following update on behalf of SRTA:
  - Noted that they were looking for drivers and working on several technology updates.
- c. Ms. Rice provided the following update on behalf of @Home in Adams County:
  - Noted the Transportation Working Group was now meeting regularly. She noted a potential bike share program in Gettysburg as an example of the type of projects being discussed.

## **5. Cross Keys Corridor Study Update**

- a. Ms. Bottiger provided an update on the Cross Keys Corridor Study. She indicated that major tasks completed included a project field view in February, and public survey conducted from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> and drafting of initial recommendations. She also provided a short summary of the survey results, which received 839 responses and 148 locations pinned on an interactive mapping tool. Items summarized included, corridor-wide concerns, level of support for potential recommendations, broad-level suggested improvements and site specific concerns. Finally, she noted the next steps were a follow-up Advisory Committee meeting and meeting with stakeholders throughout the corridor.

## **6. 2025-2028 TIP**

- a. Mr. Merkel reviewed the draft 2025-2028 TIP which was presented at the January and April ACTPO meetings.
- b. Mr. Merkel provided an overview of the public comment documentation that was received as part of the 30-day public comment period, held from May 13, 2024 to June 13, 2024. Mr. Merkel added that two hybrid public information meetings for the 2025-2028 draft TIP were held on June 5, 2022 and were not well attended. He noted that a total of five (5) comments were received on a range of issues, including:
  - Mason Dixon Road Bridge over Rock Creek
  - Eisenhower Drive Extension
  - Whitehall Road (SR 2002)
  - Intersections of PA 116 and cross streets that will lead to the Eisenhower Drive Extension
  - Concern regarding attendance at and advertising of TIP public meetings.
- c. Mr. Merkel reviewed the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report component of the 2025-2028 TIP. He noted that PennDOT's consultant prepares the report for the MPO. Mr. Nidam motioned to approve the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report and Ms. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by vote.
- d. Mr. Merkel reviewed the Air Quality Resolution, which essentially states that the 2025-2027 TIP is addressing air quality according to the air quality determination report. Ms. Tipler motioned to approve the Air Quality Resolution. Ms. Boyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously by vote.
- e. Mr. Merkel reviewed the Self-Certification Resolution, a formality that is adopted with each TIP update. Mr. Strayer moved to approve the Self-Certification Resolution. Mr. Sheehe seconded. The Self-Certification Resolution was approved by unanimous vote.
- f. Mr. Merkel reviewed the Procedures for 2025-2028 TIP/STIP Modification. These procedures outline the process for amending or modifying the TIP. Mr. Merkel noted that the threshold determining an administrative action from an amendment is unchanged and remains at one million dollars. Mr. Keefe motioned to approve the Procedures for the 2025-2028 TIP/STIP Modification and Ms. Nidam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by vote.

- g. Mr. Laughman entertained a motion to approve the 2025-2028 TIP. Mr. Strayer made a motion and Mr. Small seconded. The 2025-2028 TIP was approved unanimously by vote. Mr. Merkel reminded the Chair and Vice-Chair that signatures are required for the approved documents.

**7. 2023-2026 TIP Update – PennDOT, Adams County**

- a. Ms. McHugh reviewed the 2023-2026 Statewide TIP administrative modifications. She noted that the modifications involved one cost increase to project phases, one project phase addition, and two reserve line item movements. There is no vote required for these actions.

**8. PennDOT Comments**

The following update was provided by PennDOT District 8 staff:

- Mr. Mullins provided updates on several projects including:
  - SR 234/Stoney Point Road
  - SR 234/Peepytown Road
  - Eisenhower Drive Extension
  - Piney Creek Road culvert
  - Alloway Creek Bridge

**9. FHWA Comments**

A copy of comments from FHWA/Ms. Bishop were distributed in the meeting packet.

**10. Public Comments**

- None.

**11. Member Comments**

- Ms. Butterfield noted that a delegation from Gettysburg's sister city in Japan, Sekigahara, would be visiting in July.
- Mr. Catts noted that a presentation from CSX was scheduled for the September meeting of the Adams County Council of Governments.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 1:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm.