

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO)
Minutes for the Committee Meeting on April 24, 2024

Attendance:

Voting Members

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| David Laughman, Chair | Boroughs Association (Arendtsville) |
| Nina Tipler | Boroughs Association (York Springs) |
| Judie Butterfield | Boroughs Association (Gettysburg) |
| Louann Boyer, Vice-Chair | Townships Association (Conewago) |
| Darrin Catts | Townships Association (Oxford) |
| Scott Small | Townships Association (Conewago) |
| Jim Martin | Adams County Commissioner |
| Beth Nidam | rabbittransit |
| Robin Fitzpatrick | Adams Economic Alliance |
| Casey Markey | PennDOT Central Office |
| Kevin Keefe | PennDOT District 8-0 |

Legislative Representatives

None

Adams County Office of Planning and Development

Andrew Merkel
Mark Clowney
Sherri Clayton-Williams
Madyson Rosenberry
Miah Gresh

Others

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| Laura Heilman | Commuter Services |
| Ray Green | PennDOT Central Office |
| Ted Sheehe | PennDOT Central Office |
| Kyle Paicz | PennDOT Central Office |
| Rich Reisinger | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Carey Mullins | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Kenana Zejcirovic | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Sarah McHugh | PennDOT District 8-0 |
| Ronique Bishop | FHWA |
| Jack Ketterman | Germany Township |
| Tom Jolin | HABPI |
| Dennis Hicketier | HABPI |
| Max Bramel | HABPI |
| Stacey Rice | @Home in Adams County |
| Jill Sellers | Main Street Gettysburg |
| Casey Bottiger | Michael Baker Intl. |
| Logan Swartz | CS Davidson |
| Bonnie Little | Conewago Valley School District |

Media

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| Vanessa Sanders | Gettysburg Times |
| Harrison Jones | Hanover Evening Sun |

1. Introductory Comments

Mr. Laughman called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. It was established that a quorum was present. Mr. Laughman expressed appreciation for Mr. Gordon's dedication to the ACTPO board. Although not in attendance today, this was slated to be Mr. Gordon's last ACTPO meeting as board member, as he is not running for Township re-election. Much gratitude was extended to Mr. Gordon for his many years of service.

2. Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2024

Ms. Boyer made a motion to approve the January 24, 2024 ACTPO meeting minutes. Mr. Martin 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. There were five submissions since the last ACTPO meeting, including:
 - Sutton Run Estates (Abbottstown Borough)
 - The Crossings (Cumberland Township)
 - Conewago Ridge (Reading Township)
 - Pella Building Expansion (Cumberland Township)
 - Table Rock Terrace (Cumberland Township)
- 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 (March)
 - PennDOT Meetings
 - Cross Keys Corridor Study Meetings & Field View
 - Bi-monthly Statewide Planning Partners Call
 - PennDOT Legislative Briefing – Adams/Franklin
 - PennDOT TIS Scoping Meetings
 - None
- c. Mr. Merkel provided an update on local bridge inspection activity on behalf of Mr. Cameron who could not attend. He noted that 2024 interim inspections for bridges with a weight limit and/or in poor condition would begin in April. He also noted that the construction work on the bridge maintenance program for County-owned bridges should be complete this spring.
- d. Mr. Merkel reported on the 2024 construction activity that was presented at the PennDOT Legislative Briefing. He explained that many of the active projects performed by department forces will be concentrated in the southwestern (Fairfield area) portion of the county, representing the departments transition to a cycle-based strategy that concentrates work in certain areas in the county, rather than having projects scattered throughout the county. Ms. Boyer inquired about the timing of the SR 116 repaving. PennDOT staff noted construction would likely start in the fall. Mr. Laughman asked if PennDOT took impacts to businesses into account during projects. PennDOT staff indicated that they try to avoid major events when lane closures or detours are involved.

- e. Mr. Merkel noted that a survey has been released to garner feedback on issues and concerns within the study area. It was noted that 623 responses had been received so far. Staff thanked the Conewago Valley School District for distributing the survey through its district-wide communication channels and the Evening Sun for its coverage of the survey.

4. Transit Update

- a. Ms. Heilman provided the following update on behalf of Commute PA:
 - Earth Month in April - Celebrate Earth Day (April 22nd) in April by making your drive more sustainable while saving at the gas pump by choosing an option like transit, carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking, or telecommuting for all or part of the 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 seeing more ridership in the Spring.
- c. Ms. Rice provided the following update on behalf of @Home in Adams County:
 - Noted the creation of a Transportation Working Group with a meeting planned for May 13th at 9:30 am in the SCCAP Café.

5. Performance Measures for Adams County

- a. Mr. Merkel provided a summary of the status of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Measure that was established by FHWA rulemaking on December 7, 2023. He noted that the proposed rules would require State DOT's and MPO's to establish targets for reducing tailpipe CO2 emissions starting in 2024. However, on March 27, 2024, a federal court ruled in a case brought by the State of Texas that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is not authorized to regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) or GHG emissions via the December 2023 rulemaking. He noted that, due to this court case, no action is proposed on these Performance Measures at this time.

6. 2025-2028 TIP

- a. Mr. Merkel provided an overview of the Draft 2025-2028 Adams County TIP and noted that the Draft TIP document must go through a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period was proposed to run from May 13th, 2024 through June 13th, 2024. He indicated that the public involvement processes identified in the recently adopted Public Participation Plan would be followed. In addition to print advertising, 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. Additionally, two hybrid public meetings were scheduled to be held on June 5th, 2024 at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Ms. Tipler motioned to authorize the Draft TIP 30-day public comment period as proposed. Mr. Keefe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Presentations

- a. Main Street Gettysburg: Ms. Sellers provided a summary of Main Street's application for \$120,000 in grant funds from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. She indicated that the purpose of the grant was to develop the Gettysburg Action Plan, a comprehensive street and sidewalk plan for Gettysburg Borough. She noted that the SS4A program has two funding

components, a planning side and an implementation side. The proposed Gettysburg Action plan is needed to be eligible for the implementation funds. She indicated that the total cost of the study would be \$150,000, include a \$30,000 match from Gettysburg Borough. She requested a letter of support from ACTPO. Mr. Martin made a motion for ACTPO to provide a letter of support as requested. Ms. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. HABPI: Mr. Bramel and Mr. Jolin gave a short slide presentation on Active Transportation. Examples of active transportation facilities in Germany, Gettysburg and elsewhere in Pennsylvania. An example of a restoration of a greenway from a road to a waterway in Utrecht, Netherlands was also shown.

8. 2023-2026 TIP Update – PennDOT, Adams County

- a. Ms. McHugh reviewed the 2023-2026 Statewide TIP administrative modifications. She noted that the modifications involved four increases to project phases, four reserve line item movements, and two deobligations. Specifically mentioned changes included a modification for an increase of \$46,417 for ALCAB assistance on the Eisenhower Drive Extension project. There is no vote required for these actions.

9. PennDOT Comments

The following update was provided by PennDOT Central Office staff:

- Mr. Sheehe noted that one location within Adams County was awarded funding from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) grant program to establish a Level 3 charging station. \$652,736 was awarded for the project which would be at Mile Marker 212 on U.S. Route 30 (near Perkins).

The following update was provided by PennDOT District 8 staff:

- Mr. Mullins introduced Kevin Keefe as the new District Executive. He also noted that the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) grants would be awarded soon and that there was an application from Commute PA that would be district wide.
- Mr. Reisinger stated that a press event was scheduled on April 30th, 2024 at 1:30 pm at the Gettysburg Outlets to announce the 2024 construction season.

10. FHWA Comments

Ms. Bishop provided an update of several items including Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for Active Transportation Infrastructure and Roadside Pollinators. A summary of her comments was provided in the chat of the virtual component of the meeting and is attached.

11. Public Comments

- None.

12. Member Comments

- Ms. Butterfield noted that the library in Gettysburg is looking to move from downtown to a location at the Seminary, roughly 1.5 miles from the Square.
- Mr. Martin noted that a bus stop was proposed near the Adams County Prison for work release. He also noted that when County bridges are hit by vehicles the damage can be significant and it is not always possible to identify who did it so insurance can cover the costs.

13. Next Meeting, Time and Place

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 1:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Approved