

**LANCASTER COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LCTCC)  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** February 27, 2017  
**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 150 North Queen Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor LCPC Meeting Rooms, Lancaster, PA 17603

**MEMBERS:**

Rick Gray ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	Mayor, City of Lancaster
Roni Ryan	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Leo Lutz	Lancaster County Planning Commission
William Shaffer	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Scott Haverstick	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Alice Yoder	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Kathy Wasong	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Gretchen Karr	Lancaster County Planning Commission
Karl Graybill	City of Lancaster
Constantine Mandros	City of Lancaster
Charlotte Katzenmoyer	City of Lancaster
Marshall Snively	City of Lancaster
David Kilmer	South Central Transit Authority
David Eberly	Lancaster Airport Authority
Jim Arey ( <b>Alternate</b> )	PennDOT Central Office
Adam Grimes ( <b>Alternate</b> )	PennDOT Central Office
Tony Berger ( <b>Alternate</b> )	PennDOT District 8-0
Sen. Ryan Aument	State Senate
Rep. Mindy Fee	State House of Representatives
Dan Walston	Federal Highway Administration

**GUESTS:**

Matt Boyer	Commuter Services of PA
Amy Crystle	Citizen of Lancaster
Mark Henise	ELA Group
Jason Ingargiola	The Common Wheel
Adam Bills	State Senate
Linda Martin	State House of Representatives

**STAFF:**

James Cowhey	Executive Director
Harriet Parcels	Senior Transportation Planner
Lauri Ahlskog	Senior Transportation Planner
Kyle Salage	Administrative Secretary

1. **Call to Order** – Vice-Chairperson Gray called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.
2. **Membership** – Mr. Cowhey announced the new MPO appointments and re-appointments to be presented for acknowledgement of Vice-Chairperson Gray, the acting chair for the meeting. The new MPO appointments were: Gretchen Karr (LCPC), Senator Ryan Aument (State Senate), and Representative Mindy Fee (State House of Representatives). The MPO re-appointments were: Scott Haverstick (LCPC) and Dave Kilmer (SCTA). Vice-Chairperson Gray recognized these appointments.
3. **Election of Officers** – Mr. Cowhey announced to the committee that both Dennis Stuckey and Rick Gray would be willing to retain their positions as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, respectively, and serve another term if the committee decides to approve their reappointments. He opened the floor to additional nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair, but there were none.

**Mr. Haverstick made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Dennis Stuckey as Chairperson and Rick Gray as Vice-Chairperson. This motion was seconded by Ms. Karr. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. **Updates and Announcements** –

- a. **Major Projects** – On behalf of PennDOT District 8-0, Mr. Berger reported that a focus of construction during the spring will be various projects that got underway last year and are in need of completion. He provided a listing of some of such projects and the work that will be taking place on them in the near future.

PA-23 TSM Project – It will undergo signal testing in East Lampeter, Upper Leacock and East Earl and West Earl Townships.

Gap Bottleneck – Line painting will take place between Route 30 and Route 41.

PA-896 Widening Project – The stretch of the road near Rockvale will require paving this spring, with work likely beginning near the end of March so that the June 28<sup>th</sup> completion deadline can be met.

Muddy Creek Road Bridge – The detour for this bridge in East Cocalico Township will be put in place by the end of the week of February 27, and PennDOT will be holding a meeting to discuss the demolition of the bridge.

Furnace Hill Pike – Resurfacing of the pike in Lititz Borough and Elizabeth Township began last week, and that project will be fully underway this spring.

Georgetown Bridge – The resurfacing of the bridge will begin during the week of March 13.

Mr. Lutz asked whether there is a timeline for the ongoing projects with the train station and the Jacob Street Bridge in Mount Joy. In regard to Jacob Street Bridge, Ms. Ahlskog noted that the county recently met with the borough and the hold-up on the project is the

remaining set of comments from Amtrak that need to be addressed. Mr. Berger agreed and added that no timeline has been officially set for the bridge removal. For an update on the train station, the county and PennDOT would have to check with the Transit department. Mr. Shaffer commented that he appreciates the way in which PennDOT has handled traffic control during the bridge project on US-222 S in Providence Township. Mr. Shaffer then referred to the TIP Modifications handout provided by PennDOT and commented that the original plans for the PA-272 project involved construction of roundabouts. He asked why more money was being added to that project and suggested that, in the future, PennDOT meet with townships to discuss the design plans and engineering when possible. It was confirmed by Mr. Berger that roundabouts were included in the initial plan, but public opinion was against them. He said PennDOT will try to schedule a meeting with Providence Township to discuss options for the PA-272 improvement.

- b. Transit** – Mr. Kilmer provided transit updates on behalf of the SCTA. He reported that the Queen Street Station will have to be repaired this summer. Specifically, the concrete making up the foundation will need to be replaced. This is going to require having the existing six inches of concrete removed and replaced with ten inches on top of a new base. The work is expected to begin in June and take approximately 90 days. Mr. Kilmer noted that there is a plan in place to keep service running while allowing the buses to park on the street. The committee inquired as to whether this work will be happening at the same time as the remodeling of the Bulova Building, to which Mr. Kilmer said that plans are in place that will cover any potential conflicts with this construction.
- c. Federal Highway Administration** – Two handouts were provided by Mr. Walston, both of which are attached. One outlined its upcoming bicycle workshop, and the other outlined its safety guidebook for planners and engineers. He informed the committee that with the previous FHWA committee representative Kathy Dempsey retiring in December of last year, he will now serve as her replacement on the MPO. He went on to inform the committee that the FHWA made a guideline on how to bridge the gap between planners and engineers on issues of safety. The FHWA hopes that this can be a tool used by county and municipal planners, as well as by the MPO, and details regarding the guideline can be found on the attached handout. Second, Mr. Walston announced that an FHWA bicycle workshop will be taking place in April, the details of which are provided on its respective handout as well. Lastly, Mr. Walston announced that the new USDOT Secretary, Elaine Chow, has yet to appoint an Administrator for the FHWA. Vice-Chairperson Gray inquired about the likelihood of major build projects under the new federal administration. To this, Mr. Walston said that he will keep the MPO updated on any such developments.
- d. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – Ms. Ahlskog provided the committee with bicycle and pedestrian updates. BPAC held its first meeting of the year on January 26<sup>th</sup>, and at this meeting it was agreed upon to expand membership. The next BPAC meeting is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Additionally, the ATP public meeting will occur on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8 PM at the Farm and Home Center. At the ATP meeting there will be stations, maps, and consultant presentations. Ms. Ahlskog said that volunteers are needed to help with the event. Last week, consultant company Alta Planning and Design was in the county conducting field research. Focus groups for the ATP are scheduled to take place in April. Vice-Chairperson Gray asked whether there is a cut-off date by which the

ATP needs to be complete, because the delay in its completion has caused problems for municipal governments. Ms. Ahlskog agreed that there have been delays in the process, and Ms. Katzenmoyer added that a draft of the plan should be available during the summer. Ms. Crystle asked when the Vision and Goals for the ATP will be added to the website, and whether a list of the individuals on the ATP committees will be made available on the website. Ms. Ahlskog said that committee membership will be added to the site, as will Vision and Goals once the wording gets approval from Alta Planning. Ms. Haverstick asked if the traffic light timing on Mulberry Street has been fixed, because the existing timing is dangerous for cyclists. After brief discussion by the committee, it was agreed that the light timing is likely not fixed yet. Lastly, Ms. Ahlskog announced that bids for the Enola Low Grade Trail were accepted, and that the project should hopefully be completed this year.

- e. **LCTA** – No representative present.
  - f. **Commuter Services** – Mr. Boyer began by providing a summary of Commuter Services of PA for the new members in attendance. He reported that the RideShare database for its thirteen counties has continued to expand as they work to get people off the roads and improve air quality. Mr. Boyer distributed a handout to members that outlines their purpose and projects, a copy of which is attached. Mr. Boyer also noted that the week of February 27<sup>th</sup> marked America Saves week, employee spirit month is underway in March, Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) will be a big promotion for the organization, and a distracted driving campaign will be introduced this year. Lastly, the Commuter Services of PA performance report will likely be available in July, though there is no specific date set at the moment.
5. **Minutes of the November 28, 2016 Meeting (Action)** – Mr. Haverstick noted that Constantine Mandros is referred to as both “Mr. Mandros” and “Mr. Constantine” throughout the minutes from the previous meeting. He suggested that “Mr. Mandros” be used exclusively in order to ensure continuity in the minutes. This amendment was agreed upon by the committee.
- Mr. Haverstick made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Mandros. The motion passed unanimously, thereby approving the November 28<sup>th</sup> minutes.**
6. **State Road Project** – Mr. Cowhey provided the committee with an update on the state road project. Indemnification is still the issue causing problems in negotiations with Amtrak, but PennDOT is doing everything possible to work through it and preserve the existing timetable. Mr. Berger noted that PennDOT is scheduled to have another meeting with Amtrak in April, but the project timeline may have to change if the negotiations go into May without an agreement on the indemnification issue. Mr. Cowhey added that this project involves two bridges, with one over PA-283 and the other over Amtrak rail, and this has added complexity to the process.
7. **Rohrerstown Road and Good Drive Study (Action)** – Mr. Cowhey provided an update on the now-completed Rohrerstown Road and Good Drive traffic study conducted by the LCTA. The study began two years ago and expanded into 17 intersections. There are four courses of action that can be pursued, based on the survey results. As Mr. Cowhey outlined, these options entail either minor improvements, adding lanes to Good Drive, adding lanes to Rohrerstown Road, or a

combination of all of these. The committee agreed that this is ultimately a problem with a longer-term solution, rather than a simple fix. Mr. Haverstick inquired as to whether the Crossings project was considered in this study, to which Mr. Cowhey expressed that he was not sure to what degree it may have been considered if at all. Ms. Ryan asked if bicycles and pedestrians were considered in the study at all, given that the existing conditions noted that bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure was incomplete in the focus areas. To this, Mr. Cowhey responded that it is unlikely those were considered heavily since the focus of the study was on improving vehicular transportation. Mr. Lutz expressed his concern over pursuing expensive projects like those proposed in the study, since doing so takes away time and funding from smaller projects and needs. He also expressed concern that it would impact surrounding areas and roadways. He suggested conducting a regional study and seeing what ways it may be possible to spread this project out over several years. Vice-Chairperson Gray conveyed his agreement with Mr. Lutz, speculating that the addition of more lanes to these intersections will likely result in the inducement of even more traffic. Ms. Katzenmoyer asked whether, despite the physical constraints of the intersections, roundabouts had been considered at all. Mr. Cowhey said that they were considered, but never very seriously because of those physical constraints. The cost of taking necessary land would have made a roundabout project too expensive. Despite that, there is a hope that over time the public will become more accepting of roundabouts as an option for addressing congestion. Mr. Walston suggested, in light of Vice-Chairperson Gray's comment that there are bridges deteriorating throughout the county, that it may be worth looking to the long-range plan in order to address these local needs.

**Mr. Lutz made a motion to forward the study to East Hempfield Township, along with the committee's suggestions and concerns. This was seconded by Mr. Mandros. The motion passed, with 17 votes in favor and 1 vote opposed (Gray).**

8. **TIP Prioritization Process Review Update** – Ms. Parcels provided an update on the TIP prioritization process model. She explained to members that the goal of this model is to provide clarity to both transportation organizations and the public on how decisions are made regarding TIP funds. The TIP Update Subcommittee (TIPUS) and member, Alice Yoder, have been working with MPO transportation staff and the GIS Department on the decision-making flow chart and the general review process. Ms. Yoder suggested that perhaps specific dates could be included in the flow chart in order to provide a time context to the process. This was agreed upon as a change to be considered before the chart is finalized., Mr. Arey noted that the complete draft TIP will not be available in May, only a list of projects. These projects can be filtered through the review process. In response to a comment by Mr. Graybill regarding the process in the flow chart, Ms. Ahlskog noted that the chart is intentionally circular in nature, but if a project continually needs revisions and still does not pass the filter then it will likely be tabled. At the request of the committee, Mr. Arey gave a summary of the PennDOT Connects program. The program recently was made public, and Mr. Arey noted that PennDOT will be encouraging MPO and TTAC engagement in it. The primary focus is to promote better and earlier communication between PennDOT and the municipalities on road projects. A handout containing updated criteria weighting survey data was then displayed. Ms. Parcels summarized the results and noted that the GIS work on developing the model has been delayed due to staffing changes in the department. Mr. Lutz asked about the next step of this process. Ms. Parcels responded that the flow chart will be brought to the subcommittee for further revision and the model will be worked

on in cooperation with the GIS department. Ms. Wasong noted that the weighting factors do not add up to 100, and Mr. Haverstick expressed concern over the idea of deleting the category of “Public Support” from the weighting criteria. Ms. Parcels explained that it will still be included if there is a way to better quantify it for the purpose of the model.

**9. Open Question Time for Voting Members** – Mr. Berger gave a brief overview of the administrative changes to the TIP, which will not require any action by the committee. He noted the addition of \$30k to the Lakehawk Bridge survey, an additional \$300k to the US-222 intersection project, and three other changes in funding. These funding changes are found on the attached TIP modifications handout, which was distributed to members. Projects will need to be phased, and the county will discuss with PennDOT how to best go about doing so. Ms. Ahlskog said that there are plans to do more modeling for projects both on and off the TIP/LRTP, but there will of course be constraints such as cost and air quality control.

**10. Other Business & Public Participation** – Ms. Crystle made an address to the committee and those in attendance, expressing her concern that BPAC has been an ineffective body and has failed to achieve its goals. She encourage the MPO to remove the current BPAC members and commit to the goals of the ATP. Vice-Chairperson Gray acknowledged Ms. Crystle’s comments and requested that a copy of her speech be included along with the meeting’s minutes.

**11. Next Meeting:** April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 PM

**12. Adjournment:** Vice-Chairperson Gray adjourned the meeting at 1:52 PM.