



Lancaster County Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Online Only via Lifesize

Members

x: present, v: virtual attendee

v Adriana Atencio	Bill Swiernik	
v Adam Smith	v Bill Hoffman	v Steve Mohr, Jr.
	v George Tobler	v Emily Wilson

Others

Will Clark, Kristiana Barr, Mike Domin, Faith Gaddie, Ray Marvin, Barbara Huggins

Order of Business:

1. Call to Order

Ms. Atencio called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes (Action)

Thursday, December 15, 2022 Meeting minutes

Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Mr. Tobler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Mr. Clark requested that public comment be moved up on the agenda to be mindful of Ms. Huggins' time. Ms. Huggins is participating in Leadership Lancaster and attended the meeting as government observation homework. She lives in Manor Township and had questions about the lack of sidewalks and covered bus stops on Columbia Avenue.

Staff explained that sidewalks are a matter for local municipalities and property owners and not something that can be mandated at the County level. It was noted that in the project at Centerville Road, more sidewalks are to be built. Staff will send her SCTA's Transit Development Plan, which details what RRTA is looking at in terms of bus routes, and a copy of a grant application from about 15 years ago for a corridor redesign of Columbia Avenue that would have covered potentially adding sidewalks.

4. ATP Implementation Priority Tasks for 2023

Ms. Barr reviewed the committee's discussions in 2022 on the implementation chapter of the ATP in 2022 and shared survey results as to which items committee members considered priorities for 2023. She noted that nearly everyone (six of seven members) completed the survey and that there were three recommendations chosen by 50% of members and three chosen by 25% of members. Based upon responses and the Unified Planning Work Program for the Lancaster MPO, the following areas were chosen as Lancaster County Planning Department implementation priorities for 2023:

- A4—Create an interconnected county-wide trail system
- A7—Connect and improve transit stops
- B3 —Incorporate bicycle and pedestrian facilities as standard features in all transportation projects
- C5 – Work to reduce traffic fatalities
- D2 – Expand access to bikes and shared mobility
- E1 – Prioritize transportation funding for ATP implementation
- E5 – Collect and use bicycle and pedestrian data in decision making

Staff asked for feedback on chosen priorities and noted that while sidewalks are addressed in implementation item B5—Improve and maintain pedestrian infrastructure—there are no related tasks to be completed by staff or committee members, because municipalities or property owners are responsible for adding or maintaining sidewalks. Committee feedback included the following:

- Pedestrian infrastructure: look into how the County may be able to work with municipalities to encourage construction of additional sidewalks where they are lacking.
- Support for increasing access to bikes and shared mobility, with caveats about scooters and the fact that bike lanes are only a small part of the bicycle network in the city and a question as to whether that would be a limiting factor for the bike share program. Also noted that electric scooters are not legal in the state and that the city is moving to restrict their use.

Staff asked what role ATAC would like to have in the implementation process (oversight, facilitating tasks such as project reviews)?

- Safety issues
- Crash data analysis
- Sounding board for staff on data/issues

Ms. Barr noted that updates on tasks will be a standing agenda item for the remainder of the year.

5. Project Review Subcommittee

Mr. Hoffman had nothing to report. Ms. Barr asked if the subcommittee would review bridge projects on the 2023 TIP.

A motion to accept the subcommittee update was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Business and Public Participation

MPO Bylaws Update – Mr. Clark reported that a subcommittee had been convened to review and make changes to MPO bylaws. Only a few changes—terms and some changes to chairmanship—would apply to ATAC; there will be more changes applicable to TTAC. Bylaws will come before the MPO on February 27, if ATAC members would like to comment.

Limited English Proficiency Plan and Public Participation Plan Updates – Mr. Clark reported that updates to these plans will include virtual capabilities for public comment, as well as taking the audience into consideration at the front end of the process, rather than as an afterthought.

SCTA Public Meeting – Ms. Barr reminded members that SCTA would be holding public meetings for its Transit Development Plan in February. Mr. Tobler asked that information on the meetings be emailed to committee members.

Adjournment

Mr. Tobler made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Link to recorded meeting: <https://vimeo.com/791185306>

Next scheduled meeting:

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

In person: Lancaster County Government Center
150 North Queen Street, Rooms 102/104
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Online: <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/1696302>
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Please note: This meeting was recorded to capture the full discussion of the items above. For brevity, minutes have been simplified to focus on action items and key points in the discussion.