

Lancaster County Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 23, 2020

PLACE: Strasburg Borough office

Members: Bill Swiernik, George Tobler, William Weismantel, Adriana Atencio, Lauren Finn, Steve Mohr, Jr., Amy Spellman

Staff: Robert Bini, Kristiana Barr, Samuel McMinn

Guests: Sue Davidson

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. Mr. Bini welcomed the new ATAC members to their first meeting. He invited everyone to introduce themselves.
2. **Call to Audience** – None.
3. **Minutes of October 24, 2019 Meeting (Action)** – No discussion.

Mr. Swiernik made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Tobler. Mr. Mohr, Jr. abstained.

4. **Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and TTAC Appointee (Action)** – Mr. Bini provided an overview of the nominations sought by staff. He clarified that if the Committee were more comfortable, the nominations could be pushed back to the next ATAC meeting in March.

Many Committee members stated they are unable to make Mondays at noon for monthly TTAC meetings due to their work schedule. Mr. Mohr, Jr. expressed discomfort with participating in TTAC when his Lancaster Conservancy co-worker is already a member. Mr. Swiernik expressed his availability and continued interest in representing ATAC at TTAC.

Mr. Swiernik expressed his willingness to serve as the Chair of ATAC based on his extensive experience with the Committee. Ms. Atencio expressed her interest in being the Vice Chair of ATAC. No other Committee members nominated themselves for Chair or Vice Chair.

Mr. Swiernik hopes that another Committee member will be comfortable with assuming the Chair position after a year or so. Mr. Bini explained the decision recently made by TTAC where the Chair serves for two years and then the Vice Chair becomes Chair. Committee members seemed interested in this sort of agreement for the ATAC leadership positions.

The Committee affirmed Mr. Swiernik as the ATAC appointee to TTAC, Mr. Swiernik as the Chair of ATAC, and Ms. Atencio as the Vice Chair of ATAC.

- 5. Review of Draft ATP Year 1 Action Items** – Ms. Barr explained the changes made to the draft of Year 1 Action Items, including updated leads or task status and a list reorganized by responsible organization. Staff invited feedback on the updated list and the items of interest to each Committee member.

Ms. Atencio commented on the bike share promotion item as an example of how outreach materials should be developed in Spanish to be more effective and equitable. Ms. Barr noted the Lancaster MPO's MTP survey and promotional materials were developed in Spanish as well as English. Mr. Bini explained the Lancaster MPO, as an organization that receives federal funding, must provide materials in other languages upon request. The Committee decided to focus their discussion on the items that ATAC is responsible for.

Mr. Swiernik explained his assistance to the Official Maps implementation team for *places2040* as an example of ATAC involvement with ATP action items. Ms. Spellman indicated her professional background in development and if it could be applied to an ATP action item like an updated Lancaster County Bicycle Map. Ms. Barr explained that former BPAC member Brenda Buescher researched potential funding sources. Mr. Weismantel provided an update that he has made progress on multimodal design guidelines. He will share this research with Ms. Barr soon. The MPO's endorsement of multimodal design guidelines is useful for ATAC project reviews as well as guidance to municipalities. Ms. Atencio expressed interest in a Route 30 crossing analysis based on the recent discussion surrounding the 222/30 interchange improvement project. Ms. Finn indicated her professional interest in improving health through education. She has experience in conducting walking audits. She expressed curiosity around Safe Routes to School and seeing where local school districts stand on allowing walking and biking to school. Mr. Bini admitted to Ms. Finn that educating the public is something the MPO has struggled with how to do. Ms. Atencio reported the Lancaster Bikes! coalition is working with the City of Lancaster to complete the League of American Bicyclists' bicycle-friendly community designation by an August deadline. She also recalled that the Common Wheel previously applied for a grant to assist local businesses with applying for the League of American Bicyclists' bicycle-friendly business designation. They were unsuccessful; however, through that process she learned many businesses were interested in the program. She suggested that Lancaster City Alliance and Lancaster Bikes! coalition could work with businesses to pursue the bicycle-friendly designation. Mr. Weismantel voiced his concerns around the trend of micro-mobility, particularly electric scooters. Mr. Tobler noted people with disabilities have accessibility and safety concerns about shared electric scooter use. While they are currently illegal in Pennsylvania, Mr. Weismantel said he will stay up-to-date on it. Ms. Atencio asked about the counters ATP Action Item. Ms. Barr replied that staff have pushed PennDOT Central Office to provide bicycle and pedestrian counters to interested MPOs. Mr. Bini added that the MPO has a small budget every year to repair and replace the counters used on roads. These counters cannot be used to record bicyclists and pedestrians; however, this funding could be utilized to purchase counters compatible with bicyclists and pedestrians as well. Ms. Spellman asked about the events that encourage active transportation ATP Action Item. Ms. Barr replied that staff have

relied on stakeholders to provide this programming. This is an opportunity to be more engaged in the community by creating new events or supporting existing ones.

6. **Review Resurfacing Projects** – Ms. Barr and Mr. Bini led the Committee in a discussion of the North Ronks Road resurfacing project (MPMS ID: 108541), the Rothsville Road resurfacing project (MPMS ID: 96331), and the North Water Street resurfacing project (MPMS ID: 96332). Ms. Barr informed the Committee that the Rothsville Road and North Water Street resurfacing projects are adjacent and have the same project manager, so they will be discussed together. The Committee discussed the existing conditions of the project area and developed recommendations for various segments. MPO staff will prepare the recommendations and submit them to the assigned PennDOT District 8-0 project manager for review and feedback.
7. **Updates on Previous ATAC Recommendations** – Ms. Barr explained there were no resurfacing projects discussed at the October 24, 2019 meeting. There are no updates from projects reviewed at other 2019 meetings.
8. **Other Business & Public Participation** – Mr. Swiernik asked about an update on the Walnut Street Bikeway discussion from last meeting. The concerns reiterated by current and new members include snow obstructions, intersection visibility improvements, enforcement actions, and educational outreach to all users. Ms. Atencio suggested the City of Lancaster consider an “Adopt a Bike Lane” program similar to the existing “Adopt a Block” program if overwhelmed by maintenance and other responsibilities.
9. **Next Meeting: March 26, 2020 at 7:00PM**
10. **Adjournment: 9:10PM**